

2020 MISSION TRIP GUIDE

GO MINISTRIES



GO MINISTRIES SEEKS TO EMPOWER PASSIONATE LOCAL LEADERS SERVING INSIDE THEIR OWN CULTURES TO REDEEM PEOPLE, RENEW COMMUNITIES AND RESTORE CREATION BY DEVELOPING DYNAMIC INTERNATIONAL, MUTUALLY TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.

CONTACT INFORMATION & TIME LINE

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TRAVEL INSURANCE OFFERED BY GO MINISTRIES:

CHUBB	Executive Assistance
<p>If you are in need of Medical or Security assistance 24 hours a day / 7 days a week, call:</p> <p><u>International outside the U.S. and Canada</u> +1 202 659 7777 <u>U.S. and Canada</u> 1 800 766 8206</p> <p>Policy Holder: Go Ministries Policy: PHFD3824288A 001</p>	 <p>* Medical and Political Evacuation Emergencies * Emergency Medical, Travel, and Legal Services * Concierge Services</p> <p>Register at: www.chubbtravelapp.com for a web and mobile application</p> <p>vo816</p>

FOR VACCINATION INFORMATION:

-Center for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov

TIME LINE BEFORE TRIP

- \$1000 deposit, Team Covenant, and Team Application due 60 days after date of booking.
- 8 weeks prior you will get a reminder email from Lisa Crain with documents due before the trip
- Flight information, Team Roster, Team member medical forms, Indemnification forms, and final payment due 4 weeks prior to trip date

Team Leader Essentials

Teams FAQs

- To book a trip send an application, covenant and \$1,000 non-refundable deposit to the Teams Administrator in our Louisville office.
- Trip fees are \$950 per person plus airfare. These fees cover:
 - Food, lodging & transportation
 - Field Services
 - Leadership fee
 - Benevolence
 - Ministry Advancement
 - Reflection Trip (An additional \$50/person will be assessed for teams visiting the resort overnight.)
- Most teams require a minimum of 10 team members per trip
 - *Possible exceptions during non-peak times*
- Most GO Ministries short-term trips last 8 days.
 - September-May trips are Saturday to Saturday
 - June, July & August trips are Tuesday to Tuesday
- Your team will work alongside Dominican local leaders and North American staff to support and push forward existing initiatives in our four Focused Areas of Ministry.
- A Team Coordinator will guide you through each step of the trip planning process.
- Our staff and local leaders will serve as your facilitators for your entire stay on the island.
- Translators will be provided throughout your trip.



Responsibilities

Team leaders are important contributors to the team planning process.

- They are responsible for:
 - Recruiting a team of 10 people or more
 - Leading team meetings
 - Sharing information with their team: <https://gomin.org/mission-trips/resources/>
 - Making airfare/travel arrangements
 - Encouraging team fundraising efforts
 - Overseeing pre-trip preparations, such as lesson development, material/donation gathering, etc.
 - Sending all forms and payments to the GO office
 - Acting as spiritual leader for the team
- Make Flight Arrangements
 - We encourage you to begin making flight arrangements as soon as possible to ensure availability of seats and best prices for your airfare. All flights will be in and out of Santiago – Cibao International Airport [STI].
 - Ideally, arrivals are after 5:00 pm local time, and departures are before 9:00 am local time. This allows our staff and local leaders time to make necessary arrangements for the next week's teams.
 - See page 2 for travel agent recommendations. If you would like to use your own travel agent or book your own flights, we require that you let us review your flight itinerary prior to booking.
- Choose a Focused Area of Ministry (FAM)
 - If your church/organization already has an established partnership with a FAM or specific local leader, your coordinator will work to develop a week of ministry tailored to deepen your existing relationships.
 - If your team is new, you will have the opportunity to choose a FAM to work alongside throughout your week. The follow pages provide more details.
 - Your team coordinator will help you determine what kind of construction/service projects, VBS events and community outreach activities best fit your team make-up and the needs of your chosen FAM.
- Passport
 - A passport is required to travel to the Dominican Republic. The cost of a passport is not included in the price of your trip. If you do not have a valid passport, apply now!
 - Passport services and information are available at: travel.state.gov under the tab "US Passports"
- Immunizations
 - GO Ministries requires up-to-date Tetanus/Diphtheria vaccinations for all trips. The cost of immunizations is not included in your trip costs.
 - While GO only requires Tetanus vaccinations, the Center for Disease Control also recommends the following: Hepatitis A&B, Typhoid, Malaria RX, Travelers Diarrhea RX – please see www.cdc.gov for current updates.
 - Speak with your physician about specific vaccinations recommendations for your specific health situations

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Passport
- Bible/Notebook/Pen
- Toiletries
- Towel/washcloth
- Flip Flops for shower
- Sunscreen
- Hat/Bandana
- Sunglasses
- Insect Repellent
- Work Clothes (old t-shirts, etc.)
- Shorts (no shorter than fingertips)
- Pants
- Casual clothes for evening activities (no tank tops please)
- Work Gloves



- Closed toe work shoes and socks
- Twin size sheets
- Pillow
- Flashlight
- Water Bottle
- Church Clothes –
 - Men – Slacks & shirt with collar –
 - Ladies – modest dress, skirt, or jeans (without holes, and a nice blouse)
- Bathing Suit (one-piece suits or tankini)
- Spending Money (\$50-\$100 – Please bring Cash – NO Traveler's Checks)
- Appropriate snacks (especially if you have food allergies or a special diet)



Optional Items

The following list contains things that many teams wish they had thought to bring.

- Imodium (or other diarrhea medicine) & laxative medicine
- Dramamine (Recommended if you get motion sickness, for the plane and also for the curvy ride across the mountains from Santiago to Puerto Plata)
- Baby powder / Gold Bond
- Aloe Vera or Vitamin E cream for sunburn
- Small battery operated fan and extra batteries
- Scrubs (medical teams)
- Camera



Save space

Save space in your luggage by leaving the following at home:

- Expensive jewelry
- Laptops
- A bunch of junk food
- Clothes that are not appropriate (short shorts, short dresses, strapless tank tops or dresses, spaghetti strap tank tops, low cut shirts, bikinis)

Technology

We encourage you to leave behind work laptops and to step away from your routines with technology. Leave your phones in airplane mode and refrain from Wi-Fi. We ask that you take the time to enjoy your trip and be in the moment as much as possible so that you can have a life changing experience.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

1. Prayer Team

Before you begin any type of fundraising, give it to God in prayer. We often plan, execute and then pray for the best. The plan usually fails because we forget to ask God first.

Begin your preparations for your trip by raising a prayer support base of at least ten people who will pray regularly for you during your preparation and daily for you during the actual trip.

These must be people whose prayer life you know and trust. They need to be mature Christians who will take your prayer covenant very seriously. They should not be members of your team.

Send your prayer team prayer requests during your preparations and before you leave. Include things like fatigue, your attitude, your reactions, flexibility, safety, and health. You will sense their prayer support on your trip and will be able to get through situations beyond your own strength because of their prayers.



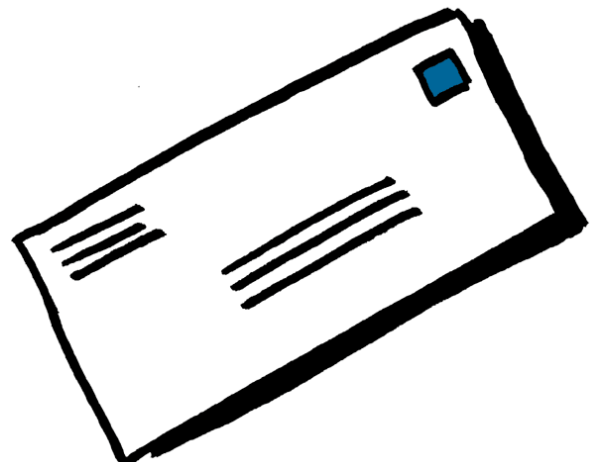
2. Letter Writing

We have found that the best way for raising funds for a trip is through letter writing. In order to do that, we often must push aside our pride and let others in to help us- remembering that they will become a part of your trip through supporting you. ****Remember that people give to missions when they feel informed, when they believe their gift will change lives, when they feel like they are an important part of the trip and when they sense your enthusiasm about it.***

Make a list of family members, friends, and church members who may be interested in supporting you. Write a letter including:

- What your trip entails
- Explain the purpose of your trip
- Give details of how God has led you to this trip
- Explain why you chose to participate
- Tell the reader of planned activities
- Explain the need
- Ask the reader for specific actions based on the need

Please visit gomin.org/sample-letter to get a sample.





3. Collide Coffee Fundraiser

GO Ministries started Collide Coffee Project in 2017 as a way to raise funds for ministry and share our story using everyone's favorite morning past time, drinking coffee. If you would like, you can sell coffee to raise funds for your trip. You or your team would purchase 12oz bags of coffee at a discounted rate for you to sell at their full price. You keep the difference ranging between \$5-\$8 per bag.

If you are interested in getting more information, email info@collidecoffee.co and we would love to help you raise funds for your trip.



4. Hosting a Potluck or Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast fundraiser is a wonderful way to raise money. The concept is simple: gather your community together and raise money by serving a pancake breakfast or potluck meal. You can keep it basic with pancakes and juice or get creative and do a potluck with different food. You charge a set price for them to eat and you keep the profits. Basic items for this fundraiser can be purchased at places like Costco and Sam's Club to buy in bulk at a cheap price. Make sure you make fliers and let your town know of the event and be sure to leave a donation jar out for people to chip in a little extra if they choose.



There is a lot of good insight for these events online so do not hesitate to google Pancake fundraising Ideas.

FOCUSED AREAS OF MINISTRY

CHURCH PLANTING

Mission: GO Church Planting empowers local leaders to begin new churches who redeem people, renew communities, and restore creation through discipleship, mission, and the multiplication of leaders.

What it looks like: A team of at least 10 people will come to join in a global vision of starting 1,000 churches in the next 10 years. Teams partnering in this area of ministry will have the opportunity to encourage the leadership in their new church, supporting this new church and the community can be done through service projects, sports outreach, children's ministry, block parties, etc..



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Mission: GO Community Development renews and advances communities through the establishment of educational opportunities, small business, and international partnerships. This results in mutually transformational relationships that redeem people and restore creation.

What it looks like: A group of at least 10 members will experience small portions of many areas of our ministry. This might include construction, service-projects, children's ministry, prayer walks, distributing donations, giving away bibles, or any number of encouraging activities that further the ministry of local leaders in their communities. Through Kingdom Business we can

also do small business training seminars and sessions for the public. We can tailor our trips for all ages and abilities.

FOCUSED AREAS OF MINISTRY

GO MEDICAL

Mission: GO Medical provides affordable medical care in local communities striving to restore bodies and redeem hearts.

What it looks like: A team of 10 members or more will work alongside the GO Medical staff and a local leader in their community. Most clinics are hosted in a church or school in the community, and will be composed of a triage station, consultation area and a pharmacy station. Non-medical team members can also serve by signing people in, handing out assigned medications, and assisting the medical professionals. We will oversee the purchase of medication for the clinic here on the island, to avoid team members having to carry medications and clear customs.



GO SPORTS



Mission: GO Sports empowers local coaches to disciple athletes who influence their community as leaders of the next generation. We develop international partnerships that result in mutual transformation.

What it looks like:

Sports teams do not need to be made up of athletes or coaches. Anyone is welcome to be a part of a sports ministry trip! Sports teams spend the week with local leaders working in sports ministry either at the Leadership Development Complex or other communities around

Santiago. They can concentrate their time on a specific area of the sports academies (baseball, basketball, soccer, English classes, coach/staff development, etc.). They can also choose to spend the week learning about the broad scope of GO Sports ministry and serving the community of Tamboril where the LDC is located. Some teams choose to lead outreach events such as basketball or soccer camps. Our trip coordinators work hard to take your vision/goals for the trip and customize it in a way that makes sense for mutual transformation through GO Sports!