



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC QUARTERLY REPORT



### Impact

**1. Seven youths began college thanks to scholarships.**

We award these scholarships to high school graduates with excellent grades, solid Christian testimonies, and a good plan to improve themselves and help others.

**2. Eleven children have been reunified with their biological families.** These reunifications result from many years of patient labor and preparation on the part of our team. But the work doesn't end there! Kids Alive social workers continually monitor the transitions to ensure long-term success.

**3. Over 175 preschool children entered our various schools.** First-time students from challenging backgrounds receive holistic care that empowers

them to live a victorious Christian life and gives their families hope. Young students like these create a mission field for us, for we embarked on a journey with them and their families that will continue for the next decade.

**4. Palo Blanco School now serves 320 children.**

Thanks to modernization upgrades, the children eat, play, and develop friendships under less cramped circumstances. In addition, the kitchen, cafeteria, and sports court accommodate 100 children. We are grateful that our facilities are growing with our children, enhancing their experience with us, for cafeterias and playgrounds are where children learn how to get along with each other and create lasting friendships, an essential ingredient to successful lives.



### Measuring Results

The Kids Alive nutrition program improves children's health and learning capacity, enabling them to live thriving lives for God. Mayersi runs the supplemental nutrition program for the malnourished at Kids Alive's Santo Domingo East School. Over 80% of the 182 children in the program showed improvement, and 27% moved into a normal range for the age-based Body Mass Index. Mayersi says,

"We are using the supplemental nutrition program to change the lives of the children. We care for them educationally, spiritually, and socially. But they can't fully develop if they don't grow physically."

Mayersi also trained in CPR and first aid and will begin helping oversee the supplemental nutrition program around the island this school year.

# A Story of Firsts

Anylenlina accomplished many firsts. She was the first to graduate from what was then known as our Palo Blanco Care Center over 20 years ago. She was the first in her family to graduate high school. She was the first in her community to graduate college, thanks to a Kids Alive scholarship.

Anylenlina is now working as a Civil Engineer and still celebrating firsts: she's the first female engineer to assist on a Kids Alive construction project, working at the same school that kept her safe, educated her, and instilled in her a desire to serve God and others.



## Events

**1. Three summer interns made a difference in the lives of Kids Alive school children.** The interns ran a performing arts camp for around 30 students at Palo Blanco School, ANIJA School, and the Ark in Jarabacoa.

**2. Over 90% of former Kids Alive students have graduated high school.** In a recent survey of 70 former KAI students, over 90% confirmed they graduated. That's in contrast to the 30% national average for high school graduation. Around 60% said they attend local churches, contrasted with the national average of under 20%. Praise the Lord!

**3. Fourteen Kids Alive GO! Teams inspired mutual encouragement.**

The teams provided discipleship, sports ministries, special education, classroom construction, campus beautification, dental and medical care, and more. The effort touched the hearts of the children, Kids Alive staff, and the GO! Teams members. They will carry their stories home with them and, God-willing, inspire more teams to serve.

