# OBED SALOMON

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#### **EDUCATION**

Rhema InternationalDelmas, HaitiReligious Studies1986-1990

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Technical Cooperative for Micro-entrepreneurial Development (COTEDEMI)**

Jimaní, Dominican Republic

President and Founder

June 2012-Presen

- Key leader in the conceptualization and development of COTEDEMI, a women's business cooperative at the Haitian-Dominican border
- Promotes social and economic development through strategic business planning and fosters initiatives that provide income through employment for Haitian and Dominicans
- Assists in the planning and organizing of training workshops in the areas of: entrepreneurship, leadership, health, education, financial literacy, and environment
- Facilitates group savings circles with a focus on how to save and apply for legal documentation
- Develops partnerships with organizations that include the following: Banco ADOPEM, Associación Dominican para el Desarrollo de la Mujer, Sirve Quisqueya, Junior Achievements, Fundación Citi, and Infotep

# **Christian Ministry of Faith and Love (MICFA)**

Jimaní, Dominican Republic

Founder and Pastor

January 2010-Present

- Leader of a congregation of over 150 members
- Organizes and trains groups of inter-denominational community leaders from the Dominican Republic and Haiti
- Instrumental in strenghtening human capacity building initiatives for the most vulnerable sectors of Jimaní
- Leader in campaigns that promote community building and civic awareness

Citi Group Jimaní, Dominican Republic

Translator and Facilitator

April, 2014

• Served as a translator (Creole/Spanish) for "Women Entrepreneurship" workshops in Jimaní designed to provide financial literacy and credit worthiness for historically marginalized individuals

#### **Jesuit Services for Migrants (JSM)**

Jimaní, Dominican Republic

Professor of Spanish and Creole

March-May, 2013

• Fostered dialogue between Haitians and Dominicans by teaching Spanish to Haitians and Creole to Dominicans

### **Jesuit Services for Migrants (JSM)**

Jimaní, Dominican Republic

Volunteer Consultant

February 2011-June 2013

- Community leader, organizer, liaison and translator for migrant groups living at the Haitian-Dominican border region
- Participated in over 80 committee development meetings with JSM and Haitian migrants groups
- Facilitated the procurement of legal identity documentation for Haitian immigrants

## Colegio El Jardín de Hitach

Jimaní, Dominican Republic

Prefesor of Languages: Creole, French and English

January 2010-June 2013

Liceo Prof. Máximo Florián de Jimani

Jimaní, Dominican Republic January 2008-January 2009

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