

About the community



Consuelo is located in the Southeast part of the Dominican Republic, it has a population of approximately 65,000 people. The economy of Consuelo was based on the sugar cane factory, which left many of the residents jobless after it was closed down. Now most of the men work as motoconchos transporting people, water, or furniture on small motorcycles. Due to the poverty, many of the deaf students never attended school or learned sign language and had a very hard time communicating with those around them.



The exact percentage of deaf people in the Dominican Republic is unknown because the government has not completed a census but it is estimated that it is over 5%. Some of the causes of deafness: hereditary, poor prenatal care, premature delivery, meningitis, etc. There are towns where some parents have 4 or 5 children who are all deaf or deaf and blind. We have several students that are siblings and cousins.

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Len y Migdalia Morales comenzaron el trabajo misionero a la República Dominicana en noviembre del 2009. En este viaje se percataron de la gran necesidad de programas académicos y religiosos para las personas sordas del país. Esto abrió las puertas para otros viajes en los cuales el matrimonio Morales proveyó talleres en distintos lugares del país y la entrega de donativos de materiales didácticos para que las personas que recibieron los talleres los utilizaran con los sordos.



En noviembre del 2010 ellos llegaron al Ingenio Consuelo en San Pedro de Macorís. Este lugar no tenía ningún tipo de servicios para los sordos. No había iglesias para ellos ni la escuela tampoco les proveía servicios. Allí ofrecieron talleres a maestras, madres de sordos y en las tardes de 3-6:00 lenguaje de señas intensivo en la iglesia. En Consuelo fueron recibidos con las manos abiertas tanto por padres, el pastor Santo Vázquez, su iglesia y por el director del distrito José Geovanny Reyes García. Luego de mucha oración y confirmación Len y Migdalia fueron dirigidos por Dios e iniciaron el Centro Misionero para el Desarrollo Integral de Sordos (CMDIS) en agosto del 2011. La escuela abrió sus puertas con 30 estudiantes entre las edades de 2 años y medio y 38 de edad.



About the school

Missionaries Len and Migdalia were led by God to open Centro Misionero Para el Desarrollo Integral de Sordos (Missionary Center for the Integral Development of the Deaf) in Consuelo because there wasn't another school in the area for the deaf. After 18 months of preparation, the school was opened with 30 students in attendance.



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At one time in the Dominican Republic it was thought that the deaf were stupid and unable to be taught. This is not the case and these students are thriving in school. Students enrolled at Centro Misionero para el Desarrollo Integral de Sordos school range from the ages of 3 to 38. They are taught how to read, write, and do basic math and are given a hot lunch daily. Sponsorship allows you to personally connect with students in need while making a lasting investment in their future. Your gift will ensure that each student will receive the necessary education to allow them to communicate with others.



As a monthly sponsor, you will receive a photo and profile of the student you are sponsoring, updates on his/her well being, and drawings or correspondence once a quarter. You will also have the opportunity to send Christmas gifts to your student. For only \$20 a month, you can help change the life of a deaf student.

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