



# Praise

**GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS  
IN TRANSFORMING LIVES!**

**OUR VISION:** To develop healthy churches in all nations, equipping God's people to make disciples who make disciples....*Matthew 28:19*

**GOD IS AT WORK THROUGH LOVESERVES TO  
RESTORE COMMUNITIES BY ACTIVATING LOCAL CHURCHES.**

## ACTIVATED CHURCHES

- Have empathy for their neighbors
- Seek the Holy Spirit in making a PLAN to make a difference
- Analyze their own community's issues/needs
- Mobilize and equip their people to LOVE and SERVE

## AND GOD SHOWS UP WHERE HIS PEOPLE ARE SERVING WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS!

- Girls are rescued from being trafficked
- Gangs are disbanded
- Marriages and families are restored
- Women are saved from domestic violence
- Addicts are healed
- God is turning the hearts of the fathers to their children

This is the experience of **activated churches** in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and the United States.  
This is eternally significant Kingdom work.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN THE LAST 16 YEARS!

- 161,956 Adult **Salvations**. 15,470 adult salvations this past year!
- 76,192 **Baptized** in 16 years. 6,595 this past year.
- 3,203 **Activated** churches in the D.R., Guatemala and U.S.
- 1,208 people are actively involved in **Smallcircle, a one-to-one discipleship**. This includes 499 disciple makers and 738 disciples.
- 380 **new community ministries** have been started, including Premarital Counseling, Prevention of Premarital Pregnancy, Counseling for Domestic Violence and Peaceful Relationship Communication, and Personal Finance. In 16 years 11,353 Ministries were initiated.
- **Our recent launch in the US** now has six Pastor Peer groups in the Manatee/Sarasota area of Florida and in the greater Boston area. Two groups have now completed training.



**FINANCIAL REPORT:** 100% of your generous gift goes directly to cover the **costs of ministry without any overhead deductions**. LoveServes' total giving in the last 12 months was \$1,498,518 **THANK YOU!**

**PRAYER FOCUS** We need Wisdom! Join with us on Thurs. 7:45am prayer calls! 561-867-0073

- Faith that moves us all from our seats to the streets - loving our neighbors in practical ways.
- For all people to know the love of Christ!
- For Pastors to develop a clear vision for restoring their communities.
- Divine strategies, creativity and wisdom.
- A Gideon army of like-minded people unified to expand God's kingdom to all nations.

**TOGETHER WE ARE RESTORING COMMUNITIES BY ACTIVATING LOCAL CHURCHES.**

*Ephesians 4:12* "Equipping God's people for works of service for the building up of the kingdom of Christ."





## *Just One Story of* TWO LOVESERVES CHURCHES

**A**s a young child, Kelvin Rosario woke up daily and saw how people who lacked education in his community had to survive. He grew up in the unrelenting poverty of a batey community, a settlement around a sugar mill, where most of the adults and children worked tirelessly in the sugarcane fields and struggled to put food on their tables.

Racism causes extreme segregation resulting in most migrant Haitians living at the lowest level of poverty, as sugarcane workers. The government does not provide high schools in bateys so few escape the generational cycle.

But God had already begun to stir a greater purpose in Kelvin's heart.

Kelvin knew he wanted something other than the life of generational poverty that existed in the batey. He rode the bus each day into the city to attend high school there. The children from the bateyes that attended the high school were mocked and rejected by the children who lived in the city. Even at school, surrounded by people, Kelvin felt alone. Then one day, a few children from that city invited him to church. This church's pastor had experienced a paradigm shift through LoveServes training and even its children were "on mission".

Right away Kelvin felt a sense of belonging and a sense that he had finally found what he had been searching for - people that welcomed him in and genuinely loved him. Kelvin grew in his sense of purpose and knowledge - both at church, and at school - he began to recognize a serious problem looming over his batey.

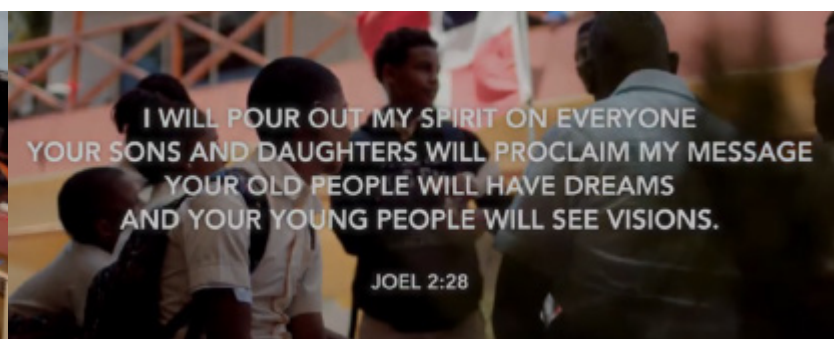
Many people were dying. Not because they didn't have medications for their illnesses, but because they couldn't read the instructions for those medications. Kelvin's church decided

to launch a literacy program in the batey. Kelvin became one of the teachers. He taught his friends to read...and his mother...and the mayor. But God placed an even bigger dream in his heart, which was to have a high school in his community.

The need was pressing, the resources scarce, but the will of the church was firm. Kelvin helped petition the senator of the province and the Ministry of Education, who eventually supported the project. But this was not an easy task. Despite having the support of authorities, the Ministry of Education did not allow schools to open in bateyes. So the church prayed and pushed until finally, with the help of his pastor, and the Senator, it became a reality. Not only setting a precedent as the first batey with a public high school in the entirety of the Dominican Republic, it became an exemplary school in its educational district and Kelvin was the founding Principal.

But, God was stirring an even bigger dream in his heart; Kelvin decided to become a Pastor.

Pastor Kelvin now leads the second LoveServes activated church in this story. Even with his personal history of spearheading incredible changes in his community, Kelvin looked to LoveServes to equip him so he could equip his church members. That was five years ago and now a school and a nursery started by his church serve children and families in the communities of Las Malvinas, Hato Mayor.



**WE PRAISE GOD THAT THE CHURCH MEMBERS ARE ACTIVELY SERVING THEIR NEIGHBORS IN THEIR COMMUNITY, DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS IN THEIR FAITH AND THAT LIVES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST.**

### MAKING KNOWN HIS PRAISE

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