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Mission San Pedro & San Pablo The 2010 Tampa Deanery Project



*The San Pedro & San Pablo
Storefront*

*Construction
Site*

The 2010 Project: The Tampa Deanery's 2010 plan is to continue the construction of the new San Pedro & San Pablo church & school in La Barquita, Santo Domingo. In conjunction with construction leader Beato the 2009 Deanery teams closed in the first floor of San Pedro & San Pablo through roof level. Bishop Holguín asked the Deanery to close in the second floor in 2010, and then plan on returning to finish both levels in 2011.

Lord willing the Deanery plans to send the resources during the first part of 2010 so that Beato can raise the walls to roof level. Then in June the Deanery will send three teams to complete the formwork and tie the reinforcing steel for the second floor roof.

Mission San Pedro y San Pablo is located in La Barquita, a barrio situated on the slope going down to the Ozama River in Santo Domingo. By the end of the summer of 2011 the overall goal is to finish the two story church and school on the La Barquita lot. The school's

facilities will also be used to meet community needs such as a nutritional center for the neighborhood and possibly job training for teens and adults. Even though San Pedro y San Pablo is located on high ground compared to the lower parts of La Barquita, there still is a potential for flooding, especially from waters coming down off the main highway above La Barquita. Thus last year's effort included the construction of an extra sturdy foundation and the raising of the floor above potential water levels.

Background: The congregation of San Pedro & San Pablo was founded in the early 1990's as a mission of nearby San Felipe in Sabana Perdida. At first, San Pedro & San Pablo met in a family's home, but shortly after its founding it rented one-half of a small house to serve as the home for the new mission, and later moved to its present rented house. Around 10 years later the diocese was able to purchase the present lot. The Diocese is using a modified "Azua" model church/school facility for the construction of San Pedro & San Pablo. The La Barquita lot is not as large as the original Azua lot so the San Pedro & San Pablo design had to be modified to accommodate it to the site.

Priest in charge of San Pedro & San Pablo is Fr. Monique Bruno, who is also the vicar of the larger San Felipe mission. Fr. Bruno retired a couple years ago from Epiphany Church, and in his retirement serves



San Pedro y San Pablo with roof poured.



Street scene in front of church

Barquita frequently flood when there are major storms but San Pablo & San Pedro's lot is high enough to be above flood level. When completed, the church and school will be able to be used for shelter for the inevitable floods that will hit Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo: Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic. Founded in 1498 by Christopher Columbus, it has the distinction of having the first hospital, the first cathedral, and the first university in the New World. The walls of the colonial city were built beginning in 1502, and protected Santo Domingo from marauding pirates for hundreds of years. In 1900 Santo Domingo had a population of 30,000. It began to expand beyond its walls beginning around 1920, growing explosively through the 20th Century to a population of over 3,000,000 today.

The three Tampa Teams this year will stay at the Bishop Holly units at the Diocesan Center in Santo Domingo, taking breakfast and supper there, with lunch delivered to the job site. Team dates and leaders are the following:

- Team I June 12-19 Bill Kunkle
- Team II June 19-26 Bill Hardy & Henry Woodroffe
- Team III June 26-July 3 Bob Stevens & Pat Magnant

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Floor plan of the Azua "model" Church & Preschool.

San Felipe and San Pedro & San Pablo, and maintains his interest in helping the school that he founded in Haiti. Seminary graduate Adolfo Moronta serves as Fr. Bruno's assistant. Adolfo is scheduled to be ordained a transitional deacon in February.

Especially in the developing world the poor always live in less desirable and more vulnerable locations. The lower parts of La



Corner beside church

