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Play Ball!

Including your family in your Halftime journey ...

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On Tuesday, July 6 there were 30 North Americans in a sugarcane field 15 miles outside of La Romana, Dominican Republic. This group consisted of 16 adults (Halftimers) and 14 children being led by Peter Greer, President of Hope International. In the middle of this micro lending educational excursion the strangest thing happened...a baseball game broke out.

In what looked like an eighteenth century West Virginia miners town and under a steady rain, the adults were engaged with some Dominican entrepreneurs (recipients of \$150 loans). One of the American kids ripped open a baseball set with the cushioned ball and bat and challenged the Dominicans to a game. Yes, it was muddy and at times awkward, but I believe this made God smile. These poor Dominican children were no longer the kids to be pitied but were equals...they were adversaries on a make-shift baseball diamond and they showed up to play.

This is but one example in a number of experiences that made up Halftime's first "Vacation with a Purpose." For those who were there, it is a memory that will last a lifetime. It is a memory that is sure to influence discussions around a number of dinner tables for years to come.

In a seven day period Halftimers from across North America and their families developed life long friendships as they were exposed to God's hand at work through three terrific ministries – [Hope International](#), [Healing Waters](#) and [Cure International](#).

Eight families participated on excursions into Barrios' in the heart of Santo Domingo, on the outskirts of town and in sugarcane fields alike. These trips forced the group to grapple with questions during planned debrief sessions like:

What can our family do to make a difference?

How can we become involved in God's work?

What does God expect of those with so much in the light of the poverty we have been exposed to?

Are you interested in including your family in your Halftime journey? After this first week I am convinced that there is no better way to engage in this conversation than to willfully expose those you love to the poor, to those who serve them and others like you who have a desire to live a life of significance. If you're interested, please [contact me](#) for more information on future opportunities.



Since joining Halftime in 1999 Greg Murtha, has served in a number of positions with the organization from President to his current role as Director of Connections. Throughout his tenure, he has assisted hundreds of Halftimers in taking the next step on their journey to significance. It is Greg's mission to actively connect and resource high capacity people to live a more full and purpose-filled life.

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