

### Dominican Republic NA History

At the beginning of 1994, four members who were attending the sister fellowship, decided to get together and to have the first formal meeting of Narcotics Anonymous in Santo Domingo. This meeting was held on April 21 1994, in room at the Santisima Trinidad church. The members who attended were Virgilio A., Alberto R., Monica T., and Oskar M. This group was named Santo Domingo and at first we had two meetings per week on Tuesday and Friday. Afterwards we had four meetings per week and our second group was formed, EL Solo Por Hoy (just for today). Then the Nuevo Amanecer group was formed in a troubled neighborhood where a few members got together after the meetings and they would share with a member who was guard and who watched over some cars in a lot at night. And our fellowship continued to grow and more groups were formed. Some groups are still carrying the message and some have closed down.

It is important to remember that at the beginning of these meetings we did not have a lot of literature, we only knew about the Basic Text, which was donated by Albert R. a member, who had attended an NA meeting in Puerto Rico. Then two members who lived in Puerto Rico, Tony C. and Laura M., who knew about the NA program began to attend our meetings, they brought us literature from the neighboring island and they taught us how to share the NA Way.

We opened two groups in the city of Santiago and they three weekly meetings and we also opened a group in San Francisco de Macoris but it closed down.

Presently there are 16 groups and a total of 35 weekly meetings in Santo Domingo, a total of 150 active members an ASC with three sub-committees: conventions, literature and H&I. We have held two conventions to date.