



The BRIDGE Mission Team to The Dominican Republic

We are so glad that you are considering going with us to see the work in the Dominican Republic. You will be a part of a working mission...The Crossover Cups Mission The teams main function is relationships! We take supplies, serve alongside the missionaries, show love to the people, and encourage the missionaries and staff serving all year long.

Monday, June 16 – Saturday June 21, 2025

*Packing & Info Night is scheduled for Tuesday **6/10/25**, 6:30pm at The Bridge, 1977 Bay Rd, Milford DE

Trips 2025 Cost

\$875 PLUS AIRFARE* This includes: Food and Lodging in the D.R., Transportation in the D.R., translators, any supplies needed for projects or programming.

Payment Schedule: (see “Trip Planning Steps” for additional payment info)

Deposit - \$300* (non-refundable/ non-transferable)

Payment 2 - \$325 by **3/10/25**

Final Payment - \$250 by **4/10/25**

Your trip cost does NOT include:

- **Your Plane Tickets** are separate from other trip costs. All teams must fly into Puerto Plata (POP) airport. Ben at The Bridge is monitoring prices. He will be looking for a good time/price to buy and let you know. (*approx. **\$600-\$950**)
- Any hotel stays stateside: if you decide to get a hotel room for the night prior to your departure or after you return.
- Souvenirs
- Snorkeling (if desired) \$35 cash

Trip Planning Steps

- STEP #1** **Secure your passport.** (check what processing times are required.)
- STEP #2** **SECURE YOUR SPOT** - Pay the deposit of \$300 online.
- STEP #3** **INFORMATION** – Complete Checklist on your trip account (Upload Photo of Passport, Upload signed waiver etc.)
- STEP #4** **Payment 2** - \$300 **no later than 3/10/25**
- STEP #5-** **Airfare** – Ben from The Bridge is looking for flight information & will contact you with details for you to purchase your flight.
- STEP #6-** **Pay the remaining balance** of \$300 no later than **4/10/25**
- STEP #7-** **Attend Packing night at The Bridge.** **6/10/25 at 6:30pm – The Bridge, 1977 Bay Rd, Milford DE.** The Bridge listeners will collect supplies to be sent down with us in checked suitcases with us. We will pack these, weigh, and label them to prep them for travel.

Age Criteria

We have taken a 6-year-old up to an 83-year-old. Minors age 6-15 years of age must have a parent or guardian attend the trip with them. Minors 16 and 17 years can go alone on a case-by-case basis only.

Mobility Criteria

The places that we travel are not handicapped accessible. There will be times that walking areas require attendees to maneuver some sloped and/or muddy terrain. There is also an approx. 1-mile hike up to a mountain village that you can opt in on as well.

Fundraising

These are just a few ideas to assist you as you seek to fundraise over the coming months.

- Write letters to people who may be interested in partnering with you. - One way to do this is by breaking down the total cost of your trip by day or expense. For instance, divide the total cost of your trip by the number of days you will be serving, then ask someone to partner with you for one day. (\$300 deposit + \$325 payment #2 + \$250 payment #3 + \$900 flight so \$296/day)
- Host a car wash with others who are also fundraising.
- Sell baked goods or frozen meals.
- Offer childcare or babysitting services.
- Host a silent auction with donated items from friends, family, or local businesses.
- Offer lawncare or maintenance services.

(next is a letter you can give out if you wish, to raise money for you to go)



Dear Friend,

We have an opportunity to join **Crossover Cups Mission** on a mission trip to Sosúa, Dominican Republic. On our trip we will be working with the children and families of the surrounding villages of Sosúa, feeding people who scour the dump for food, visiting local orphanages, providing resources to local missions and reaching out to victims of human trafficking from which the country is #4 in the world. What a chance to minister to others!

We are excited about what God is going to do in our lives and in other people's lives through this trip. We do, however, need your help. We will need:

- prayer support,
- to raise money (\$296 x 6 days)
- help with supplies before we go by going to wearethebridge.org.

Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

We'd love for you to be a part of this awesome opportunity, for we know that you too will be blessed. Thank you and God bless.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Sorrells', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ben Sorrells

Director of Community Engagement & Mission Trip Leader

The Bridge

"The Right Song At The Right Time"

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Lodging

Rio Vista Guest House: Convenient to the areas we serve and the places we will evangelize, these facilities have been serving missionaries for years. The layout of the grounds is ideal for worship, group devotional sessions and Bible study and will help create a team feel. A Pool is available onsite as well.

2-4 ppl to a room*

*If you would like your own room by yourself, there is an additional charge.

Check it out at riovistaguesthouse.com.

Transportation in the D.R.

We will be utilizing trucks and professional drivers to transport us to and from our destinations. These are “safari” trucks with a roof and padded seats on both sides.

Luggage

We will carry up to (3) pieces of luggage **and** a personal item (i.e. backpack)

1. Carry-On – will hold your personal clothes
 2. Checked Bag #1 - supplies for the D.R.
 3. Checked Bag #2 - supplies for the D.R.
- Backpack – can hold more of your belongings

Carry-on size limits:

*Caution: Ensure within your carry-on bags liquids and toiletries do not exceed 3 oz. each. All toiletries weighing more than 3 oz. risk being confiscated by the TSA.

Only take **EMPTY** water bottles thru security,

Identification

A passport is required. If you do not currently have a passport, you must apply for one at least 35 days prior to departure to ensure you receive it in time. Make two photocopies of your passport's ID photo page, give one to your emergency contact and keep one for yourself.

Immunization

It is recommended that you visit your physician to let them know that you will be participating in mission work in Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic and adhere to all immunization recommendations. Check with the CDC (Center for Disease Control) traveler's health information. www.cdc.gov/travel



Clothing

It is recommended that you bring six sets of comfortable yet modest clothes, one for travel and one for each of the five days. We also recommend work clothes be old, second-hand, or thrift store clothes, one set for each workday. They should be suitable for painting, cleaning, and serving people in intense heat and severe living conditions. Bring at least one pair of old sneakers or closed-toed shoes suitable for those days when we make trips to the dump that you can discard at the end of the trip. **NO FLIP-FLOPS OR SANDALS AT THE DUMP.** *A swimsuit is necessary for swimming. Women, please bring a cover-up to wear traveling to and from the pool. We recommend comfortable, yet modest, clothes to wear in 90+ degree weather. If you choose to donate the clothes after wearing them, there will be an opportunity to do so.

Personal Items

It is recommended you not bring unnecessary jewelry, extra electronic devices, or other valuables. Cell phone service is based on your cell phone plans coverage of the Dominican; however, the lodge provides Wi-Fi. Electric outlets are the same as in the U.S.

Water

Use only bottled water for drinking and brushing teeth!! Our lodging locations supply drinking water, and offer several water dispensing stations. **Bring a water bottle/container** to refill.

Money/Souvenirs/Snorkeling

The Dominican peso is the national currency; however, the American dollar is accepted everywhere. Bring only a small amount of money for any souvenirs you may wish to purchase, and limit this to one and five - dollar bills. (It's hard to bargain for a \$5 item when all you have are \$20s!) Consider bringing one credit card for emergencies. If you want to snorkel, bring \$35, sometimes they give us group discount. And yes, you can use some of your cash to tip our drivers/translators as you feel led but is not necessary.

Other Information:

Please refer to Crossover CUPS website videos and resources for more info.
www.CUPSmission.com/resources .

Christian Purpose:

This trip is focused on obeying the Great Commission found in Mathew 28. We ask that you come ready to serve and share God's love! Be ready to tell your testimony! (see below)

Our DR Outreaches:

- Food Program: we serve food & water to those that live near & work at the dump.
- Bible Camp: we share Bible stories, play games, crafts, & provide snacks to the kids. Village Projects: we do service projects such as painting, etc.
- Movie Nights: we host movie nights in the villages where we present them the gospel through fellowship and film.
- Village Visits: We walk through villages (door to door) and ask to pray over the families and households while we provide rice and oil to underprivileged families.
- Prayer Walks: we walk through downtown and pray over the local nightlife (young girls who work the streets and the men that solicit them).

The Bridge listeners also have raised the money for construction/completion of the following projects:

- the community center that now stands in our village
- a water tank so residents don't have to walk miles for clean water
- land purchase which contains:
- the missionary's house
- sewing center and bakery.
- all school age children in our village – school tuition costs since 2018
- 175+ suitcases of supplies (7000+ pounds)

**All trip participants must adhere to payment schedules and deadlines.
Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of your spot.**

Contact Ben at ben@wearethebridge.org with any further questions.
Follow what The Bridge is doing in the Dominican. www.wearethebridge.org/dr

Trip Sample Schedule (any schedule is fluid).

FLEXIBILITY is a key word in the Dominican :))

"Semper Gumby – Always Flexible"

MONDAY: / Orientation /Dinner/

TUESDAY: Children's Program / Out to the community

WEDNESDAY: Feeding Program/ House Painting

/Food Distribution in La Union Abajo/

Evening Missionary Meet and Greet

THURSDAY: Children's Program / Afternoon in the Village/Prayer Walk

FRIDAY: Food Distribution / Snorkeling / Evening Movie Outreach

SATURDAY: wrap-up / travel day

***Trip schedule subject to change.**

Everyone should be prepared to share:

Sharing Your Testimony

While you're on the ground with us in the Dominican Republic, you will have several opportunities to share your testimony. We believe that your story is important! Revelation 12:11 says, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimonies. For they loved not their lives even unto death." Sharing a part of your story in a way that displays the love and sacrifice of Christ is how we overcome the enemy. It's a way of showing others how you love Christ more than your own life. This being said, we want to equip you to share your testimony in the most effective way we know how!

To simplify your story, you can break it up into five short phrases that complete the following sentences:

- 1. Once upon a time...**
- 2. Everyday...**
- 3. Until one day...**
- 4. Because of that...**
- 5. Until finally...**

You don't have to use these exact words, but it can be helpful.

Let's break it down:

1. What you used to believe or how you used to act. Who were you? What was the context?
2. How this belief or action impacted your everyday life. What did you do every day before the Lord transformed this part of your story?
3. The moment that began to change you. What was the turning point or realization?
4. The result on your daily life. What changed about your life?
5. What you believe or how you act now. Who are you now? What is the new context or theme of your life because of this change?

Here is an example of what your testimony might look like:

I used to be frustrated with myself because I felt like I couldn't ever do anything right. I felt so guilty for not being as good of a person as I thought I should be. One day, someone shared with me that God still loved me and that He sent Jesus to die for me so that I didn't have to get it right all the time. Because of this, I was more joyful and happy because I didn't feel guilty. Now, I feel free to obey God no matter what because even when I mess up, He still loves me.

(When you speak, someone will translate it into Spanish.)

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Supply List

Listeners not going on the trip will collect and drop off items at The Bridge. On PACKING NIGHT we will go sort/pack/weigh/tag the suitcases of supplies. It is essential that we pack only the items on this list as our missionaries rely on you to bring these supplies to distribute in our communities.

• Peanut Butter • Canned Tuna • Children's Vitamins • Small Dress Shoes BLACK • Basketball (Deflated) • Composition Notebooks • Pencils - both regular and colored • Sharpeners • Crayons • Glue • Scissors • Erasers • Rulers • Protractors • Rheem Paper • 1 Calculator • Markers • Pens • Fans • Umbrella/Poncho • Spanish Bibles • Hand Sanitizer • Scissors • Fabric for sewing program Sewing • Needles • Thread