

Our mission is to walk alongside Pastors mentoring and coaching them to develop a healthy Church that equips its members to love God and love their neighbor. (Ephesians 4:12 "Equipping God's people for works of service for the building up of the kingdom of Christ...")



## Mission Trip - July 14 - 21 2018 Haina, Dominican Republic



Pastor Julio Cesar teaching metal working



A Vision that brings hope to Haina



Partner with a church reaching its community

If you are interested in coming on a Missions Trip with LoveServes:  
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**Background:** The town of Haina sits 30 minutes outside of Santo Domingo, the capital city of Dominican Republic. Pastor Julio Cesar has pastored for over 20 years in this community. Although, like many churches in the DR, for years he led a very legalistic church with little concern for the community surrounding them. One day his son went into a local gangs territory and was shot and killed. The tragedy shook Pastor Julio and his church. At that time LoveServes began working with him and helped him through the tragedy and gave him a new vision.

**The Vision:** After coaching, pastor Julio's vision was enlarged greatly! The violent gang that killed his son were the one's God gave him a call to reach. Pastor Julio began equipping his church to meet a need in the community. One ministry they started was a metal shop where they taught young men a trade. They have since planted 6 other churches and are now building a vocational school. Many have come to Christ as a result.

**The Need:** *Build a vocational school* that will teach young men and women at risk of falling into gangs and prostitution, a skill that can give them good honest work. But also provide a way to bring the truth of the Gospel! The Trade School will offer workshops such as metal and wood working, sewing, appliance repair and more.

**Where YOU come in:** LoveServes is partnering with this church to help see the full evangelization of Haina come to pass! Many more churches need to be planted to provide accessibility for every man, woman and child to have repeated opportunity to hear and accept the Gospel. But not only that, you can be directly involved in building a vocational school that will give young people a chance to have a better life, while learning Godly principles. We will also participate in youth, children's outreach and home visits.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY:** Our trips are family friendly, with plenty of things kids can be a part of. Parents and their kids are encouraged to work, serve, play and pray together on this extraordinary family trip! So get your passports and plan on joining us in Dominican Republic!

*Trip cost: \$850 (plus airfare and project costs)*