



# YALE ALUMNI SERVICE CORPS

## Yale Service Tour to Dominican Republic March 9 - 17, 2008

Sponsored by Dwight Hall, the Association of Yale Alumni and Yale Alumni Service Corps, in partnership with the Diocese of Orlando, Florida



**Mission:** Yale Alumni & friends worked in collaboration with local community leaders, and the representatives of the Diocese of Orlando to contribute talents to further projects in medicine, construction and sustainable community development in San Juan province.

**Participants:** 90 Yale alumni, staff, family, and friends, including graduates of both Yale College and the Professional schools

### Service Projects:

- 1) Construction: assisted in the construction of 60 homes for families displaced by flood. This included the application of stucco, installation of electrical wiring, building of cabinetry and other carpentry work. The local people were required to contribute labor toward their house project and were taught valuable skills as well as developing special bonds with the Yale volunteers
- 2) Education: taught curriculum in dance, music, autobiography, & creative writing, visual arts, crafts and English conversation to children, teens and adults in the remote village La Cucarita. Provided training for local teachers to continue lessons in writing and crafts
- 3) Community Health & Medicine: traveled into remote villages and collaborated with local community leaders as well as Dioceses staff to offer medical clinics for hundreds of patients

