It’s September and perhaps the long HOT summer of 2022 may be finally coming to an end. School is starting once again with all its hopes and dreams. For many people around the world the pandemic changed the way we work and plan. Not every change had negative consequences and for many the opportunity to work, learn, and teach virtually provides opportunities that were never available before. Not to say that all the changes we experienced were positive, but hopefully we are continuing to learn how to create a world where all people have the opportunity to be happy.
Having Basic Needs Addressed Can be Life Changing

Education Across Borders has been working with the Batey Community in the Dominican Republic since the late 1990s. The community is made up of Haitians who came to the Dominican Republic to work, but live without legal status and in the most extreme poverty. AllPeopleBeHappy’s 2021 $10,000 grant helped provide 11 chemical toilets and 100 water filters to members of the community. In 2022 we are providing $14,000 to help continue this effort. Perhaps the most powerful way to communicate the impact of this work is to hear from one of the community members.

“My name is Luis Gonzalez and I am 22 years old. The two girls in the picture (see next page) with me are my sisters - Evelin is in the middle and next to her is the youngest Rachel. We live here in Batey Libertad with our parents José Luis and Raquel. On behalf of my family, I want to thank EAB and APBH for giving us this toilet that my family wanted so much. One of the difficulties and challenges that we, the residents of the Batey, have is not having a place to relieve our physiological needs. Not only my family has that problem: many other people still have nowhere to relieve themselves and as a result, many do so outdoors in our natural spaces, which has brought many diseases to everyone. I'm not going to lie to you, sometimes I didn't want to eat so I wouldn't want to go to the old latrine, because it was very run-down and I was afraid of the bugs that live there. I also thought it might collapse and fall into the hole. That concern is multiplied even more at night.
many people who hope to have a toilet too. Thank you, All People Be Happy, and EAB, for bringing us this program.”

Understanding How to Manage Natural Bodily Functions

Magi Safi Group (MSG) works with both girls and boys in primary and secondary schools to increase their awareness of Menstrual Health Management (MHM) and how it relates to reproductive health. Their 2021 $10,000 grant from AllPeopleBeHappy was used to expand their existing program in Tanzania. “We reached three new secondary schools and three new primary schools in the Rorya District in the Mara Region of Tanzania. MSG educated young women and girls to better understand MHM, properly manage their menstruation, and stay in school to reach their full potential. A School Health Club has been established in each of the six schools, each club with 30 girls and 20 boys as participants. These club participants have been taught several lessons from our curriculum; in turn, they have reached fellow students with MHH education through peer-to-peer teaching. Female participants have also received underwear and reusable sanitary pads that they can use for one year, while male participants received underwear and socks. Additionally, all 50 participants were given a pen and an exercise book as a gift.”