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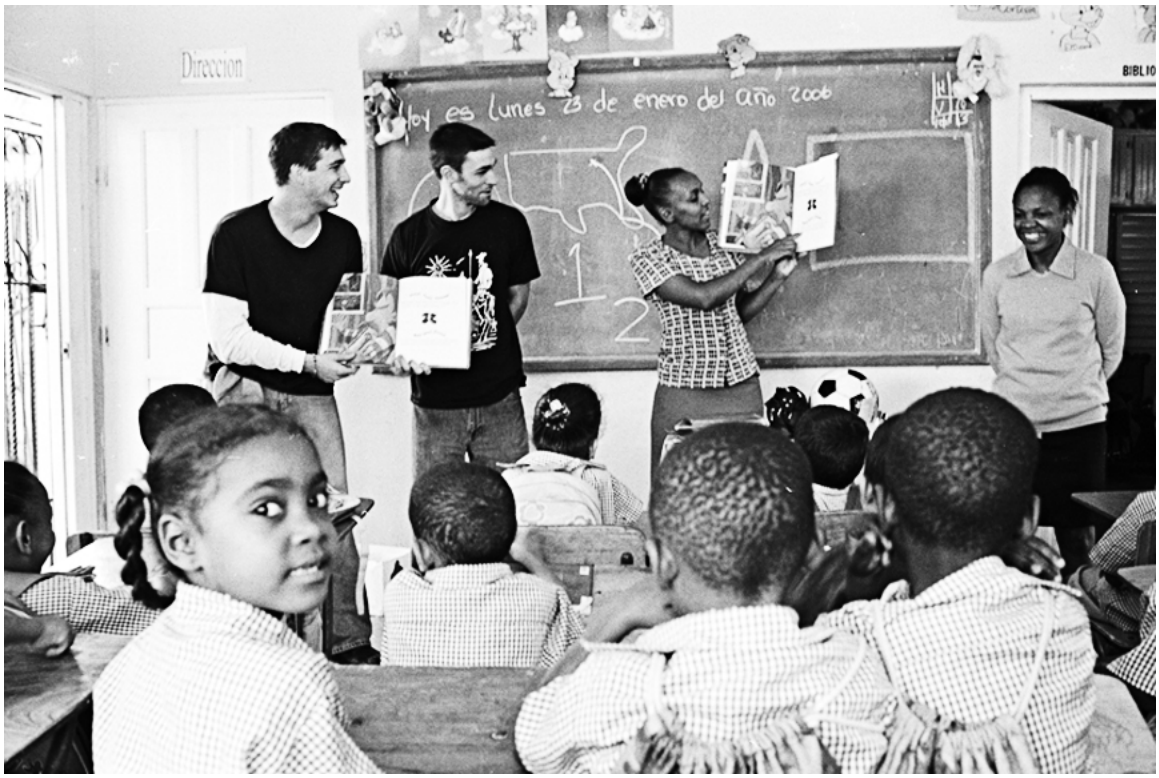
Dominican Republic Children Embrace Raven Tree Press Books

Paul Belanger, a Green Bay, WI resident, passed out a literary treat on a recent good will mission to the Dominican Republic. Belanger and fellow philanthropists hand-delivered bilingual picture books to Dominican children in several schools and an orphanage. A most welcome gift, the bilingual (English/Spanish) books, donated by Raven Tree Press of Green Bay, WI, proved their universal appeal as well as their functionality as a learning tool for bilingual readers.

On his return home, Belanger (a former intern for Raven Tree Press) conveyed his appreciation in a letter to the independent publishing company. Paul stated: "…Your books are performing a service invaluable. The children's laughter as we read and acted out the misadventures of Farmer Felandro [*Oh, Crumps! / ¡Ay, caramba!*] and the teary eyes of the teacher reading *My Pal, Victor / Mi amigo, Víctor* at the school for the deaf are among some of my fondest recollections. Even in our short time we saw the children gain a new appreciation of a concept almost foreign to them. These books were the only ones of their kind in any of the schools we visited. From them to you, thank you."



L to R—To the delight of children and teachers, Paul Belanger (left) shares bilingual stories in a Dominican Republic classroom

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