

First Baptist Church of Williamson Is Seeking Help for Sister Church

In the summer of 2007 five persons represented FBC of Williamson and the Wayne Baptist Association in San Cristobal, Dominican Republic. During our time there the mission team was introduced to Pastor Jacqueline Ballista and the congregation of Iglesia Bautista El Redil. In fact we were able to serve alongside several members of this mission minded church.



Sunday Morning Service At El Redil

Early last fall, we were saddened to hear from our friends about a devastating hurricane that passed through their area early last fall causing many rivers to flood resulting in the death of over a thousand people and leaving several thousand others homeless as the waters swept their homes away along with all of their belongings. We were relieved to hear that

the members of El Redil had been spared and no one from their church was killed or left homeless by the storm. As expected, these caring church members began immediately helping neighbors in need of aid.



Members of El Redil visit several bateys regularly to support the poor

It was not long after the storm, however, that the congregation received final notice that their place of worship on the second floor of a private school would be divided into two rooms to make room for students. The space would no longer be available to the church for Sunday worship services. Imagine what it would be like if you lost your church building and you needed to find a new meeting place. Now imagine what it would be like if you had 100 members but your members had a family income level in the neighborhood of \$200-300 or less per month.



El Redil supports our ABC Missionary by helping at local clinics held right in the bateys.

The congregation of El Redil is still worshipping God in private homes through it all, and is now busy looking for a new church home. The church has located a nearby vacant property that is for sale that would serve them well in the future. Unfortunately, however, the real estate costs in the city of San Cristobal where they live are truly astronomical. The selling price of the property, which includes on it a small house that could be modified into a sanctuary, is \$3,000,000 Dominican pesos. This translates roughly to \$100,000 American dollars. The people of El Redil remain positive about their future and are confident that the Lord will provide them with the funds needed to purchase this property. Thus far they have raised about 1/3 of the purchase price through private donations and by selling personal items.

We have seen for ourselves what a shining light El Redil is in the communities around them and we want to do all we can to make sure that they can continue to serve and to grow. Therefore, as part of our call to global mission outreach the members of FBC of Williamson would like to encourage all churches and church members to join us in an effort to help El Redil to raise the needed funds to buy or build a new church building. We are launching a “Buy a Block” campaign with the goal of raising \$2,500.00 by July of 2008 to help the members of El Redil realize their vision of a new place of worship.



The children of El Redil leading worship.

We are asking our friends to prayerfully consider a gift of \$10.00 or more to support the efforts of El Redil to buy or build a new church building.

Our team would love to come to your church and tell you more about El Redil and the work ABC missionaries are doing in the D.R. We have seen this church at work on the mission field and we are sure that your mission dollars will be multiplied by the hard work and dedication of this growing Baptist church located in the Dominican Republic.

**Please make any checks payable to FBC of Williamson and make a note on the check that it is for the “Buy-a-Block” Campaign. Then send your gifts to:
FBC Williamson
PO Box 104
Williamson, NY 14589**

If you have any questions please contact the church at 315-589-2384 or info@williamsonfbc.org.

Thank you for believing that even thousands of miles away you can make a difference and help build the kingdom of God.

La Iglesia Bautista



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