

FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE

Breaking the Poverty Cycle in the Dominican Republic:
Documentary Proposal

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PALO BLANCO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

THEN

- Characterized as a violent, brutal neighborhood
- Drugs, alcohol and domestic abuse
- Cock-Fighting Ring
- Average education level of adults was 3rd grade



RESEARCH METHODS

One of the greatest research methods is our experience.

My eyes and my heart have been my main avenue to knowledge.

- Culture Smart Reading Guide
- Cultural Immersion
- Close Observation
- Conversations
- Testimonies

EPHESIANS 1:18

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you”

FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL

COLEGIO FUENTE DE AGUA VIVA



JANUARY 2001



- Attended a church in Palo Blanco
- Knocked on doors to ask to pray for people
- Tutored children and some adults in the church
- Rented a house



FALL 2004



- Able to purchase land, build, and move into a new building!

SIZE AND IMPACT

TODAY

2023 CONSTRUCTION

- Kitchen modernization
- Created a covered outdoor sports court



305 STUDENTS

58 STAFF

WHAT THEY DO

HOLISTIC CARE





PALO BLANCO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

NOW

- New apartment complex across the street
- 90% high school graduation rate
- Transformation!

Fidelidad

THROUGH FAITH THERE IS TRANSFORMATION
IN THE BARRIOS OF PALO BLANCO



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DOCUMENTARY TREATMENT

- Developed from research
- Inspired by Jan's story

*Tu fidelidad es grande
Tu fidelidad incomparable es
Nadie como tú, bendito Dios
Grande es tu fidelidad*

*Your faithfulness is great
Your faithfulness is incomparable
Nobody is like you, blessed God
Great is your faithfulness*

JAN BURKEY

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There are many stories of triumphant and not so triumphant unfortunately. It has been such a great walk here in the Dominican Republic and to see God's hand at work in different areas through the years – provision, faithfulness, workers just when we need it and of course most of all changed lives.



NEXT STEPS...

- Continue Research
- Create a Documentary



THANK YOU

Q&A