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Final Report: 2009 Clearwater Deanery DR Mission Projects

General Report

The 2009 Clearwater Deanery DR mission teams have come and gone, completing their 2009 cycle.

VBS. Team leader Gwendolyn Williams reports that this year's VBS (July 18-25) at Jesús Peregrino went well. Team members included Gwendolyn Williams (Good Sheph.), Carl Crump (St. Martin's), Susan Fowler (Good Sheph.), Vickie Hall (Good Sheph.), and Liz Lewis (St. Paul's, Atlanta). Daily classes were held 8:30am to 4pm, and divided into morning sessions for younger



PE with Liz and Katlin

children and afternoon sessions for older children. Average daily attendance was 225 – which afforded a little more individualized attention than in previous years. Both Vickie Hall and Carl Crump speak Spanish and were able to help in coordination with the teachers. Liz Lewis brought PE with VBS this year. Jesús Peregrino's Daughters of the King prepared lunches for the children each day. Jesús Peregrino is located in Batey Central, a very poor, marginalized neighborhood on the edge of Barahona in the southwestern corner of the DR.



Gwendolyn with children.

Construction. The timing of the first 2009 La Redención construction team (Bob and Renee Liles of Holy Trinity) was set to coincide with the dedication of La Redención on April 3rd. Bob & Renee helped with final details, especially the refinishing the doors, to prepare the La

Redención for its dedication. La Redención is located a few miles from Jesús Peregrino in a Dominican middle class neighborhood in Barahona.

The second construction team (July 25-Aug 1) built 24 preschool-sized tables, room dividers, and cubbies. Electricity was intermittent, going off everyday around 9am and returning in the afternoon. This slowed efforts but by borrowing an old generator, by Friday noon the 24 classroom tables were completed as were the room dividers, and the cubbies were almost completed. The goal was to complete the furnishings so that the preschool could start up in September.

The Clearwater Deanery has worked on the construction of La Redención since 2005. Over the years All Saints of Hilton Head, SC has worked in partnership with the Clearwater Deanery in the construction of La Redención. The first floor is now complete, and Bishop Holguín would like the deanery to concentrate on its second floor. He also wants the VBS team to continue at Jesús Peregrino.

