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Thirteen girls were able to celebrate their quinceañera—a party none of them could afford without your support.

A Fairytale Night for our Teenage Girls

Thirteen girls from Algodón and Los Robles got to celebrate their fifteenth birthday in January. The quinceañera celebration is an important rite of passage for Dominican girls, but none of the young women could have afforded this celebration.

“I never thought I would celebrate my quinceañera,” says Silvia of Algodón. Analicia, the mother of one of the 15-year-olds, explains why your support is so important for this kind of party. “We can’t afford to pay for this kind of celebration,” she explains. “For that reason we don’t have a custom of celebrating the quinceañera for our daughters.”

The party was full of music, traditional dances, good food, and reflection. Each girl shared what she dreamed of becoming—a nurse, teacher, accountant. Thanks to you, these are achievable dreams!



Venture participants joined with locals to help replace roofs that had been damaged in storms.

New Roofs Help Families Stay Dry and Safe

Several families received new roofs, thanks to a Venture Team that worked alongside community members. “Now my whole house has a tin roof, and we don’t get wet anymore,” says Siomaris, a mother of a young boy in COTN’s sponsorship program. “I am very thankful.”



School construction is in full swing in Algodón, thanks to your support and a partnership with the government.

Construction Begins on our School in Algodón

Thanks to your support and a partnership with the government, we will soon have new classrooms in Algodón! The government is now replacing the roofs on our current buildings, and will begin new classroom construction soon.