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TEAM MEMBER GUIDE



GO MINISTRIES

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Welcome to GO!

GO Ministries is a global missions organization with a mission to empower local leaders to make disciples as God redeems people, renews communities and restores creation.

For more than 30 years, short-term mission trips to the Dominican Republic have been an integral part of that mission.

When you come on a trip with GO, you get to spend eight days experiencing Dominican culture and GO's disciple-making culture.

What does that mean? It means that you get a front row seat to see how God is using local leaders to make disciples in their cultures and contexts. It means that you get to experience the Holy-Spirit-led power of mutual transformation while serving alongside our local leaders. And it means that you go home empowered to be a local leader in your own context.

Mission trips with GO are so much more than an opportunity to serve overseas. We pray that your time on the island will help you understand your identity and purpose as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

OUR APPROACH TO DISCIPLE-MAKING

At GO Ministries, we believe that disciple-making means trusting and following Jesus while entering into relationships with others to help them trust and follow Jesus.

We also believe that disciple-making is a threefold process:

1. Mentorship: cultivating one-on-one relationships with others, which leads to God redeeming people.
2. Mission: meeting the needs of your community, which leads to God renewing communities. When we live on mission, we witness the Church emerge.
3. Multiplication: when we mentor and live on mission, the Kingdom of God grows exponentially, which leads to God restoring creation through the global movement of the Church.

These three big concepts are woven into everything we do, and you'll be able to see how mentorship, mission, and multiplication are lived out among our local leaders and staff. Don't worry: we'll spend intentional time unpacking these words over the course of your trip. We can't wait for you to learn more about our disciple-making culture and how you can live it out long after you've left the island!

Contact Information

FOR TEAMS QUESTIONS:

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FORMS FOR YOU:

Your team leader will send you several links for you to fill out.

The first link is to register for your trip through Volunteer Hub. This needs to be completed no later than 6 weeks before your departure.

You will also need to fill out an online medical release.

The Dominican government requires every traveler to fill out an e-ticket. Instructions are on p 6

TRAVEL INSURANCE OPTION BY INSURANCE SERVICES OF AMERICA:

Insurance Services of America offers a travel insurance plan that covers emergency medical care, trip cancellation, evacuation, and more. They recommend the Day Tripper travel insurance policy for our team members. You can apply online at <https://quote.hccmis.com/group/?AppName=DayTripper&referid=23600AB>
OR Contact Adam Bates - Vice President, Insurance Services of America
Phone number: (800) 647-4589 or (480) 821-9052

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

- In order to safely participate in a GO Ministries trip, we require that you have a current TDAP (tetanus) vaccination before arriving on the island.
- The CDC may have other recommendations for travel to the Dominican Republic, which you are welcome to pursue at your discretion. (cdc.gov)

FOCUSED AREAS OF MINISTRY

Every short term mission trip with GO is primarily focused on one specific area of ministry.

GO MEDICAL

GO Medical teams consist of 6-10 members who work alongside the GO Medical staff and a local leader in the community by hosting a mobile medical clinic. Most clinics are hosted in a church or school in the community, and are composed of a triage station, consultation area, pharmacy and prayer station. Non-medical team members can also serve by packaging and handing out assigned medications, guiding patients through the clinic, praying over the patients, and assisting medical professionals. Mobile clinics help us provide a mixture of primary, preventative and immediate care to patients in our Church Planting communities, thereby aiding in the overall discipleship of those communities.

GO Medical personnel oversees the purchase of medication and supplies for the clinic here on the island. GO Medical teams have a \$4000 fee added to the total group cost to cover additional expenses incurred. A team can be larger if approved by the GO Medical staff - examples include: university/college programs and split ministry teams who conduct additional ministry initiatives in the community.



GO CHURCH PLANTING

A group of at least 10 members will support the work of the local pastor and leaders through construction, service projects, children's ministry, prayer walks, distributing donations, giving away Bibles or any number of encouraging activities that serve the community, draw attention to the local church and bring glory to God. We can tailor our trips for all ages and abilities.

These initiatives and other projects provide creative avenues for local leaders to clearly communicate the Gospel in their specific context, build relationships between teams and local leaders, and support the work of the local church in their community.



GO SPORTS

GO Sports teams consist of a minimum of 10 members. Sports teams do not need to be made up of athletes or coaches. Anyone is welcome to be a part of a GO Sports trip. Sports teams spend the week with local leaders working in sports ministry at the Leadership Development Complex or in communities around Santiago. They can concentrate their time on a specific area of the sports academies (baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, English classes, Bible classes, coach/staff development, etc.), host a camp or clinic in one of our outreach neighborhoods, or serve alongside coaches and athletes through community service projects. Our team coordinators work hard to strike a perfect balance between the passion of your team and the mission of GO Sports.



Partnership Opportunities

During your week with GO Ministries, you will see how God is at work in the Dominican Republic. The exciting thing is that you can continue to impact lives in the DR even after you return home through our Disciple-First Sponsorship Program. Visit gomin.org/sponsorship to learn more.



KIDS

GO Kids sponsors have the opportunity to change the trajectory of a child's life. By sponsoring a child at the GO Kids school, children and families in Santiago, Dominican Republic will be able to combat poverty and grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.



SPORTS

GO Sports sponsors come alongside a baseball, basketball, soccer, or volleyball team by covering the costs of an athlete. Your sponsorship will give young athletes opportunities to be mentored and empowered by their coaches and teachers to be disciples of Jesus who lead the next generation.



MEDICAL

GO Medical sponsors provide someone with Christ-centered, accessible, quality healthcare care in visits to a doctor, prenatal care, or the treatment of a chronic condition such as hypertension.



CHURCH PLANTING

GO Church Planting partners with local pastors and church leaders to make disciples through mentorship, mission, and multiplication. Supporting these local leaders is the catalyst for a global disciple-making movement.

Packing List

- Passport
- Plane ticket
- eTicket (Immigration form)
- Bible / Notebook / Journal / Pen
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Work Clothes / work shoes
 - Old T-shirts, shorts or pants, closed-toe shoes
 - Men, please plan to work with your shirts on.
 - Ladies, please no short/running shorts or low-cut tops
 - It will be hot, so pack extra if you know you'll sweat through everything
- Work gloves
- Twin sheet set, pillow & light blanket
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Church Clothes
 - Men: Slacks, shirt with collar
 - Ladies: Conservative dress, skirt or jeans & nice shirt
- Towels/washcloths
- Modest Bathing Suit
- Spending Money (\$50-\$100) [Please bring cash - we will exchange 1-2 times a week]
- A flexible attitude
- Flip-flops for the shower
- Sunglasses
- Baby powder
- Appropriate snacks if you have food allergies or a special needs diet
- **Batey and Hato del Yaque Teams: Mosquito net, scissors & yarn or string to hang from the bunk beds, battery operated fans
- **Medical teams: scrubs for clinic days

Optional Items:

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

- Dramamine (Recommended if you get motion sickness, for the plane and also for the curvy ride across the mountains from Santiago to Puerto Plata)
- Contact solution
- Feminine products
- Aloe Vera

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

- Team members are encouraged to pack things they wouldn't mind donating at the end of the week. Any clothes, bedding, toiletries, etc. left behind will be distributed within GO Communities. Please refrain from leaving English Bibles, winter clothes or prescription drugs behind.

SAVE SPACE in your luggage by leaving the following at home:

- Expensive jewelry
- Laptops
- A bunch of junk food
- Clothes that are inappropriate (short shorts, short dresses, strapless or spaghetti strap dresses/tank tops, bikinis, low cut-off t-shirts)

E-TICKET STEP BY STEP

The e-ticket is an online form required to enter the Dominican Republic. This form **MUST** be filled out **before** you get to the airport or you will not be able to check in.



GO TO:

[HTTPS://ETICKET.MIGRACION.GOB.DO/](https://ETICKET.MIGRACION.GOB.DO/)

Ensure "English" is selected in the top right corner then click "E-ticket application"

NEW E-TICKET

A pop up window will appear and you will choose "New eTicket"

AM I TRAVELING ALONE?

Most of GO team members will choose "NO" for "are you traveling with someone else?" The only time you will answer "YES" is if you are filling out an e-ticket for a family traveling together.

GENERAL INFORMATION

You will choose your city from a menu. This database does not have all American cities. If your city is not listed just choose a city near you!

ADDRESS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Choose that you are staying with "Family/Friends"
Province: Santiago
Municipality: Santiago
Section: Hoya del Camino
Street and number: #44 Calle 2

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Embarkation port should be where you board your flight to the DR (often times Miami or Newark). Disembarkation port will be STI (Santiago). Flight confirmation is not required.
Travel Purpose: Leisure

SAVE QR CODE

Save a screenshot or email with the QR Code when the form is completed. You must show this at check in and when you enter the D.R.

This website and form is run by the government of the Dominican Republic. Sometimes this site does not work correctly. If it does not seem to be working, try again a few hours later.

Share your GO story!

We hope that your trip to the Dominican Republic is a truly transformational experience, and we also hope you'll take time to share that with your friends, family and supporters when you get home. Here are some ideas to help you share your story with others:

- Be sure to send thank you cards to anyone on your prayer team and/or financial supporters.
- Get some of the pictures from your trip to send in your thank you cards, share on social media, and display in your home, office, locker, etc.
- Take some time to journal and reflect on your week - maybe even reread some of the notes in your devotional book from the week. Intentionally reflecting and recording your thoughts and feelings about the week will also help you talk about it with the people around you.



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Team Agreement

Note: When you register for your trip on Volunteer Hub you were prompted to sign this agreement. This is printed here as a reminder of your commitment to GO Ministries Team Member expectations.

AS A MEMBER OF THIS TEAM I AGREE TO:

1. Remember that I am representing GO Ministries, and more so the Gospel, and I will convey a servant's attitude in all circumstances.
2. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my Dominican brothers & sisters, and I will receive their hospitality with grace.
3. Remember that we have come to learn and serve. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I'll be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
4. Respect the host's view of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
5. Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions.
6. Build up or shut-up. (Ephesians 4:29) 7
 - . Stay flexible. I know that serving cross-culturally doesn't always go as planned. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative and supportive.
8. Attend all team meetings before the trip as well as any follow-up meetings.
9. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships and interact with all members of the team.
10. Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest in a national or teammate.
11. Remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this Covenant or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team.
12. I will refrain from drinking alcohol at any point during my week with GO Ministries.

Our Responsibilities:

GO Ministries is committed to providing our teams with a safe environment to serve the local population and experience mutual transformation. We provide transportation, sleeping arrangements, meals, a GO Ministries facilitator, and opportunities to serve.

Your Responsibilities:

In order for us to provide every team with an awesome experience here are the things we need from you:

- ALL team members signed up on volunteer hub no later than 6 weeks prior to travel. This allows our team to successfully prepare for your arrival!
- ALL trip fees paid in full no later than 4 weeks prior to travel.

Please note:

GO Ministries is committed to providing an excellent experience for all of our teams. In order to do that we carefully plan and customize each trip to best fit every group. Because of this, we need advanced notice of any change to the number of team members. **Any team member that cancels 0-7 days before travel (for any reason) will forfeit 100% of the trip cost. Any team member that cancels 8-14 days before travel will forfeit 50% of the trip cost.** All trip fees are non-refundable. Trip fees paid and not forfeited can be used as a credit towards a future trip within the next 12 months. If you are concerned about late cancellations look into an affordable trip insurance policy.

