



Dominican Republic Mission Trip

February 23-March 2, 2027

What is Eastern Dominican Christian Mission?

Eastern Dominican Christian Mission (EDCM) exists to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by making disciples and forming those disciples into congregations. Since the founding of the mission in 2003, EDCM has had a goal of planting churches in the eastern part of the Dominican Republic and helping lead those churches to self-sufficiency. This goal is accomplished primarily by two words: Equip and Empower. They do this through church planting, leader development, and short-term mission trips.



Who can come?

Mission trip team members can be any adult from the church congregation in good standing. Students between the ages of 13-17 can join as long as they are accompanied by an adult or guardian. We need a minimum of 8 team members to make this trip happen, with a max number of 25 team members.

5 Reasons Why You Should Go On This Trip!

- This trip will garner exposure to international Christian Missions.
- You will get to experience a new culture.
- MCC group bonding potential.
- Opportunity to observe the big “C” global church breaking through cultural barriers.
- You are being the “hands and feet” of Jesus, living out the Great Commission.

This trip is serving God and spreading the gospel via international Christian Missions.

This trip isn't focused simply “doing” something for other people. It is about connecting with people on a human level.

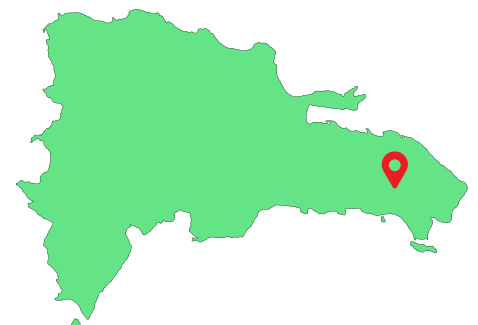
What kind of projects will we do?

This is an 8-day mission trip to the eastern Dominican Republic. We will be flying into Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and staying in the city of Higüey. It is not determined at this time what project we will be doing, but it may include hosting a VBS, handyman projects, yard work, prayer calls, preaching, etc. We are being the hands and feet of Jesus in a different part of the world.

Where is it?

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic - 1,940 miles away from Minier, Illinois

Population of Dominican Republic: 11.6 million



Who are the trip leaders?

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How much does the trip cost?

The cost of this trip is around \$1,300. Each participant must place a \$100 deposit asap to save their spot. The remaining funds can be raised through fundraisers and support letters. There will be a few opportunities for mission trip participants and family members to help with MCC-sponsored fundraising events.

PACKING LIST

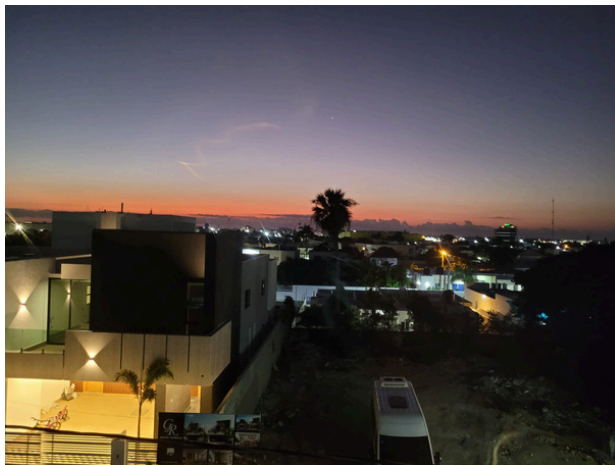
- Cash
- Passport (bring an extra colored copy)
- Your E-ticket for airlines
- Any e-mail addresses or phone numbers you may need
- Cell phones- check with your wireless provider on usage and costs.
- Glasses and contacts
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen and lip protectant
- Hats
- Camera & memory cards
- Flashlight and batteries
- Journal and pens
- Insect Repellent
- Devotional book
- Cards, reading material
- Gum
- Snacks (trail mix, granola bars, crystal light, peanuts, protein bars, etc.)
- Wrapped candy
- Band-aids
- Work Gloves and Work Boots
- VBS Supplies (If applicable)

Hygiene Projects

- Antibacterial hand gel
- Wet wipes
- Kleenex
- Soap
- Hair products
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (bring 2)
- Any personal items you will need

Medications

- Prescription Medications (bring extra)
- Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen
- Antidiarrheal/Tums
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Cortizone Cream



Basic Schedule:

Day 1 (February 23) - Fly out of Chicago; travel to house

Day 2 (February 24) - Missions Service

Day 3 (February 25) - Missions Service

Day 4 (February 26) - Missions Service

Day 5 (February 27) - Missions Service

Day 6 (February 28) - Attend Church, Pray with Pastors

Day 7 (March 1) - Beach Day

Day 8 (March 29) - Fly out of Punta Cana, return to MCC

Passports take a minimum of 6-8 weeks to issue. Every participant must get one ASAP.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/pasports/need-passport.html>



Lodging

Team members will stay in a rented team house. We will be separated by gender into separate dorm-style rooms, each with twin bunk beds. You may want to bring earplugs if you are a light sleeper! All of the sleeping rooms have fans and air conditioning. Standard US three-pronged electrical outlets are available in all rooms. HOWEVER, it is not uncommon to have electricity loss for several hours at a time. Bunk rooms include bathrooms with running water and showers (no hot water). EDCM will provide a pair of clean sheets for you, as well as a pillow. We will also supply a bath towel. You may choose to bring a light blanket for sleeping. The house also has a large meeting area and a kitchen.



Language

The Dominican Republic is primarily Spanish-speaking, but an influx in Haitian immigrants means that some neighborhoods and communities are entirely Creole-speaking (the French dialect spoken by most Haitians.)





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All participants are required to pay a \$100 deposit. The rest of our trip fund is due 6 weeks before we leave. You will be asked to participate in and serve in the fundraisers and support letters leading up to the mission trip.

How to sign up:

- Visit minierchristian.org/missions
 - Contact Craig Petermen
 - Email craigp@minierchristian.org
 - Call/Text 260-312-1988
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- Scan the QR code & register



FAQ's

- Will I be able to communicate with my family while in the DR?
 - Talk to your wireless carrier. Craig will have a phone that can be used. There may or may not be wifi.
- How much cash should I bring?
 - Enough for meals, snacks, and souvenirs. It is best to bring smaller bills to spend in the DR, as change will be given back in pesos. More details to come.
- How close to Haiti will you be?
 - Pretty far, as we are serving in the eastern portion of the DR.
- Is the Dominican Republic safe?
 - While there is no such thing as 100% safety, the DR is one of the safer countries to travel to. They rely on tourism to bring in resources for their country.
- What if I have a medical emergency in the DR?
 - There is a medical professional on staff of EDCM - Trip Leader will contact you if such an emergency happens.