

GO MINISTRIES TEAM LEADER TOOLKIT

Welcome, 2026 Team Leader! We're excited to partner with you as you plan and lead a life-changing trip. Please review the information below to ensure you're fully prepared for your upcoming journey.

RECRUITMENT

Building a team of 10 or more can feel overwhelming, but you're not alone! Here are some practical ways to engage your church, school, friends, and family:

- **Host an Interest Meeting:** Use provided slides/posters, share past trip stories, and spark excitement.
- **Share Trip Details:** Explain activities (construction, VBS, sports, etc.), evening downtime in Santiago, beach visit, and final debrief.
- **Use Leader "Swag":** Give away items from your welcome box as door prizes to boost attendance.
- **Address Safety:** Share our Safety in the Dominican resource at gomin.org/toolkit if concerns arise.

RAISING SUPPORT

Raising support can feel overwhelming, but remind your team that they don't have to do it alone. Encourage members to share creative fundraising ideas—both individually and as a group. Clearly communicate the total trip cost (including fees and flights) as well as all payment deadlines.

- **Breaking the cost** into smaller installments with multiple due dates often makes it feel more manageable.
- **Prayer cards and prayer magnets** are also great tools to invite both prayer and financial support.

DEVOTIONS & TEAM MEETINGS

We encourage every team to gather several times before the trip. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to pray together, track fundraising progress, and strengthen relationships.

To help prepare, we provide a pre-trip devotional for all team members. You can assign lessons according to your team's schedule. In addition, you'll have access to three short videos (accessible via QR code) that can be incorporated into your meetings:

- **Unit 1:** GO's language, mission, and vision
- **Unit 2:** Dominican culture
- **Unit 3:** "What to Expect" trip overview

While the pre-trip devotional is optional, every team will also receive a GO Ministries Devotional Book upon arrival in the Dominican Republic. This devotional is designed to guide your team in processing their mission experience through Scripture, connecting to God's heart for the nations, and gaining practical tools to grow as disciples—continuing to live on mission long after returning home.





NOW WHAT

You've completed your application, signed your covenant, and paid your deposit—so what happens between now and your trip?

- **Welcome Email:** If you haven't received it already, you'll soon get a welcome email connecting you with your team coordinator. This email includes links to share with your team: one for registration and one for the medical release form.
 - Both forms must be completed 6 weeks prior to travel.
 - Every participant—including children—must be registered and have a medical form on file.
- **12 Weeks Before Travel:** Reminder email to ensure all registrations are submitted.
- **8 Weeks Before Travel:** Abby sends updated roster and confirms participant count.
- **6-10 Weeks Before Travel:** Begin holding regular team meetings. Use the pre-trip devotional and videos provided to guide discussion and preparation.
- **6 Weeks Before Travel:** We'll confirm your final roster and send your final invoice.
 - Final payment is due no later than 4 weeks before travel.
- **3-4 Weeks Before Travel:** You'll receive your team T-shirts and a tentative itinerary to help you prepare for your week in the Dominican Republic.

SUCCESSFUL TEAM EXECUTION

- Each team member will receive an email before departure with instructions on completing the **e-ticket**—a free form required by the Dominican government that must be submitted prior to flight check-in.
- Many teams choose to host a **"packing party,"** which is a great opportunity to distribute Team T-shirts and organize any supplies or donations being brought to the Dominican Republic.
- Start a group chat (text or WhatsApp) for travel-day coordination and updates. **WhatsApp** is the easiest way to communicate while in the DR – Download it before leaving.
- Plan at least 3 **pre-departure meetings** focused on spiritual preparation and practical logistics (see Devotions & Team Meetings on page 1)

WHO AM I WORKING WITH?

- **Director of Teams - Abby Mullins:** Your first contact. Assists with trip dates, registration, paperwork, invoicing, and rosters. Reach out anytime with questions.
- **Team Coordinator:** Assigned after registration. Works with you to build a customized itinerary (sent a few weeks before travel). Direct all itinerary-related questions here. Note: itineraries may change due to circumstances out of our control.
- **Facilitator(s):** Meet you at the airport in the Dominican Republic and accompany your team throughout the week.



Scan this QR code or go to
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team leader resources

Whenever you have a question, don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to help!

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