



## SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS

The need for education cannot be understated in any culture. What places a higher priority on schools in the bateyes and barrios of the Dominican Republic is it provides the only path out of poverty and paves the roadway to a better life.

The early education school in San Pedro de Macoris the first of the six schools we have built or have under construction.

Opened in 1994 with just a couple of classrooms it grew to six classrooms over the next several years and taught grades K - 4. With double sessions grades 5 - 8 were added in 1998.

Providing classroom space for a growing student demand and the need to teach through grade 12 a second level was completed in 2010.

Students receive excellent training as National Standard Testing has verified.

Instruction is provided by a team of University trained educators and skilled classroom monitors. Approximately half of the teaching and administration is performed by community volunteers.

Construction of the facility was accomplished through financial and volunteer labor by American work teams. The biggest challenge faced by the school is continuing financial support.

The cost per student for a full year is \$350 - \$450 depending on their grade. Each student is charged tuition of about \$15.00 per week.