



Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Village of Los Robles, Dominican Republic



Los Robles, whose name translates to “The Oaks” or “Strong People,” is a remote, extremely poor community. It is a batey (pronounced *BAH-tay*)—one of several shantytown work camps built in the 1960s to house migrant sugarcane workers from Haiti. Most of these workers never obtained legal citizenship in the Dominican Republic. Today, their descendants are not legal citizens either and are denied access to social services, including education and medical care. Compounding these problems are the issues of teen pregnancy and unemployment due to the mechanization of the sugar industry.

We currently have over 150 children enrolled in our Village Partnership Program in Los Robles. Our facilities now include a seven-room school where children in kindergarten through eighth grade can learn, play, and eat each day. Alongside caring partners like you, COTN has also helped build a church and set up a clean water system for the people of Los Robles, as well as has hosting Bible studies and fun summer camps for the children.



STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with Los Robles, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on village-specific projects:

[Click here to see all available projects in the Dominican Republic.](#)

VENTURE

As you become more invested in Los Robles, 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 2018!](#)

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

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is still an important need in Los Robles, 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 over 150 children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event, or individuals can sponsor at any time.

Village Partnership Program: Sponsor a child living with their parents or caregivers.

University/Vocational Program: Sponsor a student's higher education and partner with them to transform their community.

[Click here to see all the children who need sponsors in Los Robles.](#)

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 Los Robles, we are in need of

- **COTN Item of the Month**
Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for [Los Robles](#).

- **Feeding Children Initiative**
You can help provide [food from local sources](#) to our children in Los Robles, supporting the community around Los Robles.
- **SmilePacks®**
[SmilePacks](#) help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in Los Robles. 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 Los Robles.

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