

# Dominican Republic Youth Missions Trip



**When:** June 15-22, 2019

**What:** We will be helping the WOL missionaries with a variety of ministries. Possibilities include helping get their camp ready for camping season, visiting local hospitals/orphanages, holding a 2 day camp for Compassion International Kids, etc. We will also get to attend 2 church services on Sunday. Plans will firm up as we get closer to the time, but it is always important to remember to remain flexible even during the trip. We will go with a servant's heart and look for ways to serve our missionaries and the local people of the DR.

**Cost:** Approx. \$1,210. Airline tickets are \$800. First check-in bag is \$30 each way. Lodging, meals, and transportation in the DR is \$350. Spending money for souvenirs is extra and up to each individual as to what they bring.

**Passport:** If you do not have one already, you will need to apply for one. Students 16 years and older are \$145. Under 16 is \$115. It can take 4-6 weeks to get it in the mail. You can make an appointment to apply at the post office in Hanes Mall or you can go to the office located on the campus of W-S State without an appointment. We need to have copies of all passports by April 14.

**Flights:** Currently with American Airlines, Charlotte-Miami-Santo Domingo.

**Fundraisers:** My goal is to cover half of the cost of the trip through fundraisers, including what the church gives each student from the 2019 budget (\$100/student plus paying for travel insurance for each participant). If you are planning on going on this trip, it is very important to be at each fundraiser in order to receive the maximum amount from these events. Remaining fundraisers include:

Meal: January 13 and May 19

Envelope fundraiser: February (work day at the church TBA)

We also encourage you to write letters to raise prayer and financial support. See separate sheet for guidelines.

**Immunizations:** The CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) recommends the following on their website:

“Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.” Hepatitis A and Typhoid are also recommended. *NOTE: Hepatitis A requires 2 shots, 6 months apart. The first one must be given before you leave for the DR.* (Marcelo reports that currently there is no cholera or malaria where we will be traveling)

*Please have your immunizations completed by April 14.*

**Due dates to remember:**

**March 3** - \$200 deposit

**April 14** – Copies of passport, insurance card, and travel release form

**April 28** – “no turn back” date (we have to make the final payment on our tickets at this point)

**May 26** – Final payment due (we will not know your final balance until after the fundraiser meal on May 19)

**Final thoughts:** Do not go on this trip because “everyone is going.” Do not go on this trip simply because “it will be fun and exciting.” Commit to praying about it with your family and ask God for wisdom and direction. Commit to going on this trip only if you want to humbly serve, learn, and be used by God to encourage and help others see Christ in you.