



The war continues in Ukraine and there are thousands and even millions of displaced people seeking to repair their homes or find a suitable place in Ukraine or other countries to rebuild their lives. We still need funds to provide their basic necessities such as food, clothes, blankets, and hygiene products. We also want to send funds to help them rebuild their damaged houses before the hard winter cold begins. Thank you for partnering with us. Together we can make a lasting impact through Ukraine Relief Aid. To donate visit us at [bit.ly/MVPukraineRelief](https://bit.ly/MVPukraineRelief).



**GLOBAL IMPACT**

**GOD SUPPLIES**

By Aaron Keller, MOVE Director

*And My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*



In October of 2021 we took our first annual fall trip. *(We used to do only one project a year, in the winter.)* For this trip, we headed down to the Dominican Republic to build a playground area for a Christian school that operates through an Open Bible church in Bancos de Arena, a small village outside of Boca Chica.

When we planned the trip, we had no idea how great the need was to help this ministry. When we arrived at the facility for the school, we could see obvious structural damage that called the integrity of the building into question. After meeting with some experts in the U.S., we concluded the best option was to demolish the building. We hired a local company in the Dominican Republic to demolish the building, who also excavated, dug out footings, and poured the slab before the crew arrived. In February of 2022, a team of 28 men returned to the site we were at just five months earlier.

Before we arrived, the footings, slab, and first floor columns were poured. It was a big project, and our goal was to build up to the second-floor columns and install a roof in 16 days. The weather, although extremely hot in October, was almost ideal for this project. Our biggest hurdle proved to be working with local concrete companies. Between the pumps breaking down in the middle of a pour to cement trucks getting flat tires on the way, we consistently received concrete that was already setting up, which made for poor quality material to pour our deck. Eventually we hired three local men who would mix the concrete all by hand on the ground. We would then transport it in wheelbarrows and bucket it up to our second floor.



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It was hard work, but we have discovered there is no project worth doing unless we realize our complete dependence on God. Through Him the work always gets done. Our men also battled digestive issues and COVID-19. Praise God that all men that battled health complications had relatively mild symptoms.

Every bit of effort put into this school was worth it. Because of the efforts of the local pastors, 97 students from the local village receive their education at the Christian School free of charge. The local church also provides all the meals for all the students. This ministry is meeting a great need. Without the Christian school, these children would receive no primary education.



Praise God we received financial commitments to complete phase one and phase two of this project. We only need funding for phases three and four.

We consider it an honor to be a small part of the work in Bancos De Arena. We know that our evangelistic impact as a missions team is small compared to the work the local pastors are already doing. For this reason, we have chosen as our mission to equip them with the resources

they need to minister to their community. We celebrate their vision and the work they are doing and believe that soon they will have a completed structure for their school.

There is still work to be done in Bancos De Arena, Dominican Republic. When our MOVE team completed our phase of the project, four phases remained. As we stated, two of those phases have been funded, for which we thank the Lord. We still need about \$11,263 to finish construction on the second floor and plaster all the walls inside and out. If you would like to give to help with this need, please go to:

<https://www.openbible.org/mission/humanitarian-aid/sub-category?id=98e40e61-e707-4601-90d6-a19c9fe9a0de>

Missionary Birthdays		&	Anniversaries
July	August	September	July
3 – Heather Hunsaker	1 – Mike Rasavanh	16 – Jessica Welch	22 – Mike & Pam Lumbard
7 – Aaron Keller	5 – Pam Lumbard		26 – Mike & Dara Rasavanh
10 – Dara Rasavanh	7 – Linda Wilson		<b>August</b>
11 – Andy *	8 – Mike Lumbard		15 – Rich & Patti Kopp
	16 – Okon Obot		
	20 – Nicole *		

\* Last name withheld for safety reasons

