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Malisa and I spent 6 weeks at the Inn of the Good Samaritan in Santo Domingo. The Inn is a house run by Sister Babs (center) where Dominicans from the frontier can receive food and shelter when they have a medical appointment in the capital.
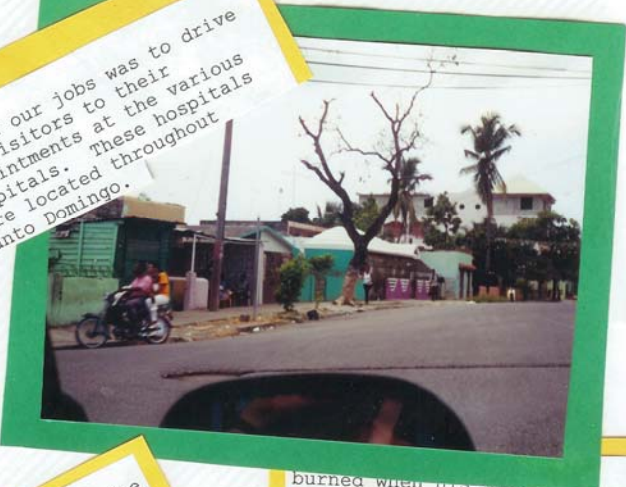
Dancing and music are an important part of the Dominican culture. Here Gabriel is teaching Malisa to dance the merengue.

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One of our jobs was to drive the visitors to their appointments at the various hospitals. These hospitals were located throughout Santo Domingo.

Aside from transporting visitors, we also spent time just talking and getting to know them. Dichoso is a 5 year old boy with severe heart problems. He was a sweet little boy who loved to play with bubbles with us.

burned when his stove exploded. He received poor treatment by his first doctors, and as a result is unable to use his arms. Although his brother Gabriel (left) had to do everything for him, including feeding and bathing, he was still always optimistic and always willing to joke with us...and corre...