



**I Love Baseball®**  
A Program of Children of the Nations®

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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### FACTS

**Dominican Major Leaguers**  
in 2010 season:  
86

**Dominican Minor Leaguers**  
in 2010 season:  
2,000

**Number of DR children playing**  
**organized baseball:**  
800,000+

**Minimum age requirement:**  
None

**Estimated Number of Buscones\*:**  
1,500 – 2,000

**Buscones' average cut of the**  
**signing bonus:**  
30% of bonuses

\*Buscones: Talent hunters in the Dominican Republic that scout athletes at a young age—often two or more years earlier than the MLB scouts are allowed.

Source: *The World Factbook* (2010)  
(www.cia.gov)  
*LA Times* (2008) (www.latimes.com)

## PARTNER WITH US

Four ways you can participate!

### Player Sponsorship

The cost to fully sponsor a player is a little more than \$100 per month, however, we have broken it down into four levels to accommodate various levels of commitment:

<b>Single</b>	<b>Triple</b>
\$32	\$96
<b>Double</b>	<b>Home Run</b>
\$64	\$128

For sponsorship info visit:  
www.ilovebaseball.org

### Equipment

**Baseballs**

(There is always a need for as many baseballs as we can get.)

### Venture Trip

(Travel to the Dominican Republic to volunteer and play baseball.)

**Development**  
**Baseball Field**  
\$50,000



## PROGRAM: I LOVE BASEBALL® (ILB)

Barahona, Dominican Republic

### Overview: The cost of chasing a dream

Throughout our 14 years of ministry in the Dominican Republic, Children of the Nations® (COTN) has come to understand that the lack of education, leadership, and character development are among the biggest problems facing young men in this country. While the love of baseball thrives here, the idolization of the Major League Dream also causes many generational problems. Many youth forgo their education to pursue the glamorous dream of becoming professional baseball players. Since this dream becomes a reality for only a few, many young men are forced to return home—uneducated, unskilled, and in most cases, destined to a life of poverty.

### Opportunity: Invest in a dream

The vision of COTN's I Love Baseball® program is to give Dominican youth a place where they can pursue their dream of playing professional baseball while still getting an education, living a balanced life socially, building strong moral character, and growing mentally, physically, and spiritually. In 2008, the I Love Baseball® program opened the Barahona Baseball and Education Academy. Since beginning, more than 35 young men have entered the program. They have breakfast, devotionals, and baseball practice in the mornings, eat a nutritious meal at midday, and go to school during the afternoons. To participate in the program, each player is required to maintain at least an 80% average in each class, attend a weekly Bible study, and meet with local community mentors.

### Goal: Give young men a balanced education to accompany top-level baseball training

The goal of I Love Baseball® is to improve the futures of young men in the Dominican Republic by encouraging them to pursue both an academic education and training in baseball. By having a well-rounded, balanced experience in the I Love Baseball® program, we believe these young men will have confidence in knowing that success in baseball is not their only option for success in life.

### Results: What can I expect?

Your partnership will affect the lives of these children in a powerful way. You can expect the following:

**Children First** We believe that the I Love Baseball® program helps young men realize their dreams while making sure that they are properly equipped with a quality education, thus removing the pressure to succeed in order to survive, and allowing them to enjoy their passion to the fullest.

**Stewardship** Being good stewards of our donors' investments is central to our philosophy. We give careful attention to detail and provide accountability over all our projects and programs.

**Quality** We strive to deliver a well-rounded experience, with a valuable education to accompany daily training.

**Communication** Through regular updates on the website, you will be kept apprised of progress regarding program outcomes.

## What is Children of the Nations?

Children of the Nations (COTN) is a movement of people—a worldwide body of people with a common passion who deny themselves to care for children. Our mission is to partner with nationals to provide holistic, Christ-centered care for orphaned and destitute children, enabling them to create positive and lasting change in their nations. Children of the Nations is not a relief organization or a “missionary sending” agency. We utilize individuals from around the globe, tapping into their talents and resources in a professional manner, which strategically assists in accomplishing the goals of the overall mission. Since our inception as a nonprofit in 1995, we have impacted the lives of thousands of children. We currently focus our efforts on Sierra Leone, Malawi, Uganda, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Liberia. For more information visit [www.cotni.org](http://www.cotni.org).