

Servant's Heart Ministry speaks to Drumright Rotary

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At Friday's Drumright Rotary Club meeting, Rotarian, Odessa Dyer, introduced her guest speaker, Russell Dyer. Russell is one of Odessa's three sons and he resides in Mannford with his family. Russell spoke to the Drumright Rotary Club about a mission that is very dear to his heart.

He and his family are involved with Servant's Heart Ministry, a Christian organization focused on helping underprivileged children around the world. Russell is involved in the group that serves the Dominican Republic where Servant's Heart Ministry has established a food program providing meals for three-hundred children.

The ministry has also built shelters and helped fulfill other needs for these children

Russell and his family have participated by traveling to the Dominican Republic a few times, bringing supplies, helping to build shelters and interacting with the children there. Recently, he has been involved in raising funds and coordinating delivery of one-hundred sixty-two bicycles for the children to use.

Russell talked about how the people and the children touched his heart on his first mission trip there a few years ago. There is a stark contrast to our children here; many of the children there do not have shoes. In fact, Russell noticed on his last trip to the Dominican Republic that a little boy wore the same outfit several days in a row; and when reviewing pictures that had been taken the year before saw the boy in same outfit again. Russell was able to obtain additional clothes for the boy during his stay.



L to R: Russell Dyer, Odessa Dyer

The people in the Dominican Republic do not have a lot of things; ten people might live in a home smaller than the average kitchen in America. They work hard, farm for their food and are a proud people. They deserve that dignity. The children, some orphans and some have disabilities, are still children – filling the air with their laughter and smiles. However, not only do the children hunger for food, they hunger for love; and Russell and his family have witnessed firsthand how giving love to another human child can make a huge difference in the child's future.

Russell and his family will continue to travel to the Dominican Republic to be there for the children. In the meantime, he wants to raise awareness about the needs of the children in other parts of the world. According to Russell, it doesn't just change the children's lives – it changes your life also.

If you would like additional information about Servant's Heart Ministry, please visit their website www.servantsheartministry.com.

Our other guest was Gwen Ingram of Drumright.

Please join us at Friday's meeting hosted by Rotarian, Ron Dyer, and his guest Chuck Mitchell of OG&E

If you would like more information about Drumright Rotary Club, please contact us on our FaceBook page, Drumright Rotary Club, or go to our website www.wix.com/drumrightrotary/drumrightrotary.

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