

# A GOD-CENTERED EXPERIENCE You'll Never Forget



## Dominican Republic Youth Mission 2020

In one week, you will begin to understand what Jesus meant when He said – “I came not to be served but to serve...” Matthew 20:28



## **To our Youth and Parents:**

As our **Dominican Republic** Mission trip draws closer, the excitement is building. Already, we are seeing great things happening around us. The leadership team feels really blessed to be able to work side by side with youth that want to serve others, especially in a foreign location as **The Dominican Republic**.

### **Forms**

You may find some of the information required is similar in nature, however, each of these forms serves different purposes, and Customs has different requirements than our church records or those by our Mission Partner(s). Thank you in advance for your patience.

- Participant Information Form (Filled out by January Meeting Date)
- Letter of agreement
- Photo agreement
- Permission for Minors to cross border document

Please fill out the forms and return them as soon as possible.

### **Training Sessions**

We will be reviewing and discussing the trip at each of our training meeting scheduled monthly. It is imperative that each student is able to do all 4 sessions of training to allow them to feel prepared and be comfortable while working at the mission. Parents are always welcome to attend. Other gatherings may be called as needed.

### **Fundraisers**

Fundraising is a necessary part of our mission preparation. We need to do fundraisers to offset the cost of our mission activities and to be able to assist our ministry partners. This year we are planning a variety of events to help offset some of the costs associated with the mission needs and keep the cost to students and families low. Parents are always welcome to assist. Students will be required to commit to being an active part of the fundraising efforts.

### **Prayer**

Prayer is an enormous part of any Mission trip.

We ask that you continue to pray for each leader and each student going on the trip, and the people we will be serving with in **DR**.

Each student will be asked to identify and connect with an adult prayer partner who will commit to pray for them in the months leading up to the Mission, while in country, and in the weeks following. The student will need to communicate their prayer partner's email address to the Coordinators so that they can be kept in the loop.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mission Trip Coordinators - **Dustin Day & Stephen Page**

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To keep tabs on the team – [facebook.com/UTurnMissions](https://facebook.com/UTurnMissions) or [facebook.com/TruNorYouth/](https://facebook.com/TruNorYouth/)  
For those going and their families - [facebook.com/groups/DRMission2020/](https://facebook.com/groups/DRMission2020/)



# WHAT To Know

# Dominican Republic Mission 2020

## When do you go on the mission?

March Break 2020 ~ February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Where do we serve?

We will be serving in and around the area of Caberette, Dominican Republic.

## What's included in the registration fee?

We want your trip to be as easy on you as possible. That's why we provide the following so you don't have to:

- Lodging during the week
- All meals, except travel meals and snacks
- Pre-trip training to prepare before we do our mission
- Experienced mission-minded leaders
- Fundraising ideas and support

## Who can participate?

High School Students (with at least a 2004 birth year) and young adults. If you are interested, submit an online request, only limited seats are available.

## How many adults are attending?

Adults (age 20 and above) are a critical part of the experience because they help provide safety, relationships, spiritual guidance, and discipline. We bring a minimum of one adult for every seven youth. Additionally we have other adults serving in country during the same time period.

## What about transportation?

We arrange transportation for the group to and from our mission location. During the week we use local transportation.

## Where do we stay?

Lodging is provided at a secure all inclusive resort that serves 'americanized' food. Rooms will be organized according to gender. There is a common eating area, and shared program area.

## What does your typical day look like?

Morning: High School Ministry/Prep for afternoon children's ministry/Outreach

Afternoon: VBS Style ministry to children in a local school.

Evening: Outreach, Prep for the next day, Debrief

## When do I have to pay?

Fundraising takes time, and sometimes more than one effort, so we've broken your trip into 3 convenient payments to cover the \$750 cost (before Fundraising efforts – total trip cost is roughly \$2000/participant):

### PAYMENT #1

- A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is required no later than the end of SEPTEMBER
- Earlier is better to ensure one of the limited spots belongs to you

### PAYMENT #2 – NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

- \$100 – Due at November Meeting

### PAYMENT #3 – January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- 50% of your remaining balance is due (\$250)

### PAYMENT #3 – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Your remaining balance is due (\$250)

## Do you get trained for this mission?

Yes. Four (4) monthly Training Sessions - November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup>

## How do you register & get more info?

Go to your web browser and type in

<http://www.jubc.ca/dr20>

to fill out the registration form, and review the past trip photos

**THIS ONLINE REGISTRATION IS DUE BY**

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

***Completion of this registration does not  
GUARANTEE participation in the DR Mission***

# **Dominican Republic MISSION TRIP**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**October 2019 to March 2020**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Completion of this registration does not GUARANTEE participation in the DR Mission*

### **Meeting Dates**

**\*Meeting Locations to be announced\***

October 6<sup>th</sup> – POSSIBLE Information meeting for students & parents

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – for students (first prep-training)

December 1<sup>st</sup> – for students

January 5<sup>th</sup> – for students

February 9<sup>th</sup> – for students

February 16<sup>th</sup> - for parents and students (If needed)

February 29<sup>th</sup> - we'll be leaving "bright and early".

Time will be announced. Meet at Jacksonville Baptist to depart to Airport.

### **Payment Dates**

End of September 2019 - \$150 Non – Refundable Deposit

(We cannot hold your seat without a deposit)

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – \$100

Please note: This is officially due on November 3<sup>rd</sup> but we will not be accepting/acknowledging payment before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 50% of remaining balance or \$250

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – remaining monies outstanding or \$250

\*\*\*Please note when paying by cheque, make it out ONLY to the applicable church:

Either

JACKSONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Or

TRUE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

### **Fundraisers Events & Dates (to be announced)**

November – December – January/February

## Mission Trip Packing List – 2020

Packing for a mission trip requires a lot of careful planning to make the trip a success. This is a sample packing list for your convenience. **A MORE DETAILED AND EXHAUSTIVE LIST WILL BE PROVIDED AT A TRAINING MEETING.** This is international airline travel so please, when **the FINAL LIST** is provided stick to it as close as possible. The **FINAL LIST** will include baggage weight limits that **MUST BE ADHERED TO.** We have also included a section of what NOT to bring...just in case you were wondering.

- Your Bible, pen and paper
- A week's worth of shirts, pants and undergarments. Be sure that your shirts and pants are varied for both cooler and warmer days. (appropriate attire will be discussed at training meetings)
- A week's worth of socks
- 1 sweatshirt/hoodie
- 1 pair of sneakers or walking shoes (you will be doing a lot of walking and running) and flip flops or sandals
- 1 pair of rugged shoes (boots, etc...)
- Jacket/coat/ rain coat, hat
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Sleepwear
- Any medications you require (in original packaging)
- Any additional personal hygiene products you require
- A waist pack or back pack for camera and personal items (This will serve as your carry on)
- A modest bathing suit for swimming (at the resort) or bathing
- Passport & Proof of travel insurance (this will be kept by leaders for safety and re-issued when necessary)
- Spending money:
  - Money should be used for 2 travel meals, snack food and any personal souvenirs.
  - \$100.00 US funds is the minimum recommended
  - Leaders will not be responsible for students spending habits

# Mission Trip Packing List – 2020

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## Reminders:

- Clothes should be modest and worn that way.
- No bottom of shirts tied up to expose the waist.
- Don't bring clothes that give you that "poured in" or "painted on" look. No skinny jeans.
- Jeans must be at the waist with no undergarments showing
- Girls must wear bras. The midriff should not show when bending over or raising your arms. When either standing or bending, you must have a modest top.
- No skirts or dresses above the knee – slits cannot go above the knee.
- Tops cannot be low cut either in the front or the back.

## Please **DO NOT** bring:

- Hunting knives
- Illegal or restricted substances (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc.)
- The Full Volume Set of the Encyclopedia Britannica (Do you even know what that is?)
- Spare Tire (unless it fits the Team vehicle)
- Weapons of any kind
- House plants
- A sugar maple tree
- Lighters
- Matches
- Garden Implements
- Fireworks
- Palm Pilots (again, do you know what that is?)
- Discmans
- DVD Players
- Small canines (or large)
- Laptop Computers
- Electronic Games
- Your 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- The common Canadian Beaver
- A Goat
- A chainsaw

# Participant Information Form

The follow pages are to be completed by January 5<sup>th</sup>

## PARTICIPANT INFO:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth:     /     /     (mm/dd/yyyy)     Gender: (circle one)     Male / Female  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Doctor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Can we contact you by Facebook? Yes or No (circle one) If yes, Facebook name \_\_\_\_\_  
Can we Text you? Yes or No (circle one) If yes, your Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN INFO:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if different from above)*  
Phone Contact #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Emergency Contacts:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Insurance provider:	_____	Policy Number:	_____
Name of Policy Holder:	_____	Effective Date:	_____

**\*\*COPY OF TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED\*\***

## MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Any known medical conditions and/or medications taken (i.e. Allergies): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(write on another page, if necessary)*

## **Medical Release:**

I / We, the Parent(s)/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the leaders of the Mission Team to treat or seek treatment for my child. If I cannot be reached, I authorize the leaders to permit treatment for my child, including, but not limited to: first aid, hospitalization, surgery and dispensing of pharmaceuticals. I assume all costs pertaining to any treatment given if my insurance provider refuses to pay, and release the above mentioned organizations from any costs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

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### Student Participant

I, the student, hereby enter into a letter of agreement with the Mission Team Leaders, and all participating churches agreeing to the rules and expectations established by of the leaders on the trip. Specifically, this means:

- I will have a good attitude. This means that I will do my best to be positive, and refrain from negative behaviour (i.e. whining). In the event that something does not go my way. I will keep my complaints to myself and discuss them with the group leader at an appropriate time. I understand my comments are important, and will seek to live in harmony with the rest of the group.
- I will not bring or use any illegal substances while on this trip - this also includes alcohol, non-prescription medications (including medications that **you** do not have a prescription for) or tobacco products.
- I will respect the members of the opposite sex by dressing modestly and honouring their personal space. While this trip is a great time to enjoy one an others company, I will wait until I am home before beginning or furthering any relationships.
- I will not engage in any activity that is dangerous to me or others- this includes any or all roughhousing or wrestling- failing to take basic safety precautions or doing any work that I am unfamiliar with. This also includes failure to follow instructions or directions given by leaders.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to bring up any concerns with the trip leadership; if I am uncomfortable with a situation, feeling unsafe or unclear, it is up to me to privately discuss this.
- I agree to make **appropriate use** of technology **only** during the designated times while a part of this mission. This includes (but is not limited to) cell phones, iPods, Laptops, etc. We want you to be able to share what is happening with those at home. Sufficient time will be made available for this.
- I will respect trip leadership and remain teachable and willing to follow instruction while preparing for and be an active part of this mission. I understand the some instruction, though I may not understand it, is necessary for the trip to function safely and effectively and will seek to remain respectful and submitted to leaders with whom I serve.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree to the terms above. I understand that failure to comply with these guidelines can result in disciplinary action, up to and including, being sent home at my family's expense without refund, at the trip leaders' discretion.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Name (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

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### Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

I/we, the parent(s)/guardian(s), hereby enter into a letter of agreement with the Mission Team Leaders, agreeing to the following terms:

- I understand the terms set above in the student section of this agreement, and support the trip leaders as they seek to create an enjoyable experience for all members of the trip.
- I have ensured my child's documentation, insurance and all required info is accurate and up to date; I will notify the trip leaders -as soon as possible- if any of this information has changed.
- I hereby wave any and all Team Leaders, volunteers, members, and the staff of the participating churches of any liability arising from any incident while on this trip. I assume any costs not covered by my insurance plan for medical treatment as well as transportation costs if my child is to be sent home for an emergency or disciplinary reason.

### Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) (continued)

By signing this document, I am signing on my own behalf, and that of any other custodial party.

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*Mother's or Guardian's Name (print)*

*Mother's or Guardian's Signature*

*Date*

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*Father's or Guardian's Name (print)*

*Father's or Guardian's Signature*

*Date*



# Permission To Cross Border with Minors

We/I, \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, understand and give consent for our/my child to travel with the DR2020 Mission Team and its leaders. The intended destination is the Caberette and Sousua area of the Dominican Republic with a February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 date of departure, and March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as the expected date of return.

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, we the undersigned give consent for our child to travel across the Canadian-United States of America border with the above group(s) and leaders. The names below include all parents or step-parents and custodial parties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Mother or Guardian Name (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Father or Guardian Name (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature & Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature & Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Alternate Contact Phone Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Alternate Contact Phone Number*

*Other custodial parties (if applicable)*

Name <i>(please print)</i>	Relationship to student	Phone number	Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Witnessed By (Print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



# PHOTO RELEASE FORM 2019/2020

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the one that applies:

I **DO** give permission for my child's picture to be taken for use by Jacksonville Baptist Church, UTurn Missions and/or True North Baptist Church in local newspapers, church newsletters, church website, Facebook, etc.

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child's picture to be taken for use by Jacksonville Baptist Church, UTurn Missions and/or True North Baptist Church in local newspapers, church newsletters, church website, Facebook, etc.

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

