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The view from *This Little Row in the Lord's Vineyard*

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Looking back



We leave the Dominican Republic in less than two weeks. We are living out of suitcases at this point and our small dog is adapting as her favorite spots to nap disappear when our furniture disperses to other homes. Soon, like a boat passing through the sea, there will not be much physical evidence left that we passed this way.

So, what do we leave in our wake?

There are some tangible signs: the health promoter groups, the HIV/AIDS treatment center, and children who are alive and who might not be otherwise, for example.

Intangibles include, for example: the independence, self-reliance, autonomy and self-confidence of the health promoter groups as they continue to plan and execute new programming for their neighborhoods; a new vision of themselves, their capabilities, and their capacity to affect their world that the young people gained from the recent life skills course; and the self-esteem, psychological well-being, and spiritual health of the Clinic's patients living with HIV/AIDS.

But there is something more. It is not only what we have done, but also how we have done it.

As the activities came to a close here, we again heard the comment that the projects and programs had shown people how to put love into the work, whether as community health promoters, or teen peer counselors, or the health promoters who worked weekend nights on the streets with sex workers and their clients.

Our mission the past 14 years has been to live the life that the Lord has called us to. Through living that life, health promoter groups are formed, children survive, and HIV/AIDS patients get treatment, among many other things. But our faithfulness to this mission is better measured by the extent to which we have been able to act as ambassadors for Christ and the extent to which we have been an example of how to put love into the work.

Keep praying, Anita & Michael

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