



THE BELLOS

Missionaries to Youth & University
Students in the Dominican Republic

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CHANGING A CULTURE THROUGH A GENERATION

Giving back is good for the soul – and in many cases, good for the bottom line.

There are positive benefits for businesses that focus on giving to local and global causes. Fostering a deeper connection with customers, research shows that people do business with companies that care about causes. Establishing credibility and trust, it fosters a positive work environment and increases employee morale.

Join the DRive Initiative – helping students succeed in the Dominican Republic.

DRive: Dominican Republic: Innovate. Vitalize. Empower.

Help **DRive** student success in the Dominican Republic by innovating pathways to hope and transformation for at-risk youth, vitalizing communities through partnerships with public schools, and empowering students to be the catalyst for change in their society.

We are Berly & Jamie Bello, Missionaries in the Dominican Republic, where we have served for the past 18 of our 25 years’ experience working with youth. In the next four years, we plan to coach 50 church leadership teams, and strategically invest with 12 churches in 12 communities to help them develop a community care strategy that they continue long term.

Will you join our efforts by becoming a DRive Initiative Partner? Please help us empower 10,000 students! Expanding your local efforts to global efforts (in the DR), your business can contribute to helping at-risk youth with solutions the DRive Initiative provides: mentoring, after school programs (in 12 communities), crisis pregnancy resources, prevention of human trafficking, and safe places for students. We are also investing in 50 church leadership teams (in the DR) to be part of the solution!

Over the next three months, we are building toward adding 30 additional Partners in the DRive Initiative. Attached is an initiative brief with forecasted tangible outcomes from the DRive contributions where students win.

DRive with us! Please donate a one-time (tax deductible) contribution:

DRive Partners will receive a report showing how your donation has impacted lives

- Gold Tier Partners -- \$5000
- Silver Tier Partners -- \$2500
- Bronze Tier Partners -- \$1000
- Olympic Contributors -- \$500

Please email me at jamie.bello@agmd.org if you are interested. I would be glad to follow up with a 5 minute FaceTime call to talk about next steps. Or ask to join one of our scheduled zoom calls.

Helping businesses give back while also potentially increasing their bottom line.

The DRive Initiative – Berly & Jamie Bello, Missionaries in the Dominican Republic

CRITICAL ISSUES YOUTH FACE IN THE DR:

The Critical Needs for Dominican students are hope, purpose and empowerment. Dominican students live in a culture rampant with sexual impurity, poverty, poor quality public education, and they lack hope, direction and Christ like values.

- **Teenage Pregnancy** – highest in the Caribbean region; 5th highest in all of Latin America. More than 1 out of 5 female teens age 15-19 have been or are pregnant.
- **Abuse** – majority of teen pregnancies are cases of older men raping young teens.
- **Sex trafficking** – 4th highest nation in the world from which women & teen girls are victims.

DRive INITIATIVE FORECAST OF OUTCOMES (Fall 2018 – Summer 2022)

INNOVATE pathways for transformation with at-risk youth and families:

- After school program in 12 communities – tutoring, English, arts & music (reaching 600 youth)
- Crisis pregnancy coach training for mentors to at risk and pregnant teens
- Crisis pregnancy resources made available to pregnant teens at no cost, with incentives for completing parenting classes and other educational training (reaching 500+ teen girls)
- Single mom's assisted with childcare – in order to complete educational classes (120 families)

VITALIZE communities through strategic partnerships:

- Coach 50 local church leadership teams in an organization culture shift to be outward-focused
- Align a strategic partnership with 12 local churches to develop a Community Care Strategy
- 12 Communities interviewed and surveyed as to greatest needs and solutions desired
- 12 local churches adopt a public school to serve & assist
- Strategic partnership with Protect Me Project – and their 100 schools project (PMP is a non-profit organization for the awareness and prevention of abuse and human trafficking.)

EMPOWER 10,000 students to be the catalyst for change:

- Taught to recognize the signs of abuse, and steps to report abuse.
- Educated about human trafficking—how it occurs, who is at risk, how to avoid becoming a target, and how to report suspicious behavior.
- Educated on social media safety.
- Choose to be silence breakers – in regards to abuse & human trafficking.
- Commit to making choices to live in sexual integrity.
- Commit to be community mentors through Protect Me Project to younger pre-teens and children about social media safety, signs of abuse, and prevention of human trafficking.
- Discover their talents, abilities, and personality strengths.
- Set goals for a healthy life direction and make purposeful choices towards achieving goals.