

8th Annual International Mission Trip **SENT: Dominican Republic 2019**

LIFE CONNECTION CHURCH & SEVERNA PARK BAPTIST CHURCH are excited to partner together to reach the unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This packet hopes to answer questions for those interested in going on this mission trip.

WHERE ARE WE GOING AND WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We are partnering with the Del Camino Connection (DCC) coordinators Tom & Dee Yaccino to organize our trip with network churches in the *Dominican Republic (DR)*. This will be a serving & learning connection in the DR with Iglesia Comunitaria Cristiana of the Colonial city (ICC) and Nueva Vida in Santo Domingo. Pastor Rafael Hernandez and the wonderful community at ICC and pastor Robert Mateo of Nueva Vida are both excited to welcome and host our team for the week! The first half of the week will be working with ICC with improvements with light construction to their ministry facilities. We will also be helping to serve food each day to homeless and impoverished families. The latter half of the week we will partner with Nueva Vida Church in Barrio Simon Bolivar. Here we will participate in a children's outreach ministry to share the gospel and bless children in this neighborhood.



Through our mission trip in the Dominican Republic you will:

- Learn about wholistic ministry with community development from dynamic churches and church leaders.
- Grow in understanding how faith in Christ can be shared with others in meaningful ways.
- Learn about DCC's "Just Relationships" model for missions.
- Serve alongside network churches that model integral mission.
- Be exposed to the rich beauty of Dominican culture and connect with DCC network church partners.

WHEN ARE WE GOING?

- ✪ August 3-10, 2019
- ✪ We need commitments & airfare ~\$675 before March 17
- ✪ We need \$920 for D.R. by June 30.

WHAT WILL I NEED & HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

- ✪ Passports (before 6mo expiration of travel date)
- ✪ Release Forms (enclosed)
- ✪ Medical: Tetanus, Hepatitis A, (check with your doctor and health insurance)
- ✪ ~\$500 Airfare we try to order as a group for cost effectiveness and the earlier the better.
- ✪ ~\$100 Miscellaneous (food in airports, sight-seeing/shopping, souvenir, etc.)
- ✪ \$920 DCC Mission (includes housing, transportation, meals, mission logistical support, excursion)

\$1,800 Church Missions (provided by LCC/SPBC)

PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

- ★ We are ambassadors. We reflect Jesus Christ, our churches, and the DR mission organizations. Our character and conduct is to be above reproach and respectful of other cultures.
 - Dress modestly, even beyond our cultural norms.
 - Dress to serve, with clothing that will get dirty or stained, wear closed toe shoes. We recommend bringing shower shoes. The weather will be hot and perhaps rainy, so prepare for both.
 - Women: Please wear pants or caprice, or a skirt below knee in villages. All tops should be non-revealing, and not have thin straps showing skin.
 - Men: Please wear pants in the villages. All tops should have sleeves (no muscle or sleeveless shirts).
 - Culture readiness includes flexibility, preparing for environments that challenge your views of cleanliness and comfort. Poverty may be overwhelming to you in sight, smell, and sense. Bringing hand-sanitizer may be helpful, but remember you are experiencing life in someone else's shoes.
 - Do not drink local water, but you will be provided filtered water. You may consider taking extra cautions as bringing a filter bottle and/or having Imodium may be helpful. Each person's body system is different.
 - Technology: As possible we encourage everyone to unplug & connect with our mission while in DR.
- ★ We are servants. We are not spectators or voyeur tourists, but missionaries to learn, love, and lead in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - Be quick to listen and speak discerningly.
 - Take initiative to serve when you see a need.
 - Asking permission before we act can be wise and respectful at times.
- ★ We are missionary evangelists.
 - Prepare yourself before this trip with time in God's word, prayer, and having prayer partners while you are on the trip (Ephesians 6:10-19).
 - Know the gospel of Jesus and speak it frequently to others around you while traveling and while in country (Colossians 4:2-6; 1Corinthians 15:3-7).
 - Know your testimony and be willing to share relationally. Summarize your story in less than 3 minutes. God has given you experiences and wants to use your life story to impact others. In sharing the gospel and your testimony, try to avoid Americanized understandings and religious phrases. Be careful of assuming an easy believism or quick decisions for Christ; plant the seeds and let God water and the D-R ministry leaders nurture the spiritual growth.

THINGS TO BRING

- ★ Clothing for 7 days. Dress light & comfortable (see notes above for men/women). It will be hot and likely rainy. Generally, each day the clothing in the villages will be either sweaty or dirty; sometimes jeans can be work multiple days. Generally, each evening a person could wear relaxed clothing (ex: shorts & t-shirt) for multiple days depending on your desire & comfort in the guest house. Further, you also may consider choosing to leave some clothing behind to bless others through the DCC.
- ★ Bathroom necessities. You will need to bring your own towel(s). A sheet & pillow are provided for dorm style bunk beds. Hand sanitizer will be useful on the road & in villages.
- ★ Electronics should be minimal due to space, electric usage and spiritual focus. Further, you are solely responsible for any items misplaced or taken.
- ★ Baggage: You will have 1 personal bag for above items; 1 carry on and then 1 check bag used for ministry supplies. Your check bag will be empty on the return trip and may be used for check purposes or any returning souvenirs. Bags must weigh <50lbs and meet airline size measurements. Check with the airport & airline websites for more specific information.

TEAM MEETINGS:

- ★ February 18, 6:33pm – Trip overview
- ★ March 18, 6:33pm – Team orientation
- ★ April 22, 6:33pm – Team prayer & preparations
- ★ May 20, 6:33pm – Team prayer & preparations
- ★ July 29, 6:33pm – Team prayer, final preparations, packing

FUNDRAISING: support letter*, direct give, banquet, carwash/yardsale, other...

(*see end page for sample; a letterhead can be provided from your church upon request)

- ★ Yardsale...
- ★ Banquet...
- ★ Support Letters (check your church)
- ★ Other...

ENGLISH – ESPANOL

Hi or Hello	Hola
Good morning/afternoon/night	Buenas dias/tardes/noches
God bless you	Dios le bendiga
Jesus loves you	Jesus te ama
How are you?	Como estas?
My name is _____	Me llamo _____
What's your name?	Como se llama?
It's nice to meet you	Mucho gusto en conocerle
How old are you?	Cuantos anos tiene?
Thank you / for everything	Gracias / por todo
You're welcome	De nada
This is really good (food)	Que rico
I don't speak Spanish	No hablo espanol
I don't understand	No entiendo
I'm from the United States	Soy de los Estados Unidos
How much does it cost?	Cuanto cuesta
Goodbye	Adios

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo que ha dado a su Hijo unigenito para que todo aquel que en el cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eternal. Juan 3:16

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday

am: LCC/SPBC team departs BWI
pm: Arrive at _____ International Airport, DR
Drive... ?
pm: Arrive and settle into the DCC guest house
pm: Welcome and Orientation

Sunday – Thursday

8:00am: Breakfast at the Guest House
9:00am: Orientation with Rafael Hernandez of ICC leaders and volunteers - tour of Abriendo Camino
10:30pm: 1st day of integrating into the Homeless ministry team to serve lunch
12:30pm: Lunch at ICC
2:00pm: Begin serving project activities (Light Construction, facilities improvements)
5:30pm: Return to Guest house - clean up and rest
6:30pm: Dinner at the Guest house
7:30pm: Team Debrief
9:30pm: Rest

Recreation Day

8:00am: Breakfast & Devotionals at the Guest House
9:00am: Departure to recreational area- beach or park tbd
All Day: Relational connections and fun together including lunch
6:30pm: Return to Guest House - prepare for Sunday departure
8:00pm: Final team dinner with team processing
10:00pm: Rest

Saturday

am: Breakfast at DCC Guest House
am: Free time in the colonial city of Santo Domingo
pm: Depart for _____ International Airport, DR
pm: Departure Flight SDQ to BWI
pm: Arrival at BWI

CONTACTS

1-809-328-1103	DCC Guest House:
1-829-659-3305	Yissel Guzman, Endeavor DR Communications Administrator
1-829-659-5556	Cassandra Madrigal, Endeavor Logistical Coordinator
1-809-878-3813	Rafael Hernandez, Pastor ICC
1-809-467-8326	Carlos Pimentel RdC DR

Guest House Address

Calle Moises Garcia
#39 apto 303,
Gazcue, D. N. Santo Domingo

Letter for International Travel Authorization of Minor

Date _____

Dear Consul General:

We/I _____ of _____
(Parents or Guardians Name) (Street Address)

_____ are parents or guardians and have legal custody of
(City) (State) (Zip)

_____ a minor child, who resides with us at the address set
(Minor Child's Name)

forth above. We/I hereby authorize the minor to travel in _____ during
(Country)

The dates of _____ with _____ and the designated group
(trip dates) (Group Name)
Leaders(s) listed below:

_____ (Leader's Name)

_____ (Leader's Name)

_____ (Leader's Name)

_____ (Parent/Legal Guardian)

_____ (Parent/Legal Guardian)

NOTE: In the case of two parent families (including situations where the parents are divorced and share legal custody) or joint legal guardians, BOTH parents or legal guardians must sign this form and have it notarized. In the case of single parent families and a single legal guardian, the sole parent/legal guardian may sign.

NOTARY

State of _____

County of _____

Be it remembered, that on this day, _____ before me, the undersigned a Notary Public
(Date)

in and for the County and State aforesaid, came _____
(Parent/Legal Guardian)

who is personally known to me to be the same person(s) who executed the above and foregoing instrument, and they duly acknowledge the execution of this same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year above written.

(Date Commission Expires)

(Notary Public)

Liability Release Agreement/ Emergency Medical Information Forms
ADULT/YOUTH RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR

1. I desire that the above-named Adult/Minor be allowed to participate in a Ministry event organized by **Del Camino Connection / Iglesia Comunitaria Cristiana / Nueva Vida and Severna Park Baptist Church (Maryland), and Life Connection Church (Maryland) all hereto named "MINISTRIES"**. The Adult/Minor also desires to participate in this Ministry event. I give my permission for the Adult/Minor's participation and I voluntarily sign this Release.
2. As consideration for allowing Adult/Minor to participate in the **MINISTRIES** event, I hereby release and forever discharge and its respective members, employees, officers, directors, ministers, elders, volunteers and other representatives ("Releasees") from any and all claims for injuries, death, loss, or damages I may suffer which are in any way relating to such Ministry event. I understand that I am releasing all claims of any kind on behalf of the Minor, myself and any other family member or legal representative, even if the injuries, death, loss or damages are caused by the express negligence of **MINISTRIES** or its members, employees, officers, directors, ministers, volunteers and/or other representatives).
3. I hereby give the **MINISTRIES** (by and through its employees and/or representatives who participate, permission to authorize medical and/or hospital treatment for the benefit of the Minor in the event of sickness or injury sustained by the Adult/Minor during the events. I realize that the availability and quality of health care may be greatly diminished. I desire that the Ministry contact me at the phone number below in the event of emergency (if possible), but I knowingly give permission as described above - whether or not I am contacted about such health care decisions.
4. I hereby grant full permission to the **MINISTRIES** to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or other records or documents of the Ministry event and to do so without notice or compensation to Adult/Minor or me. I assume responsibility for full payment of the published and announced cost of the Ministry event; agree to pay any outstanding balance upon request by the Ministry; and agree that any and all cost incurred by the Minor or me during the Ministry event, including, without limitation, costs due to health problems, emergencies and/or death, are my responsibility or will be paid by the estate of the Adult/Minor.
5. I desire that **MINISTRIES** be able to organize and participate in Ministry events without fear of claims or lawsuits by Adult/Minor, by me or by any of the Adult/Minor's relatives or legal representatives. Therefore, I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Ministry and the Releasees harmless from all damages, including, without limitation, special and consequential damages, suffered or paid as a result of any and all claims, causes of action, suits, proceedings, demands, judgments, assessments, and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in litigation or otherwise, assessed, incurred or sustained by or against the Ministry or Releasees by reason of, arising out of or relating to the Adult/Minor's participation in a Church event.
6. We are Christians and believe that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthews 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, we agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this Agreement or any **MINISTRIES** event in which one participates shall be settled by biblically based mediation. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. We understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement or any such Ministry event, and expressly waive any rights we or the Adult/Minor have to file a lawsuit in any civil court for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.
7. I further agree that this Release and Indemnification Agreement (the "Agreement") is binding upon the Adult/Minor's relatives, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives; that this Agreement releases all successors, assigns, and legal representatives of the **MINISTRIES**.
8. I acknowledge that the **above named** has encouraged me to read this Agreement carefully (and to seek legal advice, if necessary) before signing. I understand this Agreement and I have not relied on any other statement, comment or promise by Ministry or Releasees in signing this Agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Adult Participant

Date

MISSION TEAM COVENANT FORM

As a member of a short-term mission team working with Dominican Republic and SPBC/LCC, I agree to:

- ☐ Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ, as well as my Church. I will seek to emulate Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
- ☐ Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my hosts.
- ☐ Remain flexible. Things do not always go as planned. Schedules are dictated by the culture, not always by our watches.
- ☐ I will dress appropriately, as accepted by the culture we are experiencing, and not American standards.
- ☐ Remember that we have come to learn, as well as to teach. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I will be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
- ☐ Respect the host's view of Christianity, recognizing that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that the purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
- ☐ Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
- ☐ Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my boyfriend/girlfriend, or spouse, is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all the members of the team. If I am attracted to a teammate, I will not attempt to pursue a relationship while on the trip.
- ☐ Refrain from any activity that could be construed as a romantic interest with a national or teammate, unless married.
- ☐ Refrain from illegal drugs and abstain from consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco while on this trip.
- ☐ Comply with all policies and procedures set forth by D.R. Ministries / SPBC / LCC.
- ☐ Remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this "Covenant", or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team.
- ☐ Respect any trip leader(s) by:
 - Bringing all trip concerns, complaints of any kind, first to my trip leader's attention privately and not to fellow teammates or missionaries in the country we are serving. I realize even by doing so, decisions may be made contrary to suggestions or to the way I feel they need to be, but I respectfully submit to the leaders' decision.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Emergency Medical Information Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ State _____ ZIP _____

AGE _____ D.O.B. _____

PARENT'S NAME (if minor) _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

CELL: _____

CONTACT NAME IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

CONTACT PHONE #'S _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHRONIC DISEASES OR ALLERGIES? _____

IF YES, LIST: _____

LIST ANY PRE-EXISTING HEALTH PROBLEMS OR CONDITIONS

ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ASPIRIN OR TYLENOL? _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY TAKING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION? _____

IF SO, WHAT & HOW OFTEN? _____

HAVE YOU HAD A TETANUS SHOT IN THE LAST 10 YEARS? _____

WHAT IS YOUR BLOOD TYPE? _____

LIST ANY SLEEPING CONDITIONS YOU HAVE, (EX: SNORING, INSOMNIA): _____

Emergency Medical Information Form

Attach a copy of participant's medical insurance card

Family Physician _____ Phone # _____

Insurance Company _____ Phone # _____

Policy # _____ Group # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #1: (Do not use people who will travel with you to the field.)

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT # 2:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Email: _____

Dear

Hello, I hope this letter finds you doing well. I am writing this letter to share some very exciting news. I am planning and preparing to go on a Mission Trip to Dominican Republic this coming August. It has been my dream and desire to have an opportunity to share and show the gospel to people in great need. Dominican Republic is a beautiful nation, but it is also an impoverished nation with high unemployment, and problems with education, electricity, and other social ills. Many physical, social and spiritual structures in Dominican Republic are inadequate. It is a nation and people in need of hope. I believe Jesus and Christianity offers such hope.

Our team will be in Dominican Republic for one week, (Aug 3-10). We will be working with a local ministry organization called Del Camino Connection (DCC) with network churches Iglesia Comunitaria Cristiana of the Colonial city (ICC) and Nueva Vida in Santo Domingo. This will be a service, missionary, and learning trip experience. Each day we will travel into villages for work and missionary efforts to share the love of God and spread the truth of the gospel. The local ministry organization is sometimes able to aid the people with physical needs like food and clothing through our donations and we look forward to blessing the people with these each day.

I am asking you to be part of my prayer support team and would also ask you to consider being part of my financial support team. My airline ticket will cost me approximately \$500 and then my expense for the week will be \$920 with additional cost. My total cost is approximately \$1,500. I am asking you to prayerfully consider helping to send me to Dominican Republic. This is going to be an awesome trip and I believe God is going to move in mighty ways. We are all part of the team, some going, many giving, all praying, and in all things God giving the increase to our labor.

If you would like to donate, checks can be made payable to _____ Church, with the contact information below. Please designate for Dominican Republic Mission Trip with my name included in a memo.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. I look forward to sharing God's work with you through pictures and stories when I return.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

God Bless,

Life Connection Church: 109 Burns Crossing Road, Severn, MD 21144
Severna Park Baptist: 506 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146

SENT: @spbcmd missions Scholarship Request Information



Severna Park Baptist Church wants to do everything possible to provide financial aid for those who desire to participate in church-sanctioned mission trips, it should be understood that scholarships are reserved for those who have a genuine financial need. Our intention is to be a blessing for those who have fulfilled their responsibility in praying for God's leading of their participation and for personal raising of funds for a particular mission trip.

The granting of a scholarship should not be assumed during the application process. Availability of funds depends on mission funds available at the time of the request, as well as other factors, including:

1. The applicant must be a member of SPBC or a member of a like faith church, for an established period of time and ongoing involvement at SPBC.
2. The applicant's capacity through income, savings, and resources to pay for his/her trip.
3. The applicant's has given effort to raising support through personal contacts and services.
4. The applicant's spiritual maturity and evidence of God's guiding their participation in the trip.
5. The timeliness of the scholarship application, which should be received preferably two or more months prior to the planned trip. Notification of acceptance in the set scholarship amount should be known at least the month prior to the trip.

A person should not request a scholarship and then determine how much they need to raise for their own support. ***The proper attitude is:***

1. God is leading me to participate in this trip and He will provide the funds.
2. I will prayerfully and personally sacrifice in obedience to God's calling me to participate in this mission experience by discerning the amount I am able to provide from His blessings.
3. I will pray and trust God to meet the financial needs through sending out fundraising letters to my friends, family, and colleagues, and church.
4. I will serve in fundraising opportunities presented by the missions team and/or church.
5. I will then request the church to see if financial help is available as God leads and enables them through the mission offerings.

Each applicant is uniquely evaluated, but our ultimate desire with each trip is that those who participate grow spiritually. We believe and pray that the process of funding is also a spiritual blessing.

If payment is made and the trip is canceled or you are not able to participate, the scholarship will not be redeemable toward your next trip. Typically this means that funds are lost due to airline schedules or unforeseen circumstances. Further, future scholarships would need to be re-evaluated at that time and subject to funds available.

Please note, due to IRS regulations, all donations received for a mission trip must be considered a donation to Severna Park Baptist Church. If your letter writing campaign results in meeting your needs, praise the Lord! Please contact us immediately so that we can remove your scholarship application from consideration and if you are expecting more gifts, you may want to notify the possible donors that the need has been met. This will allow us to provide more funding for others and will possibly provide you with donors for another trip. If funds come to SPBC, we will do our best to provide you with a list of names & contacts for you to return appreciation of thanks for their support.

Please also note that once monies are given to SPBC, we are unable to refund a check nor can they give "excess" money back to the participant of the mission trip. Again, all monies received are considered a donation to SPBC, and will be used for other mission causes.

NAME: _____

CONTACT: _____

DESTINATION: _____

Why do you want to “GO” on the SENT missions trip?

How will this experience help your faith and spiritual growth?

How much do you expect to raise/request through

\$_____ personal

\$_____ support letters

\$_____ SPBC

- ◇ *If there is anything else you would want us to know please write on another sheet of paper.*
- ◇ *Please attach a copy of your support letter and the list of at least 7 individuals that you have contacted for prayer and financial support.*
- ◇ *Return to SPBC office*