

Good morning my name is Cristian Gionfrido, and it was a great blessing and honor that I was chosen to travel to the Dominican republic last week with our parishes missionaries. This would have never happened with out the help of the many generous people in my life such as the people of this wonderful parish the families and friends of all 24 missionaries who made this trip and many others who contributed their talents and treasures, this trip was an experience I will never forget but one experience that stands out to me happened our first day there, as most teens my age I questions act of faith but while on this mission trip I received gods love through out everyone. The fact that they have so little and can be so happy is just astounding we complain if a restaurant messes up our order, they don't even complain if they didn't eat that day. The first day we arrived at the orphanage it was overwhelming and most missionaries much like myself had no clue what to do, but 2 orphans who are richer in faith than I could ever be, started dancing, these two orphans names were Louis Miguel and Jeffery, like they knew we were in shock decided to break the ice and after they did that all the missionaries let their guard down and all that entered was the love of these orphans and the love of one another and the gratitude of just being their with them. All it took was two children to help us realize this. Once again I thank all of you and ask for you to pray for all the beautiful children and staff at mustard seed orphanage.