

# GO Ministries Internship

It is our desire to challenge people of all ages to become involved in the work of building God's Kingdom. The goal of internship for GO Ministries is two-fold. First, our program endeavors to serve the body of Christ Stateside by presenting ministry opportunities to individuals, allowing them to serve in an international cross-cultural context according to their giftedness. Secondly, we hope to create new partnerships with international pastors, recruit new partnership development teams and advance God's kingdom through the efforts and contacts of our interns.

## GO MINISTRIES INTERNSHIP EXPECTATIONS

**Radical Service:** Christ is our example. He came to serve rather than to be served. We have the same expectation of our staff and interns. Place no specific conditions on how you will serve while on the field. Simply expect to serve and make yourself available to help address any needs that may arise both with the staff, nationals and/or team members. Remember that you are a co-laborer and help in the building of the Kingdom. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life for ransom to many." Mark 10:45

**Humility:** Jesus Christ became nothing on our behalf. Likewise we become nothing on the behalf of others for the sake of his name. We expect staff and interns to strive towards maintaining a posture of humility before everyone so that we truly hold others in a higher account than we hold ourselves. Having such an attitude will prepare us for service at any time. "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." John 13:14-17

**Honesty:** We expect staff and interns to be straight forward and honest. Do what you say you will do, promptly, and do not make promises you cannot keep. "Simply let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no', anything beyond this comes from the evil one." Matthew 5:37

**Open Communication:** We expect staff and interns to have open communication with each other. Be open with the others on staff if you are struggling with issues or circumstances that make your work and His purpose difficult to achieve. Keep in mind that there is a lot on the field that you won't understand. Ask questions. Rely on those who have invested the most time there when you need counsel on cultural issues that will undoubtedly emerge. "Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end you will be wise." Proverbs 19:20

**Daily Communication With God:** We expect staff and interns to take time to pray and be with the Lord daily. There will be many stressful and hectic times on the field. Be sure to take time to pray and center yourself in the Word. "Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10 "When you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 4:19

**Be Submissive to Leaders:** We expect interns to be submissive to the staff on the field. You are on the field to assist them. "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17

# Intern Job Description

Please review the following list with care and prayerfully consider whether you will be able to perform the following duties.

## TEAM INTERNSHIP

An intern must have a passion and desire for working with people in a missional context. They must also be willing to do daily tasks that might at times seem monotonous, however imperative to day to day operations on the field. Intern responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Serve alongside partnership development teams and help to facilitate their trip
- Participate in team activities such as: construction, children's ministry, sports outreach, medical clinics, and evangelism
- Help translate, if possible
- Set up/tear down for meals
- Clean dorms between teams
- Maintain the donation room and help distribute items to pastors
- Work alongside Americans, Dominicans and Haitians alike
- Be willing to love on children
- Be willing to operate with a posture of service at all times
- \*please inquire about unique opportunities to serve in the areas of medicine or sports outreach\*

## MEDIA INTERNSHIP:

A media intern has the same job responsibilities as the team intern with the addition of the following:

- Will be responsible for photographing teams and putting together special presentations
- Will be responsible for sound equipment and projectors for team presentations
- Can archive photos for the GO library

Its a bonus if you:

- Own a digital SLR camera
- Own a macbook or macbook pro laptop with imovie and iphoto and possess a working knowledge of both programs

"Interns can expect to learn the full scope of life as a missionary in a different culture. You will work in helping to facilitate teams of Americans during their trips, work with our National Dominican and Haitian partners, provide assistance to the staff, execute specific duties and work in your specialized area of ministry. During your time in the Dominican, GO Ministries will provide room and board, along with plenty of opportunity for you to grow as a child of God. It will challenge your walk with God, it will move you in ways you could never imagine, and it will push you past obstacles you thought you couldn't reach. It was the single most prolific adventure of my existence."

-Kari Kinder, Summer Intern

# Additional Information

## **AGE REQUIREMENT:**

Interns must be at least 18 years of age at the time of service.

## **LENGTH OF SERVICE:**

An internship is typically 5-1/2 weeks in length between May and August. We do offer longer opportunities throughout the rest of the year for unique individuals.

## **FOOD & LODGING:**

Lodging and meals will be provided for you during your time of service. Most meals will be eaten with the partnership development teams in the dorms.

## **COST:**

The cost of an internship amounts to \$1850 plus airfare (typically \$750-\$900). Any additional time will be \$225 per additional week. You will receive a cell phone for your use when you arrive on the field. You will receive \$20 every week to cover the cost of meals not eaten with teams as well as the purchase of phone cards to recharge minutes on your cell phone. Each intern is responsible for raising their own support.

## **ADDITIONAL EXPENSES:**

Please keep in mind there will be a couple expenses in addition to your fees due to GO Ministries. You may incur expenses acquiring the following: travel insurance, passport, tourist card, exit fee (up to \$75) and vaccinations.

## **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS:**

All funds should come through the GO Intern donation page at <https://gomin.org/internship/> or mailed to the GO office. The first installment is a non-refundable deposit of \$100, due within two weeks of your acceptance as an intern with GO Ministries. The second goal will be to reach \$1000 to cover the cost of your airfare. Please aim to have this money raised at least 90 days prior to your anticipated travel day. The sooner we book your flights the more options and the cheaper they will be. Four weeks prior to your travel day, the balance of your internship will be due. Failure to meet the timelines outlined above may result in the forfeiture of your internship opportunities. All monies submitted to GO Ministries will not be refunded.

## **INSURANCE:**

You are required to provide your own insurance coverage while serving with GO Ministries. Please check your current policy to see if additional insurance must be purchased. As well as having current health insurance coverage in the United States, you need to purchase travel insurance. Upon acceptance into the program we will send you more detailed information about enrolling in the insurance program.

## **AIRLINE TICKETS:**

GO Ministries will book your airline ticket through a travel agent who specializes in humanitarian travel once you have enough in your account to cover the airfare.

# GO Ministries Intern Covenant

- I commit to be flexible, patient, pleasant, and at all times exemplify a Christ-like attitude.
- I will submit all funds to GO Ministries on or before the set deadlines.
- I understand that I am responsible to bring personal money to pay for the \$10 tourist card when entering the Dominican and up to \$75 exit fee when leaving the country.
- I will remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my hosts. I will remember the missionary's prayer: "Where you lead me, I will follow. What you feed me I will swallow."
- I will remember that I have come to learn as well as to teach. I will be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
- I will remember to put others before myself.
- I will develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals, staff, fellow interns, and team members.
- I will respect all GO staff along with my supervisors and their decisions.
- I will refrain from gossip.
- I will refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances. Instead of whining and complaining, I will be creative and supportive.
- I will remember not to be exclusive in my relationships and will interact with all members of staff, fellow interns, and short-term team members.
- I will refrain from any activity that can be construed as romantic interest in a national, fellow intern, or team member. I understand that non-compliance regarding this issue will result in the immediate termination of my time in the Dominican and I will be sent home at my own expense.
- I will dress modestly and submit to the opinion of my supervisors regarding my wardrobe. If asked to change I will not hesitate to comply. Please no uncovered spandex, short shorts, short dresses, strapless tops or dresses, spaghetti strap tops or dresses, tank tops, low cut shirts, bikinis, any top that shows cleavage from the front or side while standing up or bending over, exposed midriffs, etc. Don't let your wardrobe distract from your witness.
- I will not be involved with illegal drugs and will abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco use during my internship.
- I agree to comply with an 11pm curfew unless there are team or staff activities requiring my presence.
- I understand that I am here to serve and will be at all required functions in a timely manner.
- I will remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this covenant or if my supervisor feels it is in my best interest or in the best interest of GO Ministries.

# GO Ministries Statement of Faith

- We believe in one God –Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 5:16, 45; 6:1, 4, 8, 9; James 1:17; John 1:1; 14:9; Genesis 1:2; John 4:24; 14:16-20; 2 Peter 1:21).
- We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible (Genesis 1: 1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3).
- We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s one and only son, our one and only Savior (John 1:14; 1 John 4:9, John 3:16; 2Peter 3:18).
- Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary (Matthew 21:11; John 19:19; John 1:14; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1John 1:1; Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38).
- Who suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilot (Luke 23:1-46).
- Who died and was buried and who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day (Luke 23:44; 24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8).
- Who ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1).
- Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead (Matthew 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1: 10-11; 10:39-42, 1 Peter 4:5).
- We believe in the Holy Spirit who is an active and operative part of the triune God (John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:28-27). And who indwells every Christian (1Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14).
- We believe in the Bible—God’s Holy Word, Scripture. We believe God inspired the autographs (original writings) of the Scripture and those autographs were consequently without error (Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- We accept the bible as the final authority for all matter of faith and practice (Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 5:18; 24-35, Romans 15:4, Hebrews 4:12).
- We believe that the bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequentially lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12, Romans 3:23).
- We believe the Bible teaches salvation—the forgiveness of sins—is only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7).
- We believe that the Bible teaches that one receives God’s grace by putting faith in Christ, repenting of sin, confessing Christ and being immersed into Christ, but that none of these is sufficient in and of itself for the assurance of salvation (Romans 5:1-2; Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 4:15; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21).
- We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the day of Pentecost and consisting of all Christians everywhere (Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47).