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Mr. Jim Cavnar
President
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Dear Mr. Cavnar:

Warmest greetings to you from the Dominican Republic. On behalf of our local church, the Diocese of San de la Maguana and our people, I want to express to you our sincerest thanks to Cross International Catholic Outreach for your work and collaboration in our diocese.

As you are aware from your visit to our diocese we have many needs. For example, in one of the provinces of our diocese, 58.2 % have dirt floor houses, 74% use charcoal as their cooking source, 69.7% do not have drinking water, 35% do not have latrines, 49% do not have electricity, 47.6% family leaders do not read or write.

We hope that the continued relationship between Cross International and our diocese will help alleviate the suffering of our people. One of things that I always tell our people is: Si queremos, podemos! If we want, we can do it! We can only accomplish this if we put our faith and trust in the Lord.

May God bless you!

Sincerely,


Most Rev. Jose Grullon Estrella
Bishop San Juan de la Maguana

