



Celebrating **15 years** of
making a difference!



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2022**

GREETINGS!

Greetings from Starfish Missions!

2022 was not only a milestone year for our ministry in this our 15th year, but it was also a record year for us as 558 kids in the Dominican Republic were fully equipped for school this year!

Although donations have been down since the pandemic, we were fortunate to have some reserves leftover from 2020 when we were unable to complete our mission due to Covid. Those reserves allowed us to equip more kids this year than we ever have before!

Additionally, the Christian church that we partner with in the Dominican recently expanded to a 5th location. As such, we were excited to have the resources to equip nearly 40 kids from this new church plant as well!



A couple of years ago, some of the members of the Dominican church that we partner with shared with us that the ministry of Starfish has a much greater impact on children and their families than even the local government does. This really floored us as we never imagined our ministry having that kind of impact. So this year, we asked if they could elaborate on that a little so that we could in turn share that with our donors.

Reflected to the right is a letter from Francisco "Franklin" Toribio, the pastor of the church in Punta Cana:

Dear brothers and sisters of Starfish Missions, Greetings,

For many years, Starfish Missions has been a channel of blessing for a significant number of young children and teenagers in the Dominican Republic. You are a great support for our ministry. For through your selfless labor that you have developed, it allows us to draw closer to the families - giving us the opportunity to preach to them the message of salvation that is the primary objective of this task.

It should be noted that the economic situation for many Dominican families has deteriorated as a result of the aftermath of COVID-19 and the effects of international conflicts.

The plans for social aid implemented by the Dominican government are not sufficient and are usually poorly implemented because they do not always reach those who need it most. In this sense, they have developed aid programs whose amounts are negligible or inconsequential. For example, a monthly benefit of only \$27 USD is given to some families of more than 6 members. Another program of social help gives a similar amount of \$27 with the aggravating circumstance that the beneficiaries only receive it one time.

In any case, on behalf of our children, our families and our ministries - we want to reiterate our most sincere appreciation to all those who unselfishly join in this cause, because your prayers and contributions bring peace to many parents, and above all, joy to many children that can go to school with the required uniforms and school supplies. This is why we ask our Heavenly Father to bless you all mightily.

Body of Christ Church
Dominican Republic

July 29, 2022



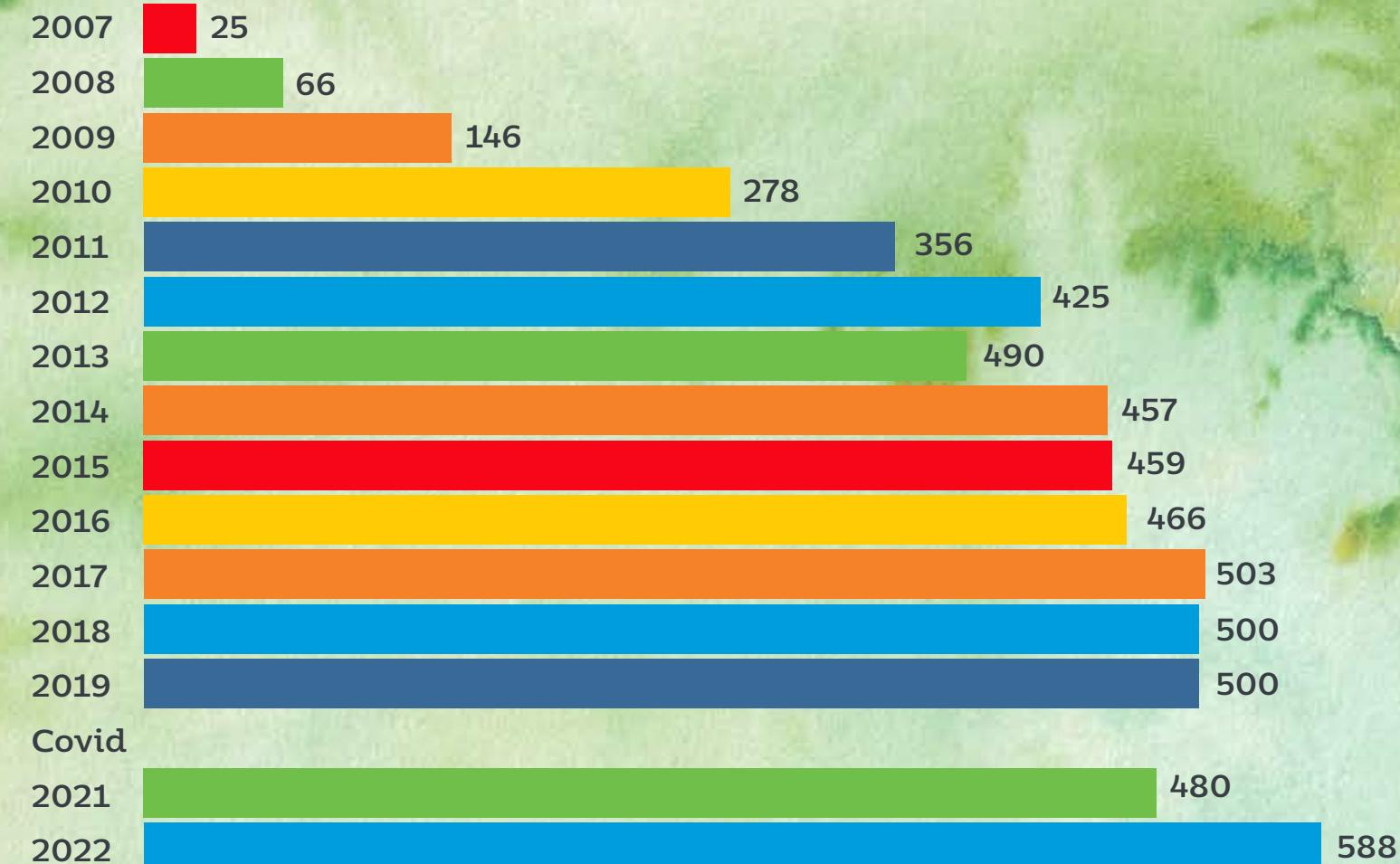
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Through the Years



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BRACELETS

Every year Starfish takes a small faith-based gift for the children to keep. This year we were honored to share bracelets with the children that had been lovingly made by Olivia Welsh – an 8th grader at South Oldham Middle School who generously donated them to be used during this year's Starfish trip. The bracelets were such a hit –

THANK YOU OLIVIA!



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