

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP**

Thank you for your interest in a short-term mission trip to the Dominican Republic. As mission trips go, this type of trip is relatively inexpensive and of short duration. We do our best to help you through each step of the process so that you are fully informed the entire way.

### **OUR GOAL**

Every time we go to the Dominican Republic, our overall goal is to love and bless people in the name of Jesus, with the hope of sharing with them the Gospel. In practical terms we provide money and labor to construct homes and meet with children at a local school. The relationships we form while building for the families or in the classroom enable us to have an opportunity to share the Gospel.

**Donations:** We generally try to raise enough money through donations to build three homes and provide a new mattress for each family. The cost per home is \$6,500 and a mattress is an additional \$200.

**Labor:** Each home requires a construction crew of five people. There is always a local construction foreman who directs the activities of the crew. You do not need to have previous construction experience to participate!

**Classroom:** We also try to take some time out from building to provide a Vacation-Bible-School-style event with a local school.

### **WHO SHOULD GO**

We understand that going on a mission trip is a big decision. We ask that you spend time in prayer and in conversations with your family to consider the possibility. The earlier you decide to participate, the more time you'll have to arrange time off from work, make family arrangements, and save the money needed for the trip. Children age 16 and up may go if accompanied by a parent.

Plan to attend the informational meeting which will go over the trip in more detail to help you make your decision.

### **IF YOU DECIDE TO GO**

Each member of the team is responsible for funding their travel and lodging. In-country stay fees are approximately \$450. Flight costs vary each year, but expect to pay between \$700-\$900. The earlier we assemble the team, the earlier we can book flights, and the more significant savings we'll experience on the cost of the trip per person.

Be creative in raising money to go on the trip. You might consider a Go Fund Me campaign on social media, ask family and friends to sponsor you, or you can see if GREFC's missions team has scholarship money available. Start putting aside money now.

Once you decide to participate, there will be 2-3 team meetings to help you prepare for your trip, book flights, and make other arrangements. If you ever have questions, please **contact Doug Hanson**, who is GREFC's Dominican Republic Mission Trip Leader. Doug's cell phone is 218-259-4295 and his email is [dhhawk@qwestoffice.net](mailto:dhhawk@qwestoffice.net).

### **OUR PARTNERS**

We partner with Building Without Borders and World Servants for each trip to the Dominican Republic. Building Without Borders works with a local pastor to determine families most in need of a new home. They line up local contractors to help construct each home's foundation. World Servants helps coordinate the travel arrangements and provides a place to stay while in the Dominican Republic.

<https://bwithoutb.com> <http://worldservants.info/>