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TEAM MEMBER GUIDE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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 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.

MENTORSHIP:

Cultivating one-on-one relationships that create opportunities for God to redeem and transform lives.

MISSION:

Meeting the needs of your community and creating opportunities for God to renew lives and communities. As we live on mission, we witness the Church emerge and grow.

MULTIPLICATION:

When we mentor others and live on mission, we equip them to do the same. As the Church multiplies around the world, God uses this movement to bring restoration to His creation.

These three big concepts are woven into everything we do, and throughout your trip, you'll see mentorship, mission, and multiplication lived out through our local leaders and staff. Don't worry—we'll take intentional time to unpack each of these concepts and explore what they look like in practice. We can't wait for you to experience our disciple-making culture and discover how you can carry these principles with you and live them out long after you return home!

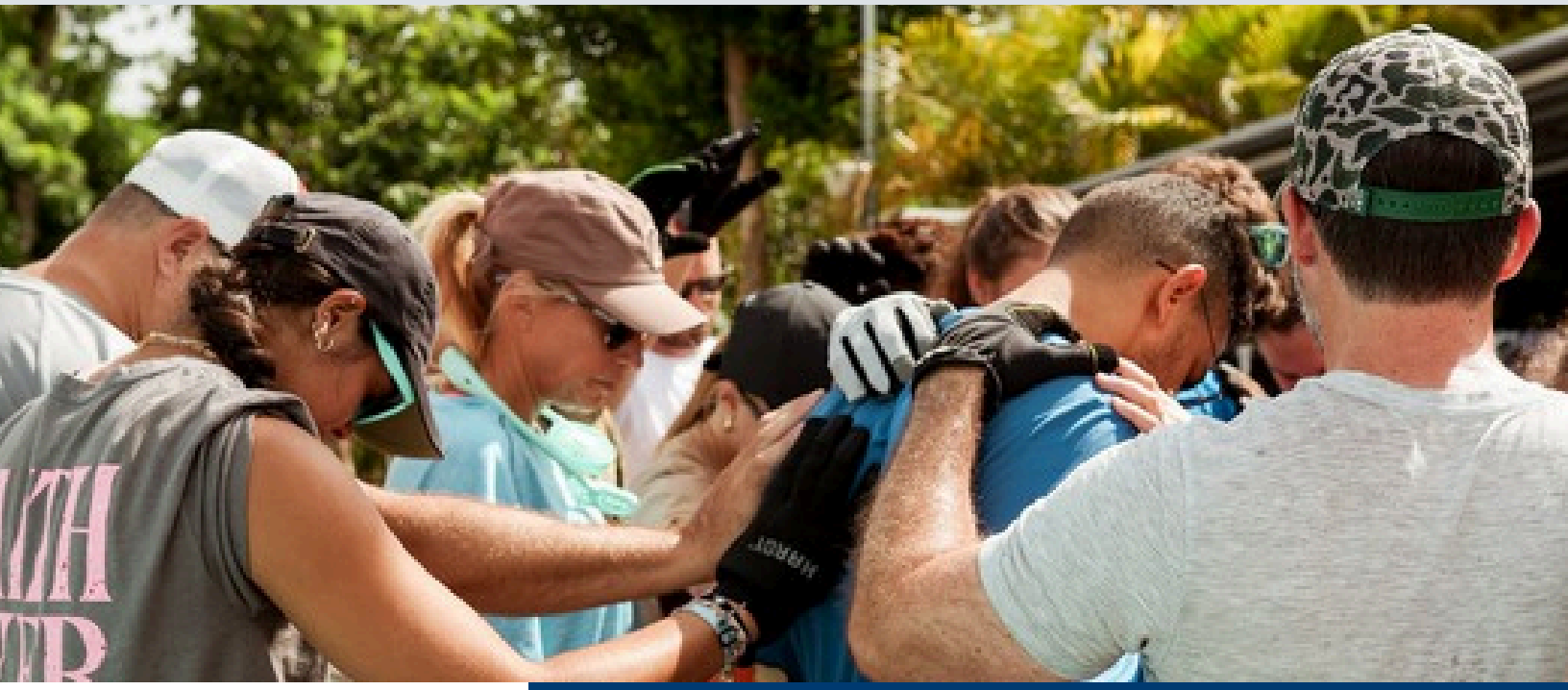
WHAT YOU NEED

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

To safely participate in a GO Ministries trip, we strongly recommend you have a current TDAP (tetanus) vaccination before arriving. The CDC may have additional travel recommendations for the Dominican Republic, which you can review at your discretion (cdc.gov)

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



HAVE QUESTIONS?

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FOCUSED AREAS OF MINISTRY

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

GO CHURCH PLANTING

Groups of 10 to 100+ people come alongside local pastors and leaders to serve their communities through construction and service projects, children's ministry, prayer walks, Bible distribution, and other creative opportunities. Each trip is designed to meet community needs, support the local church, draw people toward the Church, and bring glory to God. We can tailor trips to accommodate a wide range of ages, abilities, and interests.

These initiatives create opportunities for local church leaders to clearly communicate the Gospel in their context, build relationships with team members, and strengthen ministry already happening in their communities. Teams serve alongside local leaders to support their vision and help the local church thrive.

GO SPORTS

GO Sports teams consist of 10 or more members. Teams don't have to be made up of athletes or coaches—anyone is welcome to join a GO Sports trip. Teams spend the week alongside local leaders serving through sports ministry at the LDC and throughout Santiago. They may 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 find the perfect balance between your team's passions and the mission of GO Sports.

GO MEDICAL

GO Medical teams consist of 6–10 members who work alongside GO Medical staff and a local church leader to host a mobile medical clinic in communities in and around Santiago. Most clinics are held in a church or school and include a triage station, consultation area, pharmacy, and prayer station. Non-medical team members can serve by packaging and distributing medications, guiding patients through the clinic, praying with patients, and assisting medical professionals. Mobile clinics provide primary, preventative, and immediate care to patients in our Church Planting communities, supporting the overall discipleship of those communities. GO Medical personnel oversee the purchase of medications and supplies for each clinic here on the island. A $5,000 GO Medical fee is added to the total group cost to cover additional expenses. Teams may be larger with approval from GO Medical staff, including university/college programs and split ministry teams conducting additional ministry initiatives in the community.

DISCIPLE FIRST

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

During your week with GO Ministries, you'll witness God's work in the Dominican Republic.
You can continue impacting lives after you return through our Disciple-First Sponsorship Program.
Learn more at gomin.org/sponsorship.

GO KIDS

GO Kids provides children in the Dominican Republic with Christ-centered education, daily discipleship, and a safe, structured environment where they can grow spiritually, academically, and relationally. Students learn through a biblical worldview while being mentored by teachers and connected to their local church and community. **Sponsorship helps cover tuition, books, uniforms, and school supplies**, giving children access to education and opportunities that may otherwise be out of reach.

GO SPORTS

GO Sports uses athletics as a natural bridge to build relationships, disciple young people, and connect them with the church and community. Local coaches have consistent, daily influence in the lives of athletes, while English classes, Bible studies, and leadership training provide opportunities for holistic development. **Sponsorship helps provide uniforms, sports equipment, coaching support, English and Bible classes, and educational and vocational pathways through programs like PREP and Bridge.**

GO MEDICAL

GO Medical brings accessible healthcare to underserved communities through mobile clinics and local medical professionals. Alongside physical care, each clinic creates opportunities for spiritual care, discipleship, and connection to the local church, with follow-up supporting both physical and spiritual health. **Sponsorship helps cover essential healthcare needs such as lab work, medications, doctor salaries, and other costs associated with mobile clinics and medical care.**

GO CHURCH PLANTING

GO Church Planting works to establish healthy, Gospel-centered churches and develop local leaders who can multiply discipleship throughout their communities. Pastor apprentices, church planters, and network leaders receive training, mentorship, and ongoing support as they grow and lead. **Sponsorship helps provide support for pastors and network leaders, discipleship curriculum and small-group resources, church-planting efforts, and supplies for community outreach projects.**

Packing List

- Passport
- 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
- Water bottle
- Church Clothes
  - Men: Slacks, shirt with collar
  - Ladies: Conservative dress, skirt or jeans & nice shirt
- Towels/washcloths
- **Modest Bathing Suit**
- Spending Money ($20-50) [Please bring cash - we will exchange at the beginning of the week]
- Personal Rx & OTC medications
- A flexible attitude
- Flip-flops for the shower
- Sunglasses
- Appropriate snacks if you have food allergies or a special needs diet
- **Batey Teams: Mosquito net, scissors & yarn or string to hang from the bunk beds, battery operated fans, flashlight
- **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 any long drives)
- 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 or prescription drugs behind.

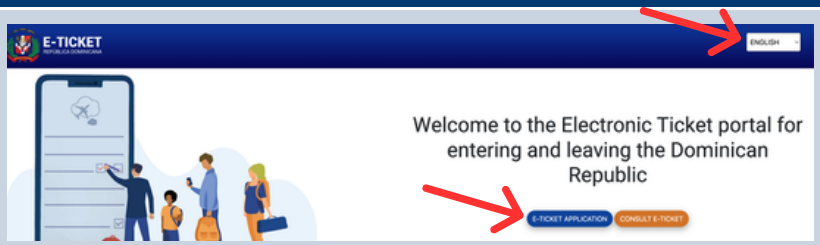
SAVE SPACE in your luggage by leaving the following at home:

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

We ask our team members to dress modestly out of respect for the local culture, recognizing that we are guests in this country. By doing so, we aim to show appreciation for the values and traditions of the communities that we work in.

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.



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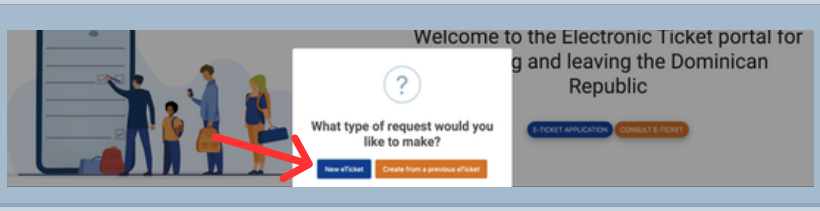
Ensure "English" is selected in the top right corner then click "E-ticket application"

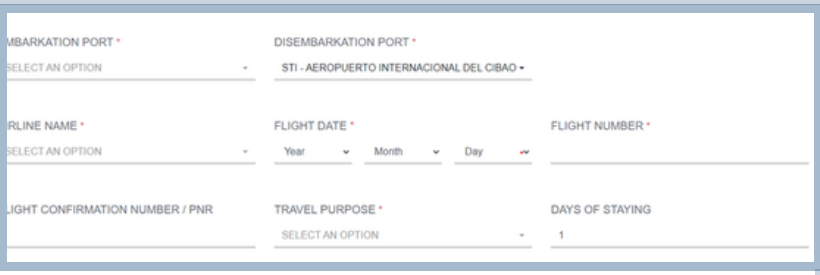


NEW E-TICKET
A pop up window will appear and you will choose "New eTicket"

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 Caimito
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

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.

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.

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.

TEAM AGREEMENT

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

1. **Represent GO Ministries and the Gospel well.** I will maintain a servant's attitude and seek to reflect Christ in my words, actions, and interactions.
2. **Receive the hospitality of our Dominican brothers and sisters with gratitude.** I recognize that I am a guest invited to serve alongside local leaders and communities, and I will honor their hospitality and culture with humility and grace.
3. **Come ready to learn and serve.** I will resist telling our hosts how we do things and instead remain open to learning from their methods, ideas, and perspectives.
4. **Respect the local expression of Christianity.** I recognize that Christianity looks different across cultures and will approach this trip as an opportunity to experience and learn from faith in a different cultural setting.
5. **Respect my Team Leader(s) and support their decisions.** I will honor their leadership and recognize their responsibility for the well-being, unity, and direction of our team.
6. **Build others up with my words and actions.** I will choose words that encourage, strengthen, and honor others, following the guidance of Ephesians 4:29.
7. **Stay flexible and positive.** I understand that cross-cultural ministry doesn't always go as planned. When challenges arise, I will choose flexibility, creativity, and support rather than complaining.
8. **Participate fully in team preparation and follow-up.** I will attend all required team meetings before the trip and designated follow-up meetings afterward.
9. **Build an inclusive team.** I will engage with all team members and avoid exclusive relationships or groups that could leave others feeling isolated.
10. **Maintain appropriate relationships and boundaries.** I will refrain from any activity or behavior that could be interpreted as romantic interest toward a Dominican national or teammate.
11. **Honor this Covenant.** I understand that failure to follow these commitments may result in being sent home. I also understand that my Team Leader may make this decision if they believe it is in the best interest of me, the team, or the ministry.
12. **Refrain from alcohol during my time with GO Ministries.** I will not consume alcohol at any point during my week with GO Ministries.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GO MINISTRIES

GO Ministries is committed to creating a safe, meaningful environment where teams can serve alongside local leaders, build relationships, and experience mutual transformation. We provide transportation, accommodations, meals, a GO Ministries facilitator, and meaningful opportunities to serve the local community.

RESPONSIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS

To help us make your team's experience as meaningful and successful as possible, here's what we need from you:

- ALL team members registered through the link provided you no later than 8 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.

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 who cancels 0-7 days before travel (for any reason) will forfeit 100% of the trip cost**. **Any team member who 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.