



Levanta Ministries and our Building Campaign

Levanta Ministries exists to share the love of Christ and bring long-term hope to families in Los Ciruelos, Dominican Republic. Since our founding in 2019, we have walked alongside this community through programs that prioritize education, economic opportunity, and spiritual growth. At the heart of our mission is a deep belief in dignity, empowerment, and the transformational power of the Gospel.

As our impact has grown, so has the need for a permanent, dedicated space where our ministry can flourish. Our current facilities are limited, making it difficult to serve our community effectively and sustainably. That's why we are launching a building campaign to construct a multi-purpose community center in the heart of Los Ciruelos that will enable us to reach more families with the gospel.

This Community Center will serve as a hub for discipleship, education, artisan training, and community development. It will provide classrooms, meeting spaces, and workshop areas that reflect our commitment to excellence and our long-term investment in the people we serve. Through a strategic partnership with The National Institute for Technology and Vocational Training (INFOTEP), the community center will also provide space for vocational training programs that will equip individuals for a variety of career paths. INFOTEP is the leading institution for vocational training in the Dominican Republic and its certifications are recognized internationally. These vocational training programs will be provided at no cost to the recipients.

This Community Center will be a place where lives are transformed—where families gather, children learn, artisans thrive, and faith is nurtured. With this campaign, we invite you to partner with us in building not just a structure, but a lasting legacy of hope, opportunity, and the transformative love of Christ for generations to come.

Blessings,
Doug and Margaret Beck
Co-Founders

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Organizational Background

Levanta Ministries was founded in January 2019 by Doug and Margaret Beck and is a Texas nonprofit organization that obtained 501 (c)(3) status in March of 2020. While Levanta Ministries is officially based in Texas, the organization does its primary work in the Dominican Republic (DR), in and around the community of Los Ciruelos on the north coast of the country. The original stated mission of Levanta Ministries was to share the gospel and love of Christ with people living in the DR by investing in personal relationships and helping others to meet their physical, spiritual, and educational needs. Levanta has continued fulfilling that mission while developing many new programs not originally conceived when the organization was founded. In Spanish, the word “Levanta” means to raise up or lift up. Just as the writer of the 121st Psalm encourages us with these words “I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from, my help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth”, Levanta Ministries strives to assist those in our community so they can be lifted up and out of their present situations- meeting their physical, spiritual and educational needs and to help them realize that this help comes from “the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth”.

Our Current Activities

Levanta began with a simple reading program when we realized that very few families in the Los Ciruelos community could afford books for their children. Some local high school girls volunteered to read to the children twice a week. This was the first official program of Levanta, and a few months later, the ministry grew into three key areas: Education, Community Assistance, and Spiritual Development. Today, we offer tutoring, English classes, a basketball program, university scholarships, Bible studies, help with physical needs and much more—each designed to invest in lives and build a brighter future.

We work primarily with families, many of whom live in material poverty. The primary employer in the area was a sugar cane factory, but when the sugar cane industry left this area and the factory closed many years ago, many families were left without work or sufficient resources to provide for their families. Our programs are designed to help lift people out of their current situations and empower them to be able to provide for themselves and their families. We are a Christian organization that seeks to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who participate in our activities, however, being a Christian is not a requirement to receive the benefits of our programs. We employ primarily local Dominicans to lead and carry out our programs. Currently, Levanta Ministries serves more than 100 families in our local area through a variety of programs that reach young children, adolescents and adults.

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At the present time, twelve young adults are receiving university scholarships provided by either Levanta or the Becks. Some of these young people were the original volunteers who led the reading program. They are pursuing various degrees in medicine, law, psychology and education among others. We recently had our first graduating class from our English program and currently have a group of about 20 students moving through the program. This is a 2½ year course designed to enable the graduates to obtain employment in the nearby tourism industry or in businesses in the area where the ability to communicate in English is a preferred skill. We currently have over 65 children in our tutoring program and more than 20 teenage boys in our basketball program. Levanta has programs that help vulnerable families with food and medical

needs when it is deemed appropriate. Levanta has been acknowledged by local authorities and schools for its impact on the community and its role in improving students' academics and behavior both at home and in the classroom.

Since our current space is not sufficient to provide space for vocational classes, the completion of our planned multi-purpose community center (more details given below in the Building Plans section) will provide the necessary space for such an endeavor. These programs will enable people to either find employment or start their own businesses, allowing them to support their families. In addition, the facility will be the headquarters for all our current and future programs and will be available to be used by the community for events, parties, graduations, weddings and church services among other activities.

Doug and Margaret Beck serve as Directors of the organization and are paid for their service. They lead and direct our local staff, raise funds for the organization, maintain relationships with donors, operate many of the "behind-the-scenes" duties, and together with the Board of Directors and local staff, make decisions for the direction of the ministry. Currently, our team in the DR comprises nine Dominican staff members and three American missionaries (including the Becks) for a total of twelve. These employees serve as teachers, Bible study leaders, community activity coordinators, and mentors for the students under their care. All of these are salaried positions and are paid in accordance with the pay standards set for nonprofit organizations in either the Dominican Republic or the United States.

Funding

All the funding of the organization comes from private donors, churches and foundations which voluntarily give monetarily to the ministry, allowing us to carry out our programs and objectives. As of this writing, Levanta has not received assistance from any federal, state, or local government, whether in the US or the DR. Our current annual budget for 2025 is \$340,000 and our 2024 expenses totaled \$321,367. In 2024, salaries/taxes for our three US missionaries (including The Becks) totaled \$100,772, Dominican salaries/taxes/insurance totaled \$85,787, with the rest of our expenses going towards program costs, fundraising expenses and overhead costs. Doug and Margaret personally raise 100% of all funds needed to support the ministry, including their own salaries, Dominican staff salaries, program expenses and general costs. However, Jenna Musgrove (our one U.S. missionary) raises her personal salary. Levanta Ministries maintains a sufficient reserve fund to pay all anticipated ministry expenses for more than one year in advance.

Help Us Build Our Future

We are on the verge of making a lasting impact with our new community center—an investment that will empower Levanta Ministries and the community for years to come. As we move forward, we are preparing for a seamless transition by having sufficient resources—people, systems, and funding—to support our expansion. This preparation allows us to stay focused on our mission, which is reaching people for Christ.

To turn this vision into reality, we need your support to raise \$3,750,000. Your contribution will directly fund the construction of the center, providing a permanent home for our ministry and expanding our capacity to serve and support the community. We invite you to be a part of this journey. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this mission. Contact us at: info@levantaministries.org

Levanta Ministries has been blessed to have the help and support of an experienced Dominican businessman who has guided us from the very beginning of our desire to build a community center. His expertise has helped us navigate every stage of this process from finding the land, negotiating the contract for the land, developing the renderings, and guiding us from the very start. His generosity and philanthropic spirit have been evident throughout the past three years, during which he has contributed his time and knowledge entirely free of charge. Nicolas is excited about this project and believes this can be a blueprint for other organizations across the Dominican Republic.

Nicolas Fernandez

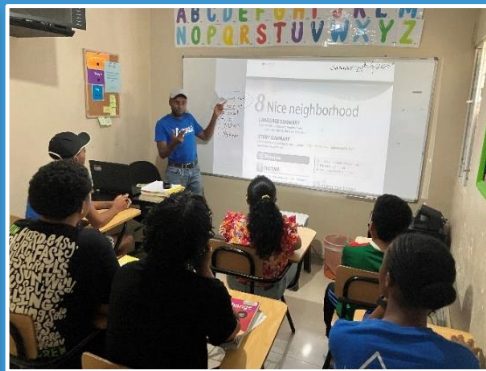


CEO and Founder of Gruponifer in 2000. Since then, he has revolutionized the construction sector in the Dominican Republic and other countries around the world by developing innovative sustainable building systems. Nicolas has served as business advisor for start-ups and established business in different countries for development of eco-friendly energy-building solutions in emerging markets. His commitment to innovation and sustainability earned his reputation in this field. He has vast experience in the construction industry in product design and development, manufacturing, marketing, distribution, building and construction. He is the co-owner of different companies in the manufacturing, construction, real estate development and distribution channels sectors.

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CEO Civil engineer, MBA
General Partner Managing
Associate Sales Manager
C-level Executive
Engineer Sales & BizDev
Investor & VC
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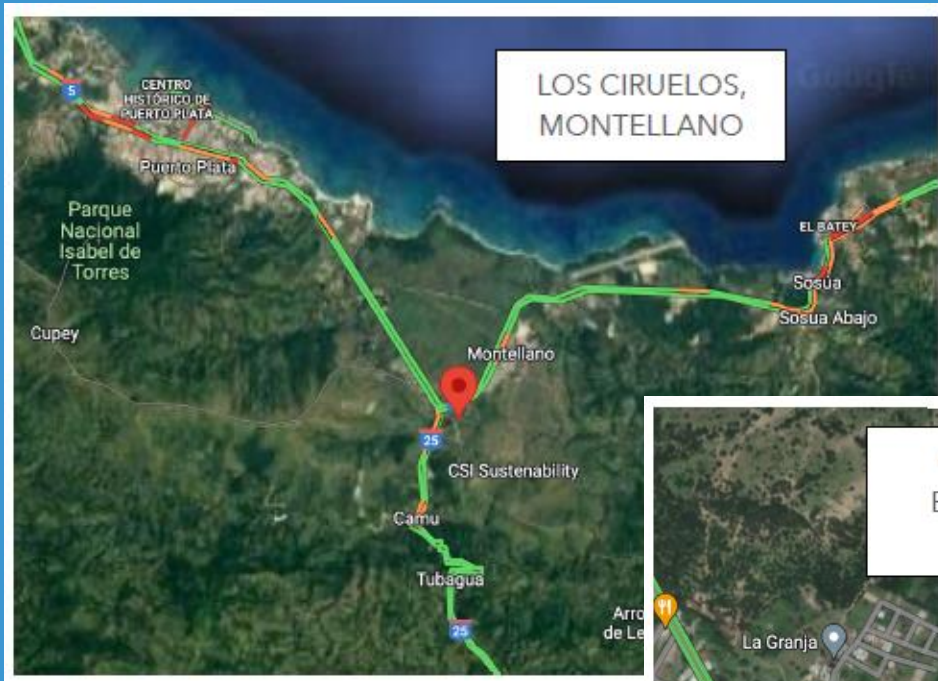
Levanta Ministries in the Dominican Republic

Levanta Ministries currently operates out of a rented house in the community of Los Ciruelos on the north coast, where we utilize every room and the small yard for various ministry activities. However, by 2020, we quickly realized the limitations of our current space and began exploring long-term solutions. In 2021, we made a strategic investment by purchasing land within the community, with the vision of building a dedicated community center. This future facility will not only provide a permanent headquarters for Levanta Ministries but also create room for growth, allowing us to expand our reach and impact in the years ahead.



Our current facilities

Levanta Land



- Community of Los Ciruelos
- .937 acres
- Corner L-shaped lot

Proposed Levanta Ministries Community Center



Approximately 20,000 sq ft

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<<Building One

- 1st floor: education office, classrooms, reading room, childcare center
- 2nd floor: Bible study rooms, library, computer lab, large space for conferences
- 3rd floor: classrooms for vocational training for the public

Building Two>>

- 1st floor: Reception area; workspaces, conference room, breakroom, computer server room
- 2nd floor: offices for staff, conference room
- 3rd floor: small apartment for guests and visitors, terrace overlooking the grounds
- Garage space for vehicles and storage



Proposed Levanta Ministries Community Center



Back View

- Courtyard and sitting spaces
- Covered pavilion for large group activities
- Industrial kitchen
- Basketball Court



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