

A GOD-CENTERED EXPERIENCE You'll Never Forget



Dominican Republic Youth Mission 2024

In one week, you will begin to understand what Jesus meant when He said – “I came not to be served but to serve...” Matthew 20:28

To our Youth and Parents:

As our **Dominican Republic** Mission trip draws closer, the excitement is building. Already, we are seeing great things happening around us. The leadership team feels really blessed to be able to work side by side with youth and adults that want to serve others, especially in a foreign location such as **The Dominican Republic**.

Forms

You may find some of the information required is similar in nature, however, each of these forms serves different purposes, and Customs has different requirements than our church records or those by our Mission Partner(s). Thank you in advance for your patience.

- Online Registration Completed - FIRST STEP IN COMMITTING TO SERVE
- Participant Information Form - To be completed by November 26th
- Letter of agreement - To be completed by November 26th
- Photo agreement - To be completed by November 26th
- Permission for Minors to cross border document (only necessary if traveling WITHOUT a legal guardian) - To be completed by November 26th

Please fill out the forms and return them as needed.

Training Sessions

We will be reviewing and discussing the trip at each of our training meetings scheduled monthly. It is imperative that each student and parent/guardian is able to do all 3 sessions of training to allow them to feel prepared and be comfortable while working at the mission. Parents not traveling with us are always welcome to attend as well. Other gatherings may be called as needed.

Fundraisers

Fundraising is a necessary part of our mission preparation. We need to do fundraisers to offset the cost of our mission activities and to be able to assist our ministry partners. This year we are planning a variety of events to help offset some of the costs associated with the mission needs and keep the cost to students and families as low as realistically possible. This also gives our church families, families connections, friends, etc the opportunity to participate in this mission effort along with us. Parents will be needed to assist. Those planning to serve in the **DR** will be required to commit to being an active part of the fundraising efforts.

Prayer

Prayer is an enormous part of any Mission trip. We ask that you continue to pray for each leader and each student going on the trip, and the people we will be serving with in **DR**.

Each student will be asked to identify and connect with an adult prayer partner who will commit to pray for them in the months leading up to the Mission, while in country, and in the weeks following. The student will need to communicate their prayer partner's email address to the Coordinators so that they can be kept in the loop.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mission Trip Coordinators - **Stephen Page (for teens and families) - Mark Graham (Overall team and logistics)** Stephen
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To keep tabs on the team and general information – [facebook.com/UTurnMissions](https://www.facebook.com/UTurnMissions)

For those going and their families - [facebook.com/groups/uturndr24/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/uturndr24/)

WHAT To Know

Dominican Republic Mission 2024

When do you go on the mission?

January 5th - January 12th, 2024 are our anticipated dates. These may be required to be shifted by a day or two either way to accommodate available flights and airport travel arrangements.

Where do we serve?

We will be serving in and around the area of Caberette, Dominican Republic.

What's included in the registration fee?

We want your trip to be as easy on you as possible. That's why we provide the following so you don't have to:

- Lodging during the week
- All meals, except travel meals and snacks
- Pre-trip training to prepare before we do our mission
- Experienced mission-minded leaders
- Fundraising ideas and support

Who can participate?

High School Students and young adults along with one parent, grandparent, or trusted adult in their life.

How many adults are attending?

Adults (age 20 and above) are a critical part of the experience because they help provide safety, relationships, spiritual guidance, and discipline. We are seeking to bring one adult for each family represented. One of the unique aspects of this trip is the attempt to partner teens in service with members of their family or trusted adults in their lives. Additionally we have other adults serving in country during the same time period.

What about transportation?

We will be arranging transportation for our group to the airport from within the people represented. Some families may be asked to drive as they are able. During the week we use local transportation in country.

Where do we stay?

Lodging is provided at a secure all inclusive resort that serves 'americanized' food. Rooms will be organized on a case by case basis. There is a common eating area, and shared program area.

What does your typical day look like?

There will be a team meeting each morning to go over the service opportunities for the day which may include:

Construction
Painting
Renovations
Community Outreach
Worship Services

When do I have to pay?

Fundraising takes time, and sometimes more than one effort, so we've broken your trip into 4 payments to cover the \$750 cost (with Fundraising efforts – total trip cost is roughly \$1800/participant):

PAYMENT #1

- A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is required no later than the end of JUNE 2023
- Earlier is better to ensure one of the limited spots belongs to you (We cannot hold your seat without a deposit - SO IDEALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - DO NOT WAIT UNTIL JUNE IF YOU CAN AVOID IT)

PAYMENT #2 – SEPTEMBER 24th, 2023

- \$200 – Due at September Meeting

PAYMENT #3 – OCTOBER 29th, 2023

- 50% of your remaining balance is due (\$200)

PAYMENT #4 – NOVEMBER 26th, 2023

- Your remaining balance is due (\$200)

Do you get trained for this mission?

Yes. Three (3) monthly Training Sessions - SEPTEMBER 24th, OCTOBER 29th, NOVEMBER 26th

How do you register & get more info?

Go to your web browser and type in <http://www.jubc.ca/dr2024>

to fill out the registration form, and review the past trip photos

THIS ONLINE REGISTRATION IS DUE BY JUNE 4th, 2023

Completion of this registration does not GUARANTEE participation in the DR Mission

Dominican Republic MISSION TRIP

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 2023 - JANUARY 2024

ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE

JUNE 4th, 2023

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Meeting Dates

Meeting Locations to be announced

April TBA - Information Meeting for Families

JUNE 4th – Online registration due

SEPTEMBER 24th - Training Meeting for Missionaries

OCTOBER 29th – Training Meeting for Missionaries

NOVEMBER 26th - Training Meeting for Missionaries

JANUARY 4th - ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE to airport

JANUARY 5th - FLIGHT LEAVES

JANUARY 12th - FLIGHT RETURNS

Time will be announced. Meet at Jacksonville Baptist to depart to Airport.

Payment Dates

End of JUNE 2023 - \$150 Non – Refundable Deposit

(We cannot hold your seat without a deposit - SO IDEALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - DO NOT WAIT UNTIL JUNE IF YOU CAN AVOID IT)

SEPTEMBER 24th - \$200

OCTOBER 29th – 50% of remaining balance or \$200

NOVEMBER 26th – remaining monies outstanding or \$200

***Please note when paying by cheque, make it out ONLY to the applicable church:

Either

JACKSONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Fundraisers Possible Events & Dates (to be announced)

May – June – September – October – November – December

Mission Trip Packing List – 2024

Packing for a mission trip requires a lot of careful planning to make the trip a success. This is a sample packing list for your convenience. A MORE DETAILED AND EXHAUSTIVE LIST WILL BE PROVIDED AT A TRAINING MEETING. This is international airline travel so please, when the FINAL LIST is provided stick to it as close as possible. The FINAL LIST will include baggage weight limits that MUST BE ADHERED TO. We have also included a section of what NOT to bring...just in case you were wondering.

- Your Bible, pen and paper
- A week's worth of shirts, pants and undergarments. Be sure that your shirts and pants are varied for both cooler and warmer days. (appropriate attire will be discussed at training meetings)
- A week's worth of socks
- 1 sweatshirt/hoodie
- 1 pair of sneakers or walking shoes (you will be doing a lot of walking and running) and flip flops or sandals
- 1 pair of rugged shoes (boots, etc...)
- Jacket/coat/ rain coat, hat
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Sleepwear
- Any medications you require (in original packaging)
- Any additional personal hygiene products you require
- A waist pack or back pack for camera and personal items (This will serve as your carry on)
- A modest bathing suit for swimming (at the resort) or bathing
- Passport & Proof of travel insurance (this can be kept by leaders while in country for safety and re-issued when necessary if desired)
- Spending money:
 - Money should be used for 2 travel meals, snack food and any personal souvenirs.
 - \$100.00 US funds is the minimum recommended
 - Leaders will not be responsible for students spending habits

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Reminders:

- Clothes should be modest and worn that way.
- No bottom of shirts tied up to expose the waist.
- Don't bring clothes that give you that "poured in" or "painted on" look. No skinny jeans.
- Jeans must be at the waist with no undergarments showing
- Girls must wear bras. The midriff should not show when bending over or raising your arms. When either standing or bending, you must have a modest top.
- No skirts or dresses above the knee – slits cannot go above the knee.
- Tops cannot be low cut either in the front or the back.
- Work Clothing (for painting etc.) will be needed

Please DO NOT bring:

- Hunting knives
- Illegal or restricted substances (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc.)
- The Full Volume Set of the Encyclopedia Britannica (Do you even know what that is?)
- Spare Tire (unless it fits the Team vehicle)
- Weapons of any kind
- House plants
- A sugar maple tree
- Lighters
- Matches
- Garden Implements
- Fireworks
- Palm Pilots (again, do you know what that is?)
- Discmans
- DVD Players
- Small canines (or large)
- Laptop Computers
- Electronic Games
- Your 4th Grade Teacher
- The common Canadian Beaver
- A Goat
- A chainsaw

Participant Information Form

The follow pages are to be completed by October 29th (one for student(s) and one for Traveling Guardian(s) Please)

PARTICIPANT INFO:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy) Gender: (circle one) Male / Female
Street Address: _____ City: _____
Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: _____
Family Doctor Name: _____ Dr. Phone Number: _____

Can we contact you by Facebook? Yes or No (circle one) If yes, Facebook name _____
Can we Text you? Yes or No (circle one) If yes, your Cell Number _____

LEGAL PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN INFO: (FOR MINOR STUDENTS)

Name(s): _____

Address :

(if different from above)

Phone Contact #1:

Phone Contact #2:

Relationship to Participant: _____

Emergency Contacts: (not traveling)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Travel Insurance provider:	_____	Policy Number:	_____
Name of Policy Holder:	_____	Effective Date:	_____

****COPY OF TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED****

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Any known medical conditions and/or medications taken (i.e. Allergies): _____
(write on another page, if necessary)

Medical Release:

I / We, the Parent(s)/Guardian of _____, hereby authorize the leaders of the Mission Team to treat or seek treatment for my child. If I cannot be reached, I authorize the leaders to permit treatment for my child, including, but not limited to: first aid, hospitalization, surgery and dispensing of pharmaceuticals. I assume all costs pertaining to any treatment given if my insurance provider refuses to pay, and release the above mentioned organizations from any costs.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

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Traveling Participants

I, the participant, hereby enter into a letter of agreement with the Mission Team Leaders, and all participating churches agreeing to the rules and expectations established by of the leaders on the trip. Specifically, this means:

- I will have a good attitude. This means that I will do my best to be positive, and refrain from negative behaviour (i.e. whining). In the event that something does not go my way. I will keep my complaints to myself and discuss them with the group leader at an appropriate time. I understand my comments are important, and will seek to live in harmony with the rest of the group.
- I will not bring or use any illegal substances while on this trip - this also includes alcohol, non-prescription medications (including medications that **you** do not have a prescription for) or tobacco products.
- I will respect the members of the opposite sex by dressing modestly and honouring their personal space. While this trip is a great time to enjoy one an others company, I will wait until I am home before beginning or furthering any relationships.
- I will not engage in any activity that is dangerous to me or others- this includes any or all roughhousing or wrestling- failing to take basic safety precautions or doing any work that I am unfamiliar with. This also includes failure to follow instructions or directions given by leaders.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to bring up any concerns with the trip leadership; if I am uncomfortable with a situation, feeling unsafe or unclear, it is up to me to privately discuss this.
- I agree to make **appropriate use** of technology **only** during the designated times while a part of this mission. This includes (but is not limited to) cell phones, iPods, Laptops, etc. We want you to be able to share what is happening with those at home. Sufficient time will be made available for this.
- I will respect trip leadership and remain teachable and willing to follow instruction while preparing for and be an active part of this mission. I understand the some instruction, though I may not understand it, is necessary for the trip to function safely and effectively and will seek to remain respectful and submitted to leaders with whom I serve.

I, _____ (Participant) _____ hereby agree to the terms above.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

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THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED BY GUARDIANS FOR MINOR STUDENTS

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

I/we, the parent(s)/guardian(s), hereby enter into a letter of agreement with the Mission Team Leaders, agreeing to the following terms:

- I understand the terms set above in the student section of this agreement, and support the trip leaders as they seek to create an enjoyable experience for all members of the trip.
- I have ensured my child's documentation, insurance and all required info is accurate and up to date; I will notify the trip leaders -as soon as possible- if any of this information has changed.
- I hereby waive any and all Team Leaders, volunteers, members, and the staff of the participating churches of any liability arising from any incident while on this trip. I assume any costs not covered by my insurance plan for medical treatment as well as transportation costs if my child is to be sent home for an emergency reason.

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) (continued)

By signing this document, I am signing on my own behalf, and that of any other custodial party.

Student's Name

Mother's or Guardian's Name (print)

Mother's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Father's or Guardian's Name (print)

Father's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Permission To Cross Border with Minors

We/I, _____ and/or _____, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of _____, understand and give consent for our/my child to travel with the DR2024 Mission Team and its leaders. The intended destination is the Caberette and Sousua area of the Dominican Republic with a January 5th, 2024 date of departure, and January 12th, 2024 as the expected date of return.

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, we the undersigned give consent for our child to travel across the Canadian-United States of America border with the above group(s) and leaders. The names below include all parents or step-parents and custodial parties.

<i>Mother or Guardian Name (print)</i>	<i>Father or Guardian Name (print)</i>
<i>Signature & Date</i>	<i>Signature & Date</i>
<i>Address</i>	<i>Address</i>
<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>Alternate Contact Phone Number</i>	<i>Alternate Contact Phone Number</i>

Other custodial parties (if applicable)

Name <i>(please print)</i>	Relationship to student	Phone number	Signature

<i>Witnessed By (Print)</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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PHOTO RELEASE FORM 2023/2024

Student name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone#: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Please check the one that applies:

- I **DO** give permission for my child's picture to be taken for use by Jacksonville Baptist Church, UTurn Missions in local newspapers, church newsletters, church website, Facebook, etc.
- I **DO NOT** give permission for my child's picture to be taken for use by Jacksonville Baptist Church, UTurn Missions and in local newspapers, church newsletters, church website, Facebook, etc.

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) signature: _____

Comments: _____

