

Sue's Story:

Finding Her 'Africa' and Trusting God's Faithfulness



Sue Vercauteren's journey with 2nd Mile Missions began long before she officially joined the team in 2016. **It's a story rooted in a passion for missions, an unwavering trust in God, and a deep love for the people of the Dominican Republic.**

Sue, who lives in Claypool, Indiana, with her husband Dave, has always had a heart for missions. **Since she was a small child, she dreamed of becoming a missionary, inspired by the stories shared by visiting missionaries at her church.** That dream seemed within reach when she was invited to join a trip to Uganda with Scripture Union while working in Children's Ministries at Warsaw Community Church. But when the trip was canceled for safety reasons, Sue was heartbroken, wondering if her lifelong dream would ever become reality.

Shortly afterward, Sue's close friend Nancy Wildman returned from a family vacation to the Dominican Republic with an exciting vision: partnering with a local pastor to build classrooms behind a small village church and launch a school. **When Nancy invited Sue to join the first trip to the DR in the spring of 2007, Sue eagerly accepted.** That trip changed everything. "I'll never forget the day we drove back into the village of Mata Mosquito (now Monte Verde)," Sue recalls. **"The oppression and lack of hope on the faces of the men, women, and children filled me with compassion. I knew in that moment I had found my 'Africa.'"**

Since that life changing trip, Sue has poured her heart into the mission of 2nd Mile Missions. As Operations Manager, she juggles the daily challenges of ensuring resources are in place to meet the organization's needs while marveling at God's provision through the generosity of donors. **While she often wrestles with the question of where the next funds will come from, Sue has seen time and again how God shows up—faithfully providing in His time and in His way.**

Sue's greatest joy comes from leading Awareness Trips to the Dominican Republic. She loves watching participants connect with God in new ways, witnessing His work in a different part of the world, and seeing their perspectives on poverty transformed. **"I love seeing people interact with the children, experience the culture, and leave with a deeper understanding of what God is doing through 2nd Mile Missions," Sue says.**

Her own journey has taught her invaluable lessons about faith and prayer. She's learned to release control and trust God, allowing Him to work in ways that glorify Him. "Taking leaps of faith and trusting Him have been incredibly rewarding," she shares. **"He's always faithful, and He provides exactly what we need, even if it doesn't happen on our timeline."**

Through her long-term commitment to 2nd Mile Missions, Sue has become a testament to the power of trusting God's faithfulness. **Her story is a beautiful reminder that when we step out in faith and answer God's call, He uses our obedience to bring hope and transformation to others—and to ourselves.**
