

FOCUSED AREAS OF MINISTRY

The following pages overview our different Focused Areas of Ministry. Once you have chosen the focus for the week, your Team Coordinator will be in contact with you to provide further details on what your week will entail and any supplies you will need to bring to ensure a productive and meaningful time of ministry.



GO BUILDING AND SERVICE PROJECTS

Teams have the opportunity to serve in this area for 1, 2 or 3 days. Please let your team coordinator know your desire.

Building Projects- The three main building projects that teams are currently working on are:

- GO Medical Center
- Central Church Expansion
- Leadership Development Complex

Your team can partner with the ministry to further the progress of these projects. Please let your team coordinator know if you have a preference as to which project to work on. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Service Projects- The vision of GO is to empower local leaders to serve in their own culture and community. Your team can choose to come alongside these local leaders to reach out and bless the members of the neighborhoods in which they live and work. Projects include painting houses and schools, pouring concrete floors in houses, and picking up trash as well as other specific areas that local leaders have identified as a need. If you partner with a local leader it is our desire that you spend your time serving in their community.

GO MEDICAL

In the Dominican Republic poor and sporadic funding of public hospitals makes healthcare difficult for the majority of people to obtain. These hospitals have talented staff, however, often fail to have adequate supplies for everyday operations. Any illness creates a difficult situation; it's made worse if you happen to be sick and among the poor.

Medical professionals have a unique opportunity to share their talents by assisting the GO Medical Team through remote medical clinics across the island. Non-medical team members can also serve by signing people in, handing out assigned medications, and assisting the medical professionals. We recommend you recruit between 10-12 team members with a minimum of 3-5 medical professionals (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, nurses...etc.)

What it looks like:

Each medical mission team is unique, however most medical clinics will be facilitated in a church or school in the community that you are serving in. Your Team will work alongside of our local leaders and North American medical team. The clinic will be 3 or 4 days and will be composed of a triage station, area to be seen by a medical provider and a pharmacy station. Some common illnesses you will encounter in the Dominican Republic are: parasites, malnutrition, the common cold, various infections, hypertension, diabetes and dental issues.

Medications:

Medical teams will need to raise the funds for GO to purchase the medication for your clinic in the Dominican Republic. The average cost is \$3,000. There are a few items that cannot be purchased in the DR and the GO Medical Team will provide you with a list of over-the-counter (OTC) medications to bring with you.



GO KINGDOM KIDS

We are thrilled for the opportunity your team will have to show Christ's love to children in a community in which a GO pastor is at work. We do Childrens Ministry to encourage kids in the community towards a relationship with Christ and also to draw attention to the local church so families can become more consistent in their faith development. Whether you are in the mountains, in the city, or in rural areas, your team can have a big part in extending Christ's love through teaching God's Word, worshipping in song and prayer, and engaging with children through meaningful activities. We have several different ways you can engage in Kingdom Kids. No matter which option(s) you choose our team of coordinators are excited to walk with you as you prepare for ministry.

KINGDOM KIDS OPTIONS:

1. **Kids Festival** This is fun and playful time to love on the kids! Typically a team will choose to do a Kids Festival in the morning and return in the afternoon for a Kids Club in the same community! To ensure a fun festival time for the kids we suggest the following items:

- Bubbles and stickers
- Sidewalk Chalk (not appropriate for Batey or Haiti teams)
- 2-3 Jump Ropes
- 2-3 wiffle balls and bats (both short and long bats)
- Variety of inflatable balls and nerf footballs
- 2-3 frisbees
- Crayons, markers, and construction paper

Suggestions to create "festival" feel: parachutes, face painting, buckets (for Bozo bucket toss) and other festival type games!



2. **Kids Club** This would include a Bible lesson, songs, and activities that you will do in 1-3 different GO communities. The Bible lesson(s) will be provided by your Team Coordinator. It is important to begin preparing 4-6 months prior to your trip. You will be asked to bring the needed supplies with you. (If you have a Bible lesson that you would like to use, it needs to be approved by your Team Coordinator.)

Breakdown of Kids Club Time:

Bubbles and stickers

- Worship Kids Songs (usually 3-4 songs)
 - Bible Story (usually 10-15 minutes) Someone from your team can tell the story (we have translators available or if you have a team member that is comfortable reading in Spanish, that is great too!) We strongly encourage the story be told through a skit, puppets, or other visuals.
 - Craft Time (15-20 minutes) depending on the craft
 - Closing (5-10 minutes) This could consist of one song, sharing a key Bible verse (and having the kids repeat it and maybe say it in small groups), and closing in prayer.
 - Large Group Activity (optional) (15-20 mins) Depending on the space and time you have, it may be a good option to have some outside time to play. If you already have supplies for a Kids Festival, you can bring a few of those items (balls, bats, chalk, frisbees, big parachute) to use during this time.
3. **Kids Camp (Traditional VBS Curriculum)** Just like in the States, Kids Camp is a high energy, fun, and lively program to engage the same group of kids for several continuous days, with a message to choose and follow Jesus! When you choose this option, Kids Camp will be your primary focus for your week and will likely be held each afternoon from 3-5pm in the same community for 3-4 days ending with an evening outreach activity for kids to attend along with their parents. We will provide the information for the set VBS curriculum to use for 3-4 days in the same community. You will need to purchase and bring the curriculum (we will provide the Spanish version) and needed items/supplies with you. You will want to begin preparing 6-7 months prior to your trip. In an effort to make your ministry time as impactful as possible, Kids Camps are only hosted in summer months - when kids are not in school.

GO SPORTS

SPORTS CLINICS

Sports Clinics are an incredible way to love and encourage young men and women. We have led baseball, basketball, soccer, football, and volleyball clinics over the years. We have over 300 kids who are regularly a part of our GO Sports academy (baseball and basketball) and 11 full time coaches who lead, train, and disciple them throughout the year. In addition to our GO Sports program, there are a number of communities within GO where sports are being utilized for ministry. We love when teams come down to partner with our coaches and communities to help train and disciple kids across the island!

In order to accomplish a successful sports clinic, we like to partner with groups of athletes and coaches who are passionate about a particular sport and are interested in engaging the community alongside of our Dominican and Haitian Sports Coaches.

WHAT A TYPICAL SPORTS CLINIC LOOKS LIKE

- 8:00 am Breakfast and Devotional time for the team
- 9:00- 9:30 am Drive to site and sports clinic begins
- 9:30 am Drills/instruction/competitions/group devotional in the morning until noon
- 12:00 pm Lunch/Siesta
- 2:00-5:00 pm Formal games

We encourage the team to bring down a few items that are needed to run a quality clinic. Some items will also be used for students in our GO Sports Academy who need newer equipment. If you are asked about items in customs, tell them everything is for the church, and will be donated to the community.

Basketball

- Basketballs
- Whistles
- Stopwatches
- Nets
- Needles/pumps to blow up basketballs
- Cones
- Shoes (new or slightly used if possible)

Soccer

- Balls
- Cones
- Cleats
- Nets
- Shin guards
- Needles/pumps for balls

Baseball

- Baseballs
- Bats
- Fungo Bats
- Gloves
- Catchers Gloves
- Cleats (new or slightly used)
- Catcher's equipment
- Batting gloves
- Hitting Nets
- Batting Tees (professional grade)

Volleyball

- Volleyballs
- Nets*
- Needles/pumps for balls

COMMUNITY CAMPS

GO Ministries has a few communities who are starting to host full-time sports ministry. If you have a team with participants who are either professionals, coaches, and/or play on a college or high school athletic team, GO Sports Community Camps could be a good option for you! We are always eager for groups to use their love of the game to connect and help build the kingdom of God in one of our GO Communities. In order to set up a successful Sports Community Camp, we ask that at least 25% of your group either coaches or plays the sport you wish to help lead.

The purpose of GO Sports Community Camps is to come alongside the local leader in various communities to encourage, support, and assist in growing their program for the week your group serves with us. Some sports that we have hosted in these Community Camps are Baseball, Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer.

Below is a list of items that we ask for you to bring with you to enrich this experience for both you and the kids. The items you bring will depend on the type of camp your group will be helping run. Again, if questions arise in customs, say that everything is to be donated through the church.

Baseball

- 2-3 Rubber base sets
- 10 wiffle balls
- 3-5 wiffle ball or sturdy plastic bats (please try to get longer and shorter bats so kids of all ages can play.)
- 10-15 major league baseballs

Basketball

- 5-7 Outdoor Basketballs
- 2 Higher Quality Basketballs
- Basketball pumps
- 2 Mesh equipment bags
- Plastic cones

Volleyball

- 8-10 Volleyballs
- 10-14 sets of knee pads
- Volleyball net

Soccer

- 8-10 Soccer balls
- 2 sets of small cones
- 10-14 sets of shin guards
- 2 portable small soccer nets

*A large duffel bag may be most useful in transporting these items to the DR!

