



**ONE CHURCH
ONE VILLAGE**

Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Program **I Love Baseball, Dominican Republic**



During our years of ministry in Dominican Republic, Children of the Nations has come to understand that the lack of education, leadership, and character development are among the biggest issues facing young men and families throughout the Dominican Republic. The vision of COTN's I Love Baseball program is to give the youth of Barahona a place where they can pursue their dream of playing professional baseball while still getting an education, living a socially balanced life, building strong moral character, and growing mentally, physically, and spiritually.

There are currently around 20 young men in our I Love Baseball program. Alongside caring partners like you, COTN has helped dozens of young men in the Dominican Republic steer a course to a better future through the I Love Baseball program. By supporting players in the I Love Baseball program, you are providing them with an education, daily nutrition, medical care, and spiritual guidance—all of which are helping these young men become leaders and the agents of positive change in their communities.



STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with the I Love Baseball program, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on program-specific projects:

- [Field Development Phase 1](#)
- [Baseball gear](#)

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is still an important need in the I Love Baseball program, as we seek to provide holistic care for the children. As we continue to help families become more stable and independent, we also provide school fees, food and medical care to dozens of children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event, or individuals can sponsor at any time.

[Click here to see all the young men who need sponsors in our I Love Baseball program.](#)

VENTURE

As you become more invested in the I Love Baseball program, your church may decide to take a Venture trip and see firsthand how you can partner with this community. For more information, check out our Dominican Republic Venture [calendar for this year!](#)

In addition, we keep a standby list of emergency response medical and construction teams. Please contact [our Venture department](#) for more information.

DONATE RESOURCES

Wherever possible, COTN believes in purchasing needed supplies from local businesses in each country. However, we still have a need to ship supplies and equipment to supplement nutrition, clothing, and other materials for our children. Specifically, in the I Love Baseball program, we are in need of

- **COTN Item of the Month**
Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for the [I Love Baseball program](#).
- **Feeding Children Initiative**
You can help provide [food from local sources](#) to the young men in the I Love Baseball program, supporting the community around the I Love Baseball program.



- **SmilePacks[®]**
[SmilePacks](#) help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in the I Love Baseball program. We collect Bible, School, Hygiene, and Let's Eat SmilePacks.
- **Pack a Container**
Together with other local churches you can pack an entire shipping container of supplies for the children in the I Love Baseball program.

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