

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 21-28 2018 Palmar de Ocoa



Pastor Pedro Sanchez



A Vision that brings hope to Palmar de Ocoa



Partnering with the local church to meet a need in its community!

If you are interested in coming on a Missions Trip with LoveServes:

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**Background:** Duvergé is a small town in the region known as Palmar de Ocoa, where crime, drug sales and have taken control of children, adolescents, young adults and seniors. Extreme poverty and lack of opportunity are growing every day. For many years, Pastor Pedro Sanchez hated his community, he was known as the "Angry Pastor". He often threatened his congregation if they associated with "the world" in any way. Pastor Pedro is yet another example of the highly legalistic and love-less churches all over the Dominican Republic. LoveServes began training and coaching Pastor Pedro in a new Vision about 8 years ago. His life, his family and church made a complete 180 degree turn. His church is the KEY agent of change that God is using to reach the lost in that region.

**The Vision:** This church is the only Christian Church in town. After repenting, the church recognized it needed to begin showing the love of Christ in a tangible way. Pastor Pedro began to equip the Believers for ministry (Eph. 4:12). The church is now ministering to 275 children through the Compassion program, monthly feeding programs, vocational classes, repairing homes and building latrines (outhouse) for the poorest living in abject poverty. The hearts of the people are opening up to the loving message of Jesus because there is a church that cares.

**The Need:** There are still hundreds of families with no running water and now place to use the bathroom. The church is committed to building latrines until everyone that has one.

**Where YOU come in:** LoveServes is partnering with this church to help build many more latrines so hundreds more families won't be subjected to the unsanitary conditions. Please consider contributing to purchase the concrete, blocks and other materials.

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