



Project Mañana International

Annual Report 2021



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A Letter From Our President & Co-Founder

Brian Berman

It was in early 2003 when it all happened. My life had been going just fine (so I thought) when it was radically interrupted by the death of my mother, Ingrid Berman. "Ma", as I called her, was at the young age of 52 when Leukemia took its toll on her. However, the story of Project Mañana is not about sadness -- no, it's just the opposite -- it's a story of hope and change.

You see, it was that moment in 2003 when I realized that I was living a selfish and unproductive life -- especially as I reflected on how Ma spent her entire life caring for and helping others. That same year, I began traveling throughout the Caribbean. Each year I would return to visit new islands and experience new cultures.

April 2007, was the first time I landed in the Dominican Republic -- and I instantly fell in love with the people and their incredible culture. Shortly thereafter, I resigned from my corporate career and made the Dominican Republic my full-time home in December 2007. My mission was simple; to begin investing in people, instead of things!

As the new year rolled around, 2008 became my "Dominican Boot Camp Year." It was during that time that I learned Spanish (it was actually a miracle from God, but that's another story), got a better grasp of the Dominican culture, and began making my first relationships with the nationals.

I joined a well-known mission organization based in Santiago, Dominican Republic and spent most of my days visiting families, working with children and students, and developing new ways to resource programs for some of the poorest communities on the island. With more than 25 years of experience, that organization (and its president) poured into me and helped me understand the complexities of international mission work.

After serving with a team of amazing missionaries for a few years, I married Nebraska Carolina and we began dreaming of Project Mañana -- which would be a new and dynamic way of partnering with others to help break the cycle of poverty through clean water, nutrition, education, and discipling projects -- starting in the Dominican Republic.

On September 30, 2010 (my mother's birthday), we officially opened the doors of Project Mañana as a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization! Since then, Project Mañana has grown exponentially as more and more partners have come alongside the vision of Working Together Today For An Eternal Tomorrow.™



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“God uses
ORDINARY
people to do
EXTRAORDINARY
things.”

Brian Berman

Introduction to Project Mañana

Our Mission Statement

Project Mañana exists to share the gospel and help break the cycle of poverty by investing in impoverished children, their families and communities through clean water, nutrition, education, and discipling projects.

Our Cultural Values

LOVE People Like Jesus Does

LEARN Constantly

INVITE Others to Participate

SHARE Open-Handedly

INNOVATE Toward Sustainability

ADMINISTER Resources With Excellence

The Need

- 32% of Dominicans live in poverty
- 41% of Dominican marriages end in divorce
- 38% of Dominicans never finish high school
- 24% of Dominicans have a child before the age of 18
- 11% of Dominicans cohabit before the age of 15 and 40% before the age of 18

*Office of National Statistics of the Dominican Republic

HOW We Work

We achieve our goals through charitable donations and child sponsorship. We have a multi-national staff of Dominican Nationals & American Missionaries.

WHERE We Work

18 locations throughout the Dominican Republic:

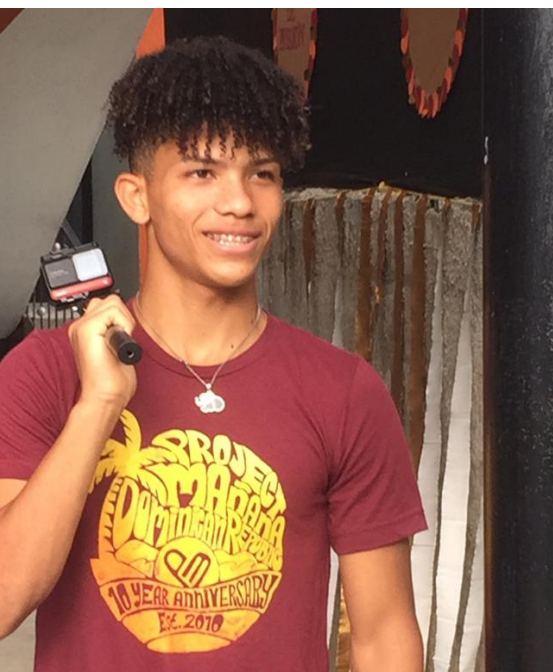
Community Development

- Santiago de Los Caballeros
- San Pablo, Villa González
- Ciudad de Dios, Cienfuegos

Prison Project

15 maximum-security prisons located throughout the Dominican Republic





Meet "Javito" A Success Story

Angel, known to friends and visitors alike as "Javito", has been around Project Mañana from the beginning. As a child, living in our ministry community, he was able to attend school, receive nutritious meals and have a safe place to learn and grow through our Child Sponsorship Program.

After he graduated high school, Javito spent a season serving as Project Mañana's first Dominican national intern. While interning, he was mentored by our Graphic Design & Marketing team; where he learned technical, professional, and life skills. He did such a great job, we recently hired him full-time as a graphic designer and computer teacher.

Javito is now planning to attend the university on a full-ride scholarship thanks to Project Mañana's University Scholarship Fund, and a generous sponsor.

This story is one we share with pride! Javito has gone from sponsored child to employee; to impacting the next generation of Dominicans in his community.

Does child sponsorship work? Just ask Javito!



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I've grown a lot as a person as Project Mañana has provided me with emotional support since I was a child. Everything Project Mañana has done for me is a gift.

I appreciate the ministry's efforts so much more now that I'm working here. It's incredible because I've had the opportunity to help all the projects that Project Mañana offers in the community where I live; and I'm very grateful.

Angel "Javito" Flores

Nutrition Project

Fill a child's stomach and they will open their mind.

Proper nutrition is a vital building block for children's growth and development. This project provides a cooked nutritious meal to impoverished children, 5 days per week. The children enrolled in the program have limited or no access to daily meals or clean drinking water and are carefully selected based on need.

Since 2010, our Nutrition Project has provided impoverished children with more than **607,740 meals**.

UPDATE: After serving meals in temporarily, ill-equipped facilities for nearly eight years, Project Mañana is excited to announce that on July 31, 2019 we began serving nutritious meals from our brand-new, state-of-the-art Nutrition Center in the community of San Pablo (Villa González, Dominican Republic).



Education Project

Fill a child's mind and they will open their heart.
Education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

This project provides impoverished children the opportunity to attend Colegio Evangélico Aclamamos Por Su Sabiduría (We Praise Your Wisdom Christian School), Project Mañana's private school (located in the community of San Pablo (Villa González, Dominican Republic) at little or no cost.

The children enrolled in the school are carefully selected based on need and our team of expert teachers/staff ensure they receive a high-quality education.

Clean Water Project

Clean water is the most basic human necessity -- without it, survival is impossible.

More than 28,000 children die each week, worldwide, as a result of exposure to polluted water. Fortunately, there is a very low-cost solution to this 100% preventable crisis. This project provides simple-to-use water purification systems to impoverished communities at no charge to the families.

Project Mañana's team personally delivers each water purification system and provides training on its use and maintenance. Then, a community-based Clean Water Coordinator monitors each system and provides ongoing training on a regular basis.

Introducing the Filter of Hope

The Filter of Hope is a revolutionary water purification system that can produce 546,000 gallons of clean water over a 10-year period (that's 150 gallons per day).



Timothy Project

From the Bible, 1 Timothy 6:17-19 states:

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." (NIV)

The Timothy Project Seeks to:

- Share the Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20
- Empower Leaders Through Discipleship - 2 Timothy 2
- Plant Churches - Acts 1:8, 13:1-3, 14:21-23
- Provide For The Needy - Acts 4:32-35
- Create Jobs & Offer Employment - Proverbs 14:23

Prison Project

We can't change the past, but we can affect our future.

Project Mañana believes that prison should be a place of rehabilitation. Changing an inmate's heart is the first step in creating a productive and rehabilitated member of society. This project provides prison inmates with a first-hand experience of God's love through discipleship workshops.

In 2011, Project Mañana formed the Institute For Authentic Manhood;™ and has assembled a team of experts who work directly with inmates and their families. The Institute also serves prison officials and men in various communities throughout the Dominican Republic. In 2017, Project Mañana expanded its services to incarcerated women by launching the Institute For Authentic Womanhood™.

The Prison Project also hosts the annual Returning Hearts Celebration; where inmates have the opportunity to spend the day with their children in a safe, fun, atmosphere.



Princess Project

Nurture a young lady's self-esteem and she will thrive.

In the life of a young Dominican girl, a quinceañera (15th birthday) is one of the most important days that she'll experience. It's a "coming-of-age" celebration.

Sadly, for most living in the communities where Project Mañana serves, a lack of resources means that most of them will never get to enjoy this very special celebration.

The Princess Project is designed to provide impoverished girls with the opportunity to experience a quinceañera. They are invited to "go shopping" at the Princess Project Salon for a beautiful dress, tiara, and all the accessories to make their celebration very special. Then, Project Mañana's team will help plan an amazing celebration with the princess' family and friends.

How We're Funded

Project Mañana is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, 100% funded through charitable donations, from outside sources.

When you make a donation, sponsor a child, or support a project with Project Mañana International, we promise your peace-of-mind. Our desire is to administer your funds with the same level (or higher) of integrity that you would. After all, we're here to serve and represent you!

As a true nonprofit and Christian-based organization, we understand that our role is to help you obtain your international giving goals with ease and security.

We are top-rated by GuideStar and other organizations. All of our financials are posted on our website at ProjectManana.org/Financials.

**Donations can be made at
ProjectManana.org/Donate**



2022 Vision & Beyond

What's Been Happening

The first two floors of the HOPE Center, a Nutrition Center & Community space, were constructed in 2019. Construction of the third floor is planned for 2022.

We expanded the Prison Project, by hiring a Project Director, which also enabled us to expand services into two additional prisons.

We started building the Holistic Care Center, a multi-level medical, dental, vision, and mental health services complex, to be completed 2022.



FUTURE DREAMS

Open a state-of-the-art dental clinic and hygienist training academy (2022)

Expand services in Cienfuegos and construct a Community Center (2023)

Construct Dormitory and Guest Housing Facilities in San Pablo (2024)

Construct Multipurpose Building in San Pablo to include: Church, classrooms, meeting space (2024)

Construction of Vocational Training Center (2026)

Open Discipleship Training Institute (2030)





2021 By The Numbers



607,740 Meals

Since 2010, our Nutrition Project has provided impoverished children with more than 607,740 meals.



43,690,500 Gallons

We have distributed 798 water purification systems; providing 43,690,500 gallons of clean water each year to highly impoverished families.



128 Students

There are 128 students currently enrolled at Colegio Evangélico Dios Da La Sabiduría, Project Mañana's private school in San Pablo, Dominican Republic.



8,132 Graduates

Project Mañana's Institute for Authentic Manhood and Womanhood™ have graduated 8,132 people.



148,590 Hours

Mission teams & individual visitors have provided more than 148,590 volunteer hours in the Dominican Republic.



25 Princesses

Project Mañana has helped 25 princesses realize their dream of a quinceañera; as they enter into womanhood with a clear identity and increased self-esteem.



52 Jobs

Project Mañana has created 52 jobs for impoverished people and missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

*Statistics as of January 6, 2022

Come Join Us

There are so many different ways to get involved.

Sponsor a Child

ProjectManana.org/Sponsor

Make a Donation

ProjectManana.org/Donate

Visit the Dominican Republic

ProjectManana.org/Trips

Take a Virtual Mission Trip

ProjectManana.org/VMT

Serve as a Summer Intern

ProjectManana.org/Intern

Come Work With Us

ProjectManana.org/Join



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