

**CANDY RIEGER**  
**MISSIONARY VENTURES**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC / HAITI**



In 1998, believing God's leading, Candy left her home and teaching position to serve a one-year commitment as a volunteer teacher in the Dominican Republic. Soon she found herself immersed in ministry to not only Dominican learners, but also Haitian and realized this was God's call on her life. This also fulfilled a childhood dream of going to Africa—as she found her Africa in Haiti!

Candy affiliated with Missionary Ventures International as a Field Coordinator in 2001 and began her partnership with our church in 2004. She continues to serve in both the Dominican Republic where she makes her home, and in Haiti where she shares the Gospel with the people she also loves. In 2016, Candy's horizons were broadened when she began observing, learning and serving in the MVI international office in Orlando. She now divides her time between this USA-based work and field service overseas in her very own Africa (Haiti).

The COVID-19 pandemic forced changes in Candy's ministry, but she says that that's not all bad. "One of the lessons God has taught me during the time I've been unable to travel back and forth between the Dominican Republic and Haiti, remaining for the most part in the DR, is that He is in charge. "I" don't have to do everything. I've been amazed and blessed to see people in the DR and in Haiti that I've been working with pick up the ball and run with it."

While she was confined in the DR, pastors there and in Haiti began to use WhatsApp, Messenger and Zoom very effectively. The internet enabled the joining in prayer and fellowship and the addressing of emergency needs for food (more than 500 hundred families received emergency supplies). "I am so thankful that God's work is still going forward," Candy, "especially since it's still uncertain when life will get back to pre-COVID normality.

As for Candy, she's had the opportunity over the past two years to work with the Missionary Ventures in Florida helping training and "on-boarding" new missionary candidates. They recently brought on 12 new full-time missionaries and she has a couple beginning the application process for the next session.

Candy said, "So while the world is struggle and unsure of the future, we are growing and establishing new footholds for the kingdom—working while we have light."

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