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**Diocese of Southwest Florida
Tampa Deanery
2016 Dominican Republic Mission Project**



Iglesia y Albergue San Timoteo, Nizao



The site of the Iglesia San Timoteo

meeting outside. In 2012 the church was able to purchase a parcel of land with the hope of building a new church. The needs of this poor urban community were carefully assessed by Bishop Holguin who decided that the church facility should also house a children's shelter or "Albergue" on the second level. Additionally, to best utilize the land he plans to begin an agricultural cooperative to work with families in the community to grow their own fruits and vegetables. The excess crops harvested can be sold to provide income to those families.

The Tampa Deanery project for 2016 is a 3-year project to build the new San Timoteo Episcopal Church in the town of Nizao. Nizao is located on the Southern Coast of the Dominican Republic, about 30 miles west of Santo Domingo. The new building will house the San Timoteo church (first floor) and a children's shelter (second floor), additionally the land in the rear of property will house an agricultural cooperative. The project will take 2-3 Years to complete. There is a major need in the community for this facility.

San Timoteo Church, like many other congregations in the Dominican Episcopal Church, started as a home-based Bible study, a mission congregation to the San Matias Church located in nearby Santana. The congregation grew until it could no longer fit in the home and began



The current San Timoteo Church



The land to be used for an agricultural cooperative

The goal for 2016 is to complete the first floor shell of the new San Timoteo Episcopal Church. The fundraising goal for 2016 is estimated at approximately \$70,600 – a major commitment from the Tampa Deanery. The projected amount that each person is asked to raise, which will cover all expenses including materials, is \$1800. Completing the first floor of the new San Timoteo church building represents a significant challenge. Prior to our team arriving local workers and volunteers will dig the foundation, install the reinforcing steel, pour the footings and columns, and install the block walls up to the level of the first floor roof. All of our teams will work with local workers and volunteers to complete the shell of the first floor.

Team Dates, Leaders, and tasks to be completed are as follows:

Team #1- June 11-18- (15- Persons)

Bill Kunkle/ Amy Knecht Build the wooden formwork for the beams and roof.

Team #2- June 18-25- (12- Persons)

Bill Hardy/ Sally Thompson Complete the wooden formwork and install reinforcing steel (Rebar).

Team #3- June 25-July 2- (12- Persons)

Bob Stevens/ Roger Mills Complete the Reinforcing Steel and pour the concrete roof slab.

Three teams will stay at the newly completed Paul & Luke Morrow Center in Santana, Bani and is modeled after the Bishop Kellogg Center in San Pedro de Macoris. Breakfast and supper will be served at the Morrow center, and work day lunches are made locally and delivered to the mission site. It is adjacent to the San Matias Primary and Secondary School. The lower school was built as a Tampa Deanery Project in 2002-2003. In 2009, Tampa Deanery members returned to assist Grace Church, Charleston, SC with work on the upper school.

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