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INTRO TO TEAMS



GO MINISTRIES

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!

GO Mission trips at a glance

HOW MUCH IS IT?

- Per person cost: \$1250 for ages 12+. \$680 for 11 & under.
- Medical trips are charged an additional \$4,000 per team to cover additional expenses incurred.
- Flight costs

HOW LONG ARE THE TRIPS?

- 8 days. Spring & fall teams are typically Saturday-Saturday while summer teams come down Tuesday-Tuesday. We can make exceptions to this schedule if needed.

DOES GO MAKE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS?

- No, GO Ministries does not make flight arrangements. We do have a travel agency we recommend (see pg 2). Many of our teams go through them or buy directly off an airline website. Flight arrangements should be made to STI (Santiago Cibao).

WHAT WILL WE DO?

- Each team is curated to the gifts and interests of the team! The first thing a team needs to do is find out which focused area of ministry you want to spend your week working with (Sports, Medical, or Church Planting). [See next page for more information.] Then we will partner you with the FAM coordinator, who will help make your itinerary for the week. This can consist of construction, children's ministry, medical clinics, sports clinics, or many other activities.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN OUR TRIP FEES?

- All lodging, transportation, work materials, and meals are included in the team fee. We recommend each team member bring approximately \$50 in cash for other miscellaneous purchases during the week.

WHERE WILL WE SLEEP?

- Each team stays at one of our dorm facilities. We have separate dorm space for males & females with bunk beds and large community bathrooms in each.

WHAT WILL WE EAT?

- All of our meals are prepared by local cooks in your dorm kitchen and we can accommodate most diets and allergies. Team members can expect a variety of traditional Dominican fare, including chicken, beans, rice, and fresh fruit.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL TEAM DO?

- A typical team will have 2 days of travel and 4 days of service. Teams also attend a local church service and head to the beach at the end of their week to debrief.

WHO LEADS THE TRIP ON THE ISLAND?

- Each team has at least one GO Ministries staff member as their team facilitator for the week. The facilitator is with the team every day to lead devotions, explain work projects, translate, and answer any questions throughout the week!

CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF TEAMS, ABBY MULLINS, AT AMULLINS@GOMIN.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

FOCUSED AREAS OF MINISTRY

Every short term mission trip with GO is primarily focused on one specific area of ministry. We hope to provide each group with activities that fits well with their participants.

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.

