



EMMANUEL AMONG US:

Together building closeness among God's people

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel. (which means, God with us)".

- Matthew 1:24

RDC Fellow Madeleine with a local neighbor Vicenta, sharing a moment of friendship after making juice together. Scroll down to learn more about our fellows.

Dear Friend's of Rostro de Cristo,

Each year at this time we are reminded of God's closeness to us; that God is with us.

As Rostro de Cristo enters this time of closeness, we see the incarnation as a call from exclusion to inclusion. On the outskirts of Bethlehem, the good news was given to poor shepherds. Foreign kings were among the first to kneel before Christ. The Christmas season calls us to enter the lives of others as Jesus entered the human experience, offering hope and healing.

Our fellows collaborate with ASCALA to be close to and support Haitian and Dominicans of Haitian descent who experiencing marginalization, exploitation, and fear. Rachel empowers women and supports their access to prenatal and birth care. Kieran facilitates health and medical care for those with no access, translating appointments so patients understand their experience. Steven trains and supports local educators in communities without schools. Madeleine works with youth and young adults to help them legalize their status and see in themselves the potential that God has given them.

The courage of the fellows who step forward to serve, the openness of our visitors to encounter and your generosity through your financial contributions and prayers make our mission possible.

Support us in building closeness among God's people. Acting together, we can be the face, hands and feet of Christ, offering healing and hope.

Merry Christmas! ¡Feliz Navidad! Jwaye Nwèl!

In gratitude,



Evan Cuthbert

Executive Director

MEET OUR FELLOWS

(L to R) | Rachel Nease, Madeleine Canlis, Steven Zichichi, and Kieran Rigney

Rachel Nease

Rachel supports women's health, education, and empowerment. Using her clinical social work skills, Rachel works with her Dominican colleagues to facilitate women's groups focused on building community and self-esteem. In response to making public hospitals and clinics immigration checkpoints, Rachel is assisting pregnant women seeking health care for themselves and their child without fear of being detained and deported.

Madeleine Canlis

Madeleine works in ASCALA's documentation office assisting youth in need of legal identification and documents. Beginning in January, Madeleine will initiate a program to support the life-planning and goal setting for adolescents guiding. Madeleine is also supporting the work of her husband Steven in ASCALA's tutoring programs.

Steven Zichichi

Steven is developing ASCALA's tutoring programs for 6-12 year olds by training young adults to facilitate education program in their communities, and by developing a curriculum to enhance the public-school education and the child's personal and spiritual growth. In addition, Steven is working in the local parish in Consuelo, building relationships and engaging the complex realities facing Haitian and Dominican families.

Kieran Rigney

Kieran strengthens ASCALA's public health efforts by managing ASCALA's mobile clinic which brings health care and medicine to isolated communities, training local health promoters and developing community health education programs. Kieran also serves as the coordinator for Rostro de Cristo's Immersion Retreat Program and in-country administrator.

Please help us keep our mission strong as we enter 2026 through your financial support and prayers for the migrant communities served by Rostro de Cristo fellows and our partners at ASCALA. ¡Gracias!

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