

## FLORES-LÓPEZ



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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

### LANGUAGES

English  
Spanish  
Creole

### MINISTRY PRIORITY

Short-Term Mission  
Engagement

### BIRTHDAY

7/11



### LOCATION

Dominican Republic



### ABOUT

MADELINE serves as mission coordinator for volunteers from the US and Puerto Rico. She identifies teams' strengths and matches them with service opportunities that empower, educate, and help them grow in their own faith. Much of Madeline's mission work takes place in the severely impoverished bateyes (bah-

tays) communities, which are villages of sugar workers. Teams meet local needs by bringing supplies such as food, clothes, and bedding. They also set up medical clinics; offer training in hygiene, birth control, and domestic violence prevention; and lead Vacation Bible School programs. In Cuba, Madeline works with the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention and the churches in the Jiguaní district in Granma.

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A boy at Escuela La Javilla receives a Christmas gift from Madeline.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

Every year for the Christmas season I give a hot meal (already prepared and packed individually) for Christmas Eve night. I have already listed the people most in need in those communities who I know will not have a meal that holy night. I work with a team of volunteers from church, and we plan the day. This year we served two communities, and more than two hundred people received a meal. In addition to the plates of food, I also distributed gifts for the children. These gifts were in part donations or funds that I use. It is challenging, but it is worth all the work that needs to be done prior to the big day. That day, for me, is my Christmas gift. It is my way of saying to these communities that we care for them and that we want them to also have a Merry Christmas! I will not sit down at the table until all these families receive a meal. After this, I sit down with the family that invites me to share the table of Christmas Eve and give thanks to God for such blessings. You can be part of this too. Visit my page on International Ministries’ website—you can

read more of my journals with stories like this and give yourself an opportunity to serve others. A heart full of gratitude is all it takes. I will be more than happy to do this with you!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for God’s provision to serve Haitian and Dominican communities through food, medicine, hygiene products, school supplies, uniforms, water filters, and more.

Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom for the new ways and the new normal for mission volunteers coming to serve in the Dominican Republic and Cuba.

Pray for my health and safety as I travel around the island looking for opportunities to serve people in need.

## SCRIPTURE

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)