



# del corazon de Jesucristo

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Dear Team Leader,

We would like to thank you for organizing your team's short-term mission trip to the Dominican Republic. We have created an information packet to help prepare each team member.

We need your assistance in making sure that each member receives their information packet, reads through it thoroughly, and understands the policy. Failure to do so may lead to unforeseen issues or problems. Please go over the guidelines during one of your mission trip meetings.

Prior to making any travel arrangements, every team member will be required to complete the required document stating their agreement to commitment and emergency contact info. Please send it via e-mail to [sjdorsey@delcorazon.org](mailto:sjdorsey@delcorazon.org).

The guidelines listed in this packet are essential for all team members to follow. These guidelines allow us to continue providing safe and effective missions work while respecting the culture of the surrounding area and spreading the love of Jesus Christ. We host teams up to a maximum of 20 people.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at any time.

God Bless,

Del Corazon de Jesucristo



*"from the heart of Jesus"*

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Thank you for your interest in serving alongside Del Corazon de Jesucristo in the Dominican Republic.

Many applicants have asked if we have information regarding missions in our area and our ministry. We have created a packet with some information and guidelines to help prepare those who would like to get involved.

The guidelines listed in this packet are essential for all applicants and team members to follow. These guidelines allow us to continue providing safe and effective missions work while respecting the culture of the surrounding area and spreading the love of Jesus Christ.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at any time.

God Bless!

**Recommended Reading:**

**The Pursuit of God** by AW Tozer (along with other books by Tozer)

**When Helping Hurts** by Steve Corbett

**When I Saw Him** by Roy Hession

**The Liberty of Obedience** by Elisabeth Elliot

**God's Missionary** by Amy Carmichael

**Revival God's Way** by Leonard Ravenhill



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Thank you for your willingness to partner with Del Corazon de Jesucristo in serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic. It is our prayer that God would work in your heart and that lives would be touched and changed for His glory.

As you plan for your upcoming trip, we encourage you to allow God to show you what His purpose is for you in your mission experience. We believe that God has given each team member a desire to serve the underserved in a world that needs Jesus. He also has a plan in using each one of them to touch lives for Christ.

As a representative of Christ and Del Corazon de Jesucristo, we encourage you to focus on Christ and His Word. We look forward to serving with you in this wonderful community. May you be encouraged!

Isaiah 6:8

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [am] I; send me.*

Matthew 9:37

*Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly [is] plentiful, but the laborers [are] few*

1 Corinthians 10:33

*Just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.*

## OUR MISSION

Del Corazon de Jesucristo reaches out to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing medical care, dental care, and education to the underserved population of the Dominican Republic. Our purpose is to provide hope and encouragement to a community by helping to meet their physical, educational, and spiritual needs.

#### WE SEEK TO:

- Train the younger generation to be the future Christian leaders of El Catey and the Dominican Republic. Many young people come to us searching for love and acceptance. They learn that Jesus is the true source of love, joy, and wholeness.
- Provide a short-term missions experience for those who are interested. We know that short-term missions change lives. We encourage missions teams and individuals to join us.
- Give medical students, doctors, dentists and other health care providers an opportunity to participate in medical missions. Health care providers play a major role in helping us meet the physical needs of our community. This experience may influence how they spend their future.

## P R E P A R E

### Pursue God

Psalm 5:3

*In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.*

### Plan Ahead

Proverbs 16:3

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.*

### Pray

Philippians 4:6

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.*

## P R I O R T O Y O U R T R I P

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

Tetanus, Typhoid, Hepatitis A

See [www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/DominicanRepublic.aspx](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/DominicanRepublic.aspx)

Please contact your doctor or local clinic for further information and recommendations.

## **MEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION**

Del Corazon de Jesucristo recommends that all team members see their doctor before they travel. Please note: Del Corazon de Jesucristo has the right to refuse a prospective team member due to health issues.

Del Corazon de Jesucristo recommends that all team members have travel/health insurance.

Personal Prescriptions:

We encourage you to bring a duplicate prescription with you in case your original prescription is misplaced. If misplaced, you may not be able to find your required medication.

## **PASSPORT**

A valid passport is required for travel to the Dominican Republic. You will be responsible for obtaining your own passport. If your passport is due for renewal or you need to purchase one, please plan accordingly, as it can take 7 to 10 weeks to process. Make 2 copies of your passport – leave one at home and bring the other with you, in the event that your passport should become lost or stolen during travel.

# **WHAT TO BRING**

- Passport
- Medications
- Bible
- Sheets for twin-size bed
- Towel, washcloth (beach towel, if your team has planned this)
- Pillow
- Waterproof sunscreen spf 30 or higher
- Mosquito/bug repellent
- Personal toiletries
- Reusable water bottle or canteen

## WILL COME IN HANDY

Hand sanitizer  
Hat/baseball cap

Baby wipes  
Flashlight

Dirty laundry bag  
Snacks while traveling

## UPON ENTERING and EXITING THE COUNTRY

### CUSTOMS FORMS

E-Ticket: Website to complete travel information: [eticket.migracion.gob.do](http://eticket.migracion.gob.do)

Short-term team members are considered volunteers and are classified as tourists. Fill in the box marked “pleasure” on your customs/immigration forms.

The location and address of where you will be staying is:

**Del Corazon de Jesucristo, El Catey, Samana, Sanchez, Dominican Republic**

### COMMUNICATION, ONCE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Please advise your parents, family members, and friends that they may not hear directly from you during the week. **In case of an EMERGENCY**, you may be contacted at the following numbers: 808-387-9016 or (808) 373-6630 (text messages only). Please advise family and friends to respect this policy.

## CLOTHING AND ATTIRE

Clothing is to be Conservative & Considerate

(Team Leaders will explain appropriate clothing before each ministry activity.)

Out of respect and consideration to one another, please read and follow the guidelines. What is acceptable in your own country/culture can easily be misunderstood by Dominicans and/or others and therefore, detrimental to the ministry. Our goal here is not to cause our brothers and sisters to stumble and hinder the long-term work of the Gospel. As guests, please ensure modesty—be conservative. We ask ladies not to have tight-fitting clothes, low necklines or waistlines, or exposed backs of midriffs. Attitude is the most important thing. We are already strangers here. We want to do as much as possible to keep people's eyes off us and on Jesus.

Please stick to this dress code. Thank you!

- Jewelry and Make-up should be kept minimal
- No fatigues, camouflage or anything associated with gangs or the military
- No sleeveless shirts, blouses, dresses
- T-shirts or blouses with conservative necklines, collared shirts, polo shirts – loosely fitted and at least hip length, scrubs.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses -- must be knee length or longer
- Footwear: Rubber slippers (flip flops), athletic shoes
- Swimwear (if this has been scheduled into your trip) to be worn at the beach only—not during down time on the property and must be covered up \* (*see note*) while traveling to and from the beach.

Women: Conservative and modest, one-piece swimsuits

Men: Swim trunks

\* acceptable cover-ups for beachwear: Clothing that you would wear through the town.

- Lightweight, cotton fabric and loose-fitting clothing is best for this climate
- Medical Outreaches: Short-sleeved shirts, capris, long skirts, long pants, scrubs. Sleeveless and shorts are not allowed.

## **S T O P!**

**Please do not pack these items for your mission trip.**

**These are non-dress code items & items considered inappropriate.**

- ❑ **NON-DRESS CODE:** Spaghetti straps, sleeveless outfits, halters, tank tops, low necklines, exposed backs or midriffs, mini skirts, short shorts, low-rise (hip hugger) bottoms, tight-fitting clothes, Athletic tights and workout outfits
- ❑ **OTHER:** video games, \*I-Pods, I-pads\*, laptops, gameboys, DVD players and other portable/personal electronics. Please refer to section on \*phones and the internet

*Use time on the field to build relationships with team members and nationals — and to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Please limit phone use to free time in dorm quarters only.*

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & STANDARDS TO FACILITATE THE SUCCESS OF YOUR STAY IN THE DOMINICAN AND WITH DEL CORAZON**

Del Corazon de Jesucristo is an on-going ministry in the Dominican Republic. All team participants are required to stay on the Del Corazon de Jesucristo property. Although your time will be brief, we have established these guidelines and expectations to help prepare you for your visit. We ask that you honor these at all times. (**Team leaders:** Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure these guidelines are met. We would like to thank you in advance for fulfilling your role as the leader.)

### **Water**

- Please Conserve Water
- Water is available, but must be collected and pumped. Water conservation is a priority.
- Showers – Once a day. Short showers please.
- Indoor Lavatories – All paper-type products are to be thrown in the trash can.

### **Drinking Water**

- Purified bottled water
- Brush teeth w/bottled water

### **Housekeeping**

- Maintain your areas: Common area, bathroom
- Cleaning supplies will be made available

### **Electricity**

- Please Conserve Energy
- Electricity is also very limited and provided via battery-operated back-up power, street power
- Please do not use or bring small appliances that can cause power outages (ie. blow dryers, flat irons, hot rollers, etc.)
- Limited space for team use of refrigerator/freezer
- **Please** turn off fans and lights when leaving the room

### **Health Issues**

- Sunscreen, insect repellent, drink lots of water
- Please inform us if you are experiencing any health concerns

### **Dorms**

- All participants will be staying on-site the property of Del Corazon.
- No local visitors or children are allowed in the buildings, upstairs, in dorm areas or main house



## Laundry

- No laundry facilities. Please pack accordingly.

## Dining

For Short-Term Teams: All meals will be prepared and/or provided by Del Corazon.

- The team will be expected to eat their meals together, so please be on time.
- Meals and Dietary Restrictions: If you have any dietary concerns, you are encouraged to bring some food items that meet your health guidelines, which do not require any cooking or preparation. Please plan accordingly as to what you will need to pack. There are no supermarkets in the town.
- Set up crew: Set up tables, take food and supplies to tables
- Clean up crew: Take dishes and leftovers to designated areas, clean off and disinfect tables, breakdown and store tables

## Distribution of Gifts and Things

### **Acceptable:**

- For use in final day of VBS: pencils/bookmarkers with scriptural reference, or gospel tracks
- For clinics: bookmarkers with scriptural reference or gospel tracks

### **Unacceptable:**

- Sharing of food, snacks, water, personal items, money, contact information, personal information, phone numbers, etc., or any items not listed above as acceptable.
- No transporting of letters, parcels, etc. when requested by nationals.

*Please refrain from distributing any of these types of gifts. The distribution of unacceptable gifts **will** cause division and disunity between the ministry and its purpose, and the individuals involved.*

## Minors & Pastimes

- Chaperones must be with minors (under 18 years of age) at all times
- Travel in groups
- Women/girls will be spending time with females; men/boys will be spending time with males. You are not here to develop romantic interests with team mates or nationals, which can lead to confusion and unseen problems, which detracts from your purpose and service unto the Lord.

## Drug & Alcohol-Free Organization

- Please refrain from the purchase and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages during the entire duration of your trip. No smoking, drug, or alcohol allowed.

## Money Exchange

- To be done prior to your trip or upon arrival at the airport

## Phones and the Internet

- No phone service or internet. If you must use your phone, please use in private and not in public.

# FACTS ABOUT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Capital: Santo Domingo

Average Temperature: 78° F – 88° F

Climate: Semi-tropical, warm and humid

Location of Country: Shares the Caribbean island of Hispanola with Haiti

Location of El Gatey: Northeast coastline

Town Population: Approx. 3,000

Language: Spanish

Currency: Dominican peso

Natural Resources: Agricultural

## CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

The success of your experience depends on your attitude and how you respond to things around you. You are guests in a foreign country and what you consider normal, necessary, humorous, or unimportant could offend someone, hinder others from hearing the message of salvation, or make another Christian stumble. Consider those around you that you may represent Christ in your words and actions. Please refrain from complaining and discussions on politics and finances. We do not want to run the risk of offending people in our host culture.

Our prayer is that this additional information will help you understand what you can expect and what the ministry of Del Corazon de Jesucristo expects from you during your stay. Please feel free to drop us an email or a note if you have any questions about any of the information you've received.

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**REQUIRED DOCUMENT: AGREEMENT TO COMMITMENT**

All individuals are responsible for completing and emailing the Agreement to Commitment form to [sidorsey@delcorazon.org](mailto:sidorsey@delcorazon.org) . Your trip is not confirmed until all required documents have been received.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT TO COMMITMENT**

Del Corazon de Jesucristo requires that all participants comply with the rules and regulations concerning conduct, dress, Christian lifestyle and cultural sensitivity. These are explained in the participant information packet. Failure to comply with these policies is grounds for immediate dismissal. Del Corazon de Jesucristo is not liable in the event of sickness, personal injuries, accident, death, or terrorists acts. Del Corazon de Jesucristo is not liable for transportation, property damage or loss, costs, and any other expenses beyond normal involvement.

I have voluntarily chosen to participate in this mission trip and to be involved in outreach to physical and spiritual needs. I will represent Christ and conduct myself in a manner worthy of the Lord and refrain from any behavior which may compromise my witness. I am in good health and physically able to perform hard physical labor. I may be required to obtain a doctor’s exam or prior written approval to participate on this mission trip. All medical expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the participant/family. If the participant is a minor child and the undersigned cannot be reached in an emergency, the undersigned grants permission to have Del Corazon arrange for proper treatment, if medically required.

I have read and understand the above information and the information that I have submitted is accurate and true.

Please confirm your intent to be bound by the above mentioned terms. By selecting “I accept” you are entering into a binding contract/agreement with Del Corazon.

I accept

I decline

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian if Participant is under 18 years of age

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_