

CTC Network/Project Ruth

A Brief History of Project Ruth

In October 2014, Dr. Jonathan Carey was invited to the Dominican Republic on a vision trip. After that trip he decided to expand his CTC Network to include the Dominican Republic. In March 2015, Dr. Carey invited a group from his church, Glad Tidings Tabernacle Key West Florida, to join him on a mission trip to La Florida, Dominican Republic. Those fortunate enough to accompany Dr. Carey saw the area firsthand and Project Ruth was born. Construction began in May 2015 on a community center and medical clinic, the initial construction was completed in August 2015. An expansion project is nearing completion for a dental wing and short-term living quarters for visiting teams as well as modest living quarters to be made available for medical staff, pastoral couple, and medium-term missionary couple. The medical clinic is currently staffed and administrated by the Dominican government as part of a cooperative effort.

Dr. Carey decided to expand the CTC Network in the Dominican Republic, CTC Network RD. The CTC Network RD is a Dominican registered non-profit organization. From the onset Dr. Carey has worked hand in hand with local and national government officials to address the needs of the communities. At the core of Dr. Carey's approach and principles is to form a partnership with government and Christian community leaders.

CTC Network and Project Ruth Mission Objectives

- Undergird the local educational system
- Provide health care and humanitarian services on a weekly basis
- Provide ministry in the area schools and communities
- Teach the love of Jesus Christ and biblical based social values
- Develop youth entrepreneurship
- Provide transitional and crisis coaching
- Assist in developing transformational leaders

Programs designed to be used at the facilities such as:

- Tutoring for students to develop and encourage the next generation of leaders
- Life skills training and job skills development
- Computer training
- Agricultural training
- Family skills such as cooking, child rearing and spousal roles and responsibilities

The CTC Network Has a Strong Presence in the Dominican Republic.

The facility is in the western area of the Dominican Republic in the village of La Florida approximately 213km (132 miles) from the capitol city, Santo Domingo. Dr. Carey's philosophy is to establish an open dialogue with the government at the outset of any ministry or missions work.



The facilities in La Florida include a medical clinic, church and community gathering facility, dormitory style housing for 16 short-term missionaries, community thrift store for clothing outreach and an apartment for a full-time on-site nurse. Construction is nearing completion to provide space for a dental clinic. The medical clinic is also used to distribute personal hygiene items, diapers, first aid kits and more to the residents. In addition to a paracord weaving program Shena Carey's Dorcus sewing ministry will provide the education and opportunity for the residents to repair and make clothing and other items. The medical clinic is open 5 days a week and serves between 75 and 150 residents per week. Future expansion projects include a small home for a full-time pastoral couple to serve the community.

Past and Current Programs

In December 2018, a pilot program was introduced in La Florida. A group project that introduced basic jewelry making. The women in the community were offered the opportunity to create bracelets for fundraising. The participants were each given enough materials to make 12 bracelets, after a brief introduction and demonstration the group spent the next hour making the bracelets and lively conversation. It was encouraging to witness the camaraderie among the group as well as seeing some of the men encouraging their wives. The group was then paid for the work they did, and it was explained what the bracelets would be used for. Tears of joy and hugs of appreciation were shared among the group and facilitators.



In the Spring of 2019, a similar program was introduced to a youth group in Haina. The youth group had previously been taking part in a cooking program. The program involves a Biblical lesson from one of Dr. Carey's books followed by skills training. We used the same approach when introducing a more advanced bracelet making activity. The group was provided with enough materials to create 150 bracelets. Instructions were given as well as an explanation of the program. A couple of the attendees were quick to learn and then assisted the others in the process. It was

encouraging to see this type of teamwork and when later asked about why they assisted the others they referenced information from the Biblical teaching they received. Upon completion of the project the facilitators held a group meeting, the topic of discussion was how to relate this project in a business frame of mind. The group decided the equitable distribution of money earned and how to apply these principles to the teachings.

These programs provided the facilitators valuable feedback on how to expand and introduce future programs.

Future Programs

Based on the success of the pilot programs we were presented with a better understanding of how to implement other programs. Youth development and entrepreneurship with a faith-based approach is an important foundation to success. Our goal is to provide Biblical teachings and relate them to practical applications in day-to-day life. Developing job skills to develop future leaders as well as relating how the education they are receiving in school is applied in the world beyond school. Our intent is to offer an introduction to several career paths and pique their interest in future education and job skills development as well as life skills development.

We also look forward to making the medical and dental clinic a CTC Network/Project Ruth facility. We will employ and provide living quarters for a full-time nurse and arrange for weekly visits for the doctor and dentist. With the addition of a patient transport van, we will be able to provide transportation to the medical clinic or hospital in San Juan de la Maguana on an as needed and emergency basis.

Our goal is to work with government and community leaders to create job opportunities to the citizens of the Dominican Republic with a focus on young adults and youth.

- Provide after school tutoring, skills development opportunities, and mentoring programs
- Work with business leaders in the community to offer apprenticeship opportunities
- Create various career path development programs
- Develop a peer support system

Our intent is to develop programs based on community needs. Some of the quickest programs to implement for us would be making items to be sold in souvenir shops. Providing sewing machines, materials, and instruction to make clothing, handbags, and school uniforms. These programs can be utilized in many areas of the country. Along with the skills development required for making the items the opportunity to educate on the overall aspect of operating a business is an important part of further education.

One of our goals is to open a store where the items created by our groups can be sold. This will give us the ability to show the practical application of the information they are being taught through our programs as well as in the public education system.

La Florida

The community of La Florida has a few needs that we feel can be met with the assistance of the government. The current Project Ruth facilities are a Community Center/Church and the Medical Clinic. Our recent expansion project is nearing completion on the dental clinic, there is a need for the equipment to provide dental care. There is a need for a water storage tank, the current source of reliable water is to walk down the mountain to a nearby stream. This stream not only provides water for drinking and cooking, but it also serves as a place for bathing and laundry. We have also been asked to assist in bringing a police station to the community.



Further expansion includes building two small houses for program facilitators, living quarters for medical staff, and a community laundry facility. We are in the early stages of fund-raising to purchase property adjacent to the current facilities. Our vision is to create a safe area for the residents to visit, share ideas, and receive skills training. With the acquisition of more property, we can build facilities to accommodate training, after school tutoring and further educational opportunities, computer training, childcare, agricultural training, and a greenhouse.

Short-term Goals

To provide these and other programs transportation is important. We are looking for a micro cargo van and a passenger van that can carry 15-20 adults. With additional facilities and equipment, we would be able to produce Dominican themed souvenirs made in the Dominican Republic by Dominican citizens. Our groups can be trained to produce silk screened t-shirts, sew and decorate clothing, hats, handbags and more. With a silk screen machine and embroidery machine they can create finished products from raw materials.

We would like to open a souvenir shop at the airports in Punta Cana and Santo Domingo. This would create more job opportunities in other areas of the Dominican Republic.

With much of the world at a standstill we want to position our programs to be ready to fill the needs of tourists and business travelers the moment the opportunity arises.

For additional information visit:

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Additional Information

The areas outlined in white represents property owned by CTC Network/Project Ruth.

The area outlined in red would be used for training facilities, greenhouse, community laundry facility, and the police station.

The area outlined in blue would be used for a park/playground.

The yellow star indicates the proposed location for the water tank.

The light blue hexagon would be an ideal location for farming for the local community.

The area outlined in white across from the current buildings is where the two small houses are to be built.

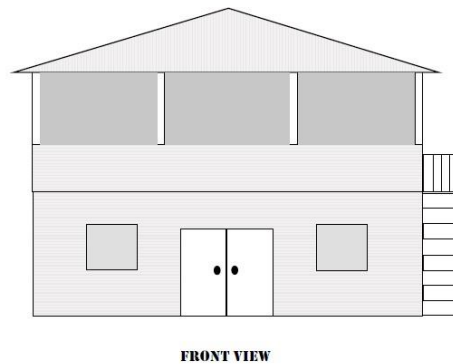
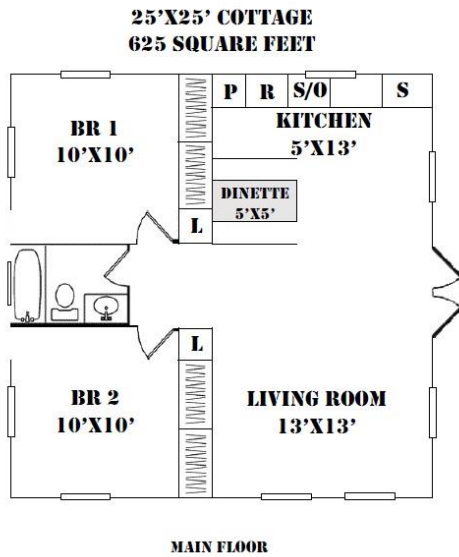


Proposed Facilities

One of the principles of Project Ruth is to afford income earning opportunities to the residents. The Medical Clinic and Multi-Purpose buildings were built by the men of La Florida. We brought in tradesmen as needed and they worked hand in hand with the local men. As a result, the residents of the community take pride in the property. They built the facilities with our backing as opposed to watching a team do the work that they can perform.

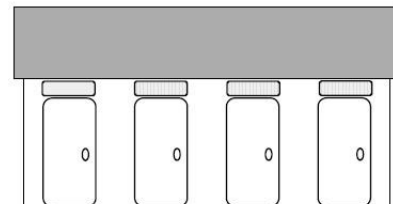
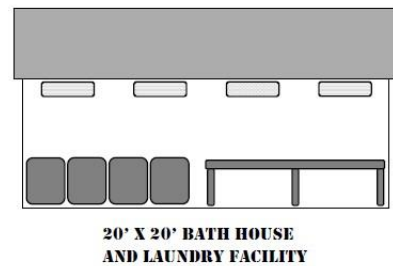
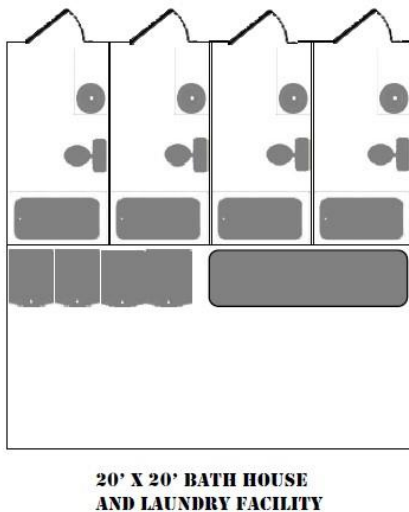
Housing for program facilitators, two identical houses.

Estimated cost; \$30,000 USD each.



Community laundry facilities and bathhouse for visiting teams.

Estimated cost; \$20,000 USD.



Location

The red star indicates the Project Ruth facilities in La Florida.

