## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

### **MEDICAL MISSION TRIP**

MAY 21-28, 2022 | SANTIAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC









**OVERVIEW** 



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The Compass team will work with GO Medical, which pairs local Dominican medical professionals with U.S. missions teams to provide quality healthcare to the vulnerable and the hurting, creating opportunities for healing and gospel transformation.

Medical teams spend three days helping lead mobile medical clinics. They intentionally serve in communities where a new church is being started so that it can be an effective outreach tool for local pastors. Mobile clinics consist of four stations: triage, provider assessment, pharmacy, and prayer. Team members work in all four areas. Other days are spent exploring other areas of ministry doing service projects, children's ministry, and serving alongside local leaders.

#### **KEY DATES**

Trip dates: Saturday, May 21-Saturday, May 28

Deadline to sign up: Sunday, May 1

Pre-trip meeting #1: Sunday, April 3 at 6 p.m. in C100 Pre-trip meeting #2: Sunday, April 17 at 6 p.m. in C100 Post-trip meeting: Sunday, June 5 at 6 p.m. in C100

#### **SCHEDULE** (highlights)

Saturday, May 21: Arrive in DR

Sunday, May 22: Church service, Community Development project or kids' ministry

Monday, May 23: Mobile Medical Clinic Tuesday, May 24: Mobile Medical Clinic Wednesday, May 25: Mobile Medical Clinic

Thursday, May 26: tour of GO School and Leadership Dev. Center, travel to Resort (beach, rest, relaxation)

Friday, May 27: Time at the beach, return to Santiago

Saturday, May 28: Depart for the US

#### TRIP LEADER

This trip is being led by Nancy Fritzen, a registered nurse. She has participated on several international mission trips in the past.

#### **ABOUT OUR MISSIONS PARTNER**

GO Medical provides comprehensive care for those who otherwise could not access health care. This includes consultations, chronic care checkups, dentistry, wound care, lab testing, medicine, education, and prayer. They make care affordable and available through their Medical Center and mobile medical clinics across the island. They work alongside the local leaders that GO Ministries empowers in the Dominican Republic and beyond, seeking to treat patients, educate our neighbors, and equip our local leaders with basic healthcare knowledge as tools for their ministry.

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#### **COVID PROTOCOLS**

For this trip, a COVID vaccine is not required. Measures will be taken to minimize the chance of spreading COVID throughout the trip. A negative rapid COVID test may be required before departure of the trip. A COVID test maybe be required upon arrival for unvaccinated team members. And the U.S. requires a negative COVID test done 24 prior to the return flight.

#### **CAN CHILDREN GO?**

The recommended age for children to go on a medical trip is 15 years and older.

#### **ACCOMODATIONS**

Groups stay at the GO Medical Clinic. This new facility includes a great space for teams to stay during a trip. There are separate rooms for men and women with comfortable beds and separate bathrooms. Additionally, there is a kitchen/dining area and community gathering space for teams.

#### **FOOD**

Most meals are prepared and served at the Medical Clinic by Dominican cooks. All meals are traditional Dominican foods (a lot of chicken, rice and beans). Typically, food in the DR isn't very spicy. There is the possibility to eat empanadas at a local restaurant one evening as well as eating out during the beach portion of the trip.

#### **SAFETY & SECURITY**

The safety of the mission team is a priority. All the areas we visit are communities where GO has a well-established presence. Generally, all of the areas missions teams visit are safe, however we never let our guard down. Team members should never go anywhere alone. Even if going to the restroom in the airport, team members must always let another team member know where they are going.

#### **PASSPORTS**

You need a valid U.S. passport to go on this trip. You can't travel with a passport that expires in less than six months. No visa is required for this trip.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Missions teams travel economy class on a leading U.S. airline. In country travel is done on GO Ministries vehicles.

#### **COST & DONATIONS**

The cost of the mission trip is \$1,900. This covers transportation, lodging and meals (Virtually all the mandatory expenses.) You are encouraged to bring money for things like souvenirs, extra snacks, etc.

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#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

If, after a serious effort to raise support, anyone is struggling to pay for the trip, full and partial scholarships are available.

#### **TEAM MEETINGS**

Meeting together as a team before you leave is vital to building relationships and bonding together.

#### Pre-Trip Meetings

Typically, there are two meetings prior to the trip. Attendance is mandatory for at least one of the meetings.

#### Post-trip Meeting

There is usually a post trip meeting that sometimes includes dinner about two weeks after the trip to debrief, share photos and reflect on how God worked through you during the trip.

# SCAN TO REGISTER FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL MISSION TRIP:



#### **QUESTIONS?**

If you need additional information or have questions, call Cheryl Hoffman at (480) 963-3997, ext 106.