



## Live Different Builds - Traine 2020

Country: Dominican Republic

**Photo (L - R):** Isameily (Isa), Sid (10), Darleny (25), Darelín Burgos (5), Jose Antonio (25), Jordani (2).

Absent from photo: Dariani Sid (8)

There are big changes coming for this beautiful young family and everyone is very excited. For the past four years, Jose and Darleny and their children have been living in one of the main communities Live Different works in. Although they own a piece of property, there is no home or structure on it so they have had to rent a simple home in which they share an outside bathroom with three other families. Jose and Darleny also have another son named Dariani but because of their current situation he has been living with other family out of town.

Jose and Darleny have a long history in the community. Jose was born there and he and Darleny met when she was visiting family. Jose finished high school and has a stable job as a security guard. Although Darleny didn't finish high school, she hopes to return to school and finish her education once the children are older.

Darleny is creative and likes to do arts and crafts. Jose likes playing basketball. Isa is crafty like her mom and likes to draw in her notebook. She also loves playing with dolls. Darelín loves to watch cartoons and Jordani loves to play with toy cars - anywhere and everywhere!

During heavy rains, this family experiences many hardships since they not only have to deal with a leaking roof but also lots of flooding. Since their home is situated at a low level in the community, a stream of water will often come right through their front door. Building them a safe and secure home will not only make life a lot easier for them, but it will also allow for Dariani to move from the countryside back together with his family.

This family is very excited for all that is to come. They look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you and your families. They are eager to finally have a home of their own on their property. This is something they have been dreaming of for a long time.

