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## BCA MISSIONS

*"Missionary's Note from Minister Carmen Canales*

On behalf of myself and a dear group of missionaries, I would like to express a sincere thanks to Blair Christian Academy, faculty, staff, students, and every parent for making our latest missions trip a HUGE success. Through your generous giving and prayers, we were able to press through the extremely hot weather in order to provide much needed help. "...greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world" 1 John 4:4

The school now has running water, new windows, a new roof, a fresh coat of paint, and a more visible name. Through additional donations, we were able to supply brand new uniforms and school supplies for each child totaling about thirty to forty students.

**\*Dominican Republic- Escuela Innovada in Charamicos Puerto Plata**

Before

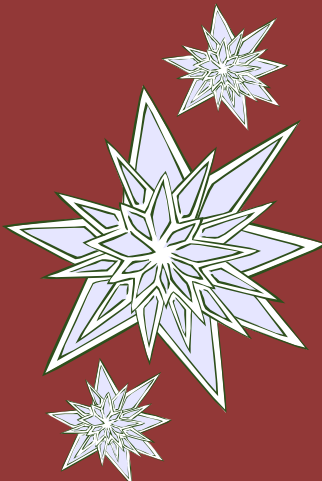


After



**\*Haiti**

During our time in Haiti we were taken to Jacmel, several hours from the capitol city of Port Au Prince. While in Jacmel we visited a **school in a state of destitution**, where the children do not have the necessary school supplies that many of our children take for granted. We were amazed to see that in spite of their lack, they continued to praise and worship the Lord in school daily. **They worshiped JOYFULLY!** We have established an ongoing relationship with local ties and have discussed future assistance for school supplies and establishing a much needed school lunch program. We ask that you keep the people of the Dominican Republic, Haiti and the missionaries in prayer as this is a lifelong assignment, but most importantly an on going effort to support the growth and learning process of the children in both countries. As we gave all of your most precious donations ...the gospel of Jesus was ministered in love! Hallelujah! This is just the beginning of what God has for us to do, as He's blessed us to be blessings unto others and always recalling the words of Jesus, "...It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35



**Minister Carmen Canales**





Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Luke 2:11

Have a Blessed Christmas & New Year From BCA!



Angel Christmas Tree

## Feliz Navidad!



Long before the poinsettia plant became associated with Christmas, it was cultivated by the Aztecs of Mexico. When the Spanish priests arrived to spread the gospel in Mexico in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, they fell in love with the beautiful bright red plant and began to use it in their nativity scenes and festivals. After many years, a story is told about this beautiful Christmas flower- La Flor de la Nochebuena (Flower of the Holy Night)....

Long ago, there lived a little boy and girl in Mexico. They were very poor, but always enjoyed the Christmas festivals celebrated in their village. Every year, a large manger scene was set up and it was the custom for everyone in the village to come to church on Christmas Eve, bearing gifts for Baby Jesus. Since the little girl and her brother were poor, they had no money to buy gifts. They were embarrassed to attend the celebration and did not want to take part in the parade of villagers on their way to church to present their lavish gifts. They watched by the roadside as the parade passed by. Still, determined to attend the service, they searched for something anything to give to the Baby Jesus. There, on the roadside, there was nothing but a pile of weeds. The little girl gathered up some of those weeds and joined the procession. When the other children saw her sad little bouquet of weeds, they laughed at her. Her brother encouraged her, saying, "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." Comforted by her brother's words, she approached the altar with her humble gift. As she lay the weeds at the foot of the manger, the weeds burst into bloom, and were transformed into the beautiful red star-shaped flowers that we know as the "poinsettia".

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¡Feliz Navidad!

Señora Williams

## How can you help our school in the Dominican Republic?



**Pray:** Our families and friends are asked to pray **DAILY** for our targeted mission locations.

**Chores:** Students can arrange with parents to complete a selected chore to earn money for missions.

**Allowance:** Students can set a goal to give a percentage of their allowance towards missions.

**Bake Sale:** Each month, BCA hosts a bake sale (by grade). All students are asked to participate.

**Angels:** Our students implemented the principles of God's word by sowing into the lives of others. Donations were received in exchange for an Angel that was hung on our school's Christmas tree.

**Offering:** Families and friends may continue to give in our monthly free will offering by donating a dollar amount of their choice.

**All proceeds go towards our targeted mission locations. We've raised a total of \$650.00 in the month of December!**

