

Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic 2012

There will be two separate trips this year. One offered March 15-24 and March 25-April 1st

The first trip will primarily be the collegiate trip as it will be offered over the college and university spring breaks. The second trip will be a follow-up trip which will aid in raising up and encouraging those who were met and followed up with on the previous trips as well as continued sowing effort.

Please fill out the following Application and submit it to inform us of your interest in one of the trips. We will be in contact with you regarding more information and final decision-making regarding your choice to participate. A meeting will be held after the application deadline in order to better inform and assist in final decision-making.

We anticipate a large number of interested persons for this year's trip and with that we will need to have all application materials submitted in a timely fashion. The Church office must receive your application and \$100 deposit by **November 12th**. We will hold an informational meeting regarding trip details on November 13th to help clarify any questions you may have. If you are interested at all in participating in the trip, please fill out the application – even if you are not sure if you will be able to go this year. We would like to have a good estimation of participation and have enough materials for the November 13th meeting.

If you have any questions about any details regarding the trip or application process, please email Shaly Moyal, International Missions Coordinator at shaly.moyal@gmail.com .

Application Fields Online:

First Name (Must be your FULL LEGAL NAME – as printed on your birth certificate) no nicknames!

Last Name (as printed on your birth certificate)

Local Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number with area code

Emergency Contact: Relationship, Name, Phone number, email

Date of Birth (MM, DD, YYYY)

Passport Number (may leave blank if you do not yet have one)

Are you a 1st Time Applicant? Y/N

If No, do you have an outstanding balance from a previous trip?

- If so, how much? If you are unaware of your balance, please email Ashlyn Oberg at Ashlyn@walnutcreekcc.org to find out and then complete your application.
- You may skip to the Medical Information portion of the application

If Yes, this is your first time, you will need to complete the following questions.

CHURCH/SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND:

Please type or fill out answers on a separate sheet of paper hand-written

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS ONLY

1. Briefly tell how and when you became a Christian.
3. Describe your involvement in church and which one (congregation if within WCCC)
4. Why do you want to be a part of this short-term mission trip?
5. Have you had previous experience sharing the gospel with strangers? (Cold-turkey evangelism) Explain.
6. What kind of contact have you had with racial, ethnic, or cultural groups other than your own?
7. What are your strengths in a team-based setting?
8. What are your weaknesses in a team-based setting?
9. Do you have any hesitancy about going on an overseas mission trip?
10. Are your parents supportive of this mission trip and your involvement?
11. Are you a dependent of your parents or a minor?

EXPERIENCE/TRAINING

Please check those activities in which you have been involved in (please explain)

___ Small Group Leader (explain) _____

___ Small Group Member (explain) _____

___ Mission Trips overseas (explain) _____

___ Mission Trip Group Leader (when) _____

___ Translator (what language) _____

___ Leadership Training (i.e. Epicenter, GCLI, etc.) _____

Languages Spoken in order of proficiency:

1. _____

2. _____

Level of fluency (how many years of training perhaps) _____

You must carry a copy of your insurance card with you on the plane. Please make sure to get this A.S.A.P. You also must have a copy of all prescriptions of medicines you are bringing with you.

FINANCIALS

You will receive a copy of the following pages at the first meeting as well, but please look them over to make sure you know what you are signing up for.

Initial cost of the trip: \$1100.

This included a \$100 non-refundable deposit. If you raise the funds to go beyond your \$100 deposit, they can be reimbursed or re-allocated as you see fit. You are able to raise your initial \$100 deposit as well by sending out letters to donors ahead of time.

The primary method of raising the funds for the mission trip is through support from outside sources. We will help to train you and instruct you on how to send out letters to friends, family and co-workers regarding the cost of the trip and the need for support. Though you do not have to use this method to raise funds, it is common and acceptable. **Fundraising letters must be sent out before Christmas**, this is your responsibility to ensure the best possible situations for raising the necessary funds.

We will also look into other possible fundraisers and will provide you with information on those. You are also welcome to design or organize your own fundraiser for the trip.

As a participant of the mission trip, each person is responsible for fundraising the \$1100 fee for the trip. We have set up a payment schedule to follow in order to ensure your completion of the necessary fundraising. These are the required amounts to be turned in at the following dates. **NOTE:** If fundraising exceeds the cost of the trip, the additional funds will be used for extra features of the trip and to pay for additional supplies and resources. *(except in the case of your initial deposit)*

- **Deposit of \$100** due with Application on November 12th.
 - There will be a short information meeting the 13th, which you must attend, unless you have major conflicts. You may notify Shaly Moyal if you are unable to attend.
- **25% by December 31st - \$275**
- **50% before February 1st - \$550**
- **75% by March 1st - \$825**
- **100% by March 31st - \$1100**
 - **NOTE: this is after the return date of the trip. This can include funds received later. If you need to change this date, you must have in writing your date of full payment. Payment plan arrangements must be made with us before departure on the trip.**

*If you foresee major problems in these dates/amounts please see Shaly Moyal with details, **in writing**. We will work on a case-by-case basis regarding all changes. All requirement exceptions are subject to Pastoral approval.*

- **All checks must be turned in to Shaly Moyal. Please do not turn them into general church offering.**

- Checks must be written out to Walnut Creek Community Church.
- No checks will be accepted outside of the church building.
- You are responsible for keeping a second record of all checks turned in to ensure proper recording.

Costs to be covered during the trip:

- All transportation
- 3 meals per day
- Housing
- Drinking Water
- Cell Phones for groups
- Materials/literature to hand out
- Misc. as decided by staff

Costs you will incur on your own:

- Passport,
 - Additional food,
 - Souvenirs, etc.
- These are not covered in the trip expense.

CREDIT CARDS:

It is recommended that each person have at least one credit card that can be used over seas. This is to ensure purchase power internationally and will ensure the best possible exchange rate on a daily basis. If you do not have one, please apply ASAP. A Visa or MasterCard check-card will work as one form. Most places do not support Discover Cards overseas.

PASSPORTS:

If you do not already have a US Passport, please go to the main post office and apply for one. You will need your birth certificate and your social security card. PLEASE APPLY TODAY! You can do this at the 2nd Ave US Postal Office. You will need passport photos, which can be taken at Walgreens. The applications are online.

EXPECTATIONS

As a participant of the short-term missions trip there are a few expectations that must agree to adhere to, to the best of your ability:

- Each participant of the mission trip will be placed in a group.
- Each group will have a group leader who will be responsible for the group's safety, itinerary, and preparation.
- Each group leader will designate a time for the group to meet for the weeks prior to the trip.
- We will have large group meetings Sunday afternoons starting in January for 1 hour or less.
- All absences from these meetings will have to be cleared with your group leader.
- There will be language tips and help available in order to aid in improving your language skill depending on the location to which you are traveling, however you are responsible for your own language acquisition.
- You agree to be a representation of Jesus Christ. This means that you will abide by all laws both here in the USA and in your designated country.
- You agree to adhere to all safety precautions as instructed by leaders.
- You agree that your participation on this trip is subject to leaders approval and acceptance. This is an application process.

Please list any travel date conflicts, as flights may leave anywhere from March 15th – 16th and arrive back in Des Moines from March 23rd to 24th.

I _____ have read and agree to these terms as above stated and will do my best to adhere to them. I also attest that I have answered all the above questions to the best of my ability.

Signed _____ Date _____

(by printing your name in this box, you are formally signing this document)

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