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Mission San Pedro & San Pablo The 2011 Tampa Deanery Project



San Pedro & San Pablo shortly before the roof was poured in 2010.

who, in conjunction with the DR Diocese, provided the physical and financial resources to pour the foundation, raise the walls, and build the reinforced concrete roof for the first floor. This included constructing an extra-sturdy foundation due to a high ground water level at the site, and the potential for flooding. Then in 2010 the Tampa Deanery again sent 43 persons in three teams to work on the second floor. Alongside their Dominican counterparts, who had previously raised the walls to roof level, they completed the reinforced concrete roof for the second floor.

The goal for 2011 is to finish the four classrooms, office, entrance area, and sanctuary of the 3,770 ft² first floor of San Pedro & San Pablo so that school and worship services can begin in September 2011. This will include the finishing of the wall around the property, the interior concrete patio and sidewalks as well as the plumbing, electrical and painting. The fourth team will build the pews and altar furniture. To do so the Tampa Deanery needs to raise approximately \$45,000 – a good portion of that early on so that the preliminary work can be done before the teams start arriving in June.

Mission San Pedro & San Pablo is located in La Barquita, a poor barrio situated on the slope going down to the Ozama River in

The 2011 Project: The Tampa Deanery's 2011 goal is to send four teams to completely finish the first floor of San Pedro & San Pablo church & school in La Barquita, Santo Domingo, including the entire exterior, and build the pews and altar furniture for the sanctuary. Lord willing the Deanery will to raise the resources during the first part of 2011 so that Beato, the local builder, can have the walls plastered and floors finished and thus the four Tampa teams can complete their work.

During the summer of 2009 the Tampa Deanery sent three teams



The teams tied a lot of rebar during the summer of 2010, and placed a lot of formwork. There will be a lot of finishing work in 2011.

Santo Domingo. In addition to the school's use for education, its 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.

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.



Children who would potentially attend colegio San Pedro & San Pablo.



The La Barquita Neighborhood

The 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 and in his retirement serves San Felipe, and San Pedro & San Pablo, and maintains his interest in helping the school that he founded in Haiti. Permanent Deacon Gustavo Uribe serves as Fr. Bruno's assistant.

Especially in the developing world the poor always live in less desirable and more vulnerable locations. The lower parts of La 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 also be able to be used for shelter for the inevitable floods that will hit Santo Domingo.

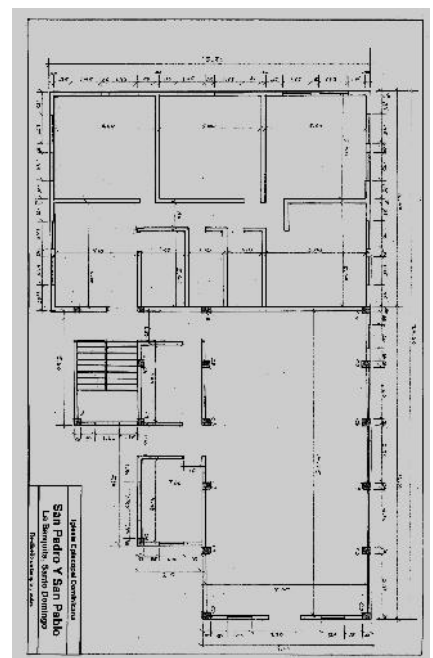
Santo Domingo: Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic. Founded in 1498 by Christopher Columbus, it has the distinction of having the first hospital, the first cathedral, and the first university in the New World. The walls of the colonial city were built beginning in 1502, and protected 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 approximately 3,500,000 today.

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 Estimated cost of materials and labor for completely finishing the first floor and the outdoor patio area is \$45,000.

The four Tampa Teams this year will again stay at the Bishop Holly units at the Diocesan Center, taking breakfast and supper there, and lunch at the job site. Team dates are the following:

- Team I, June 11-18.
- Team II, June 18-25.
- Team III, June 25-July 2
- Team IV, July 9-16.

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The 3770 ft² First Floor of San Pedro & San Pablo