



**MISSION OFFICE - DIOCESE OF ORLANDO  
EDUCATION MISSION TRIP TO  
SISTER DIOCESE-SAN JUAN DE LA MAGUANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
(As shown on your passport) Name you wish to be called (nickname) Gender

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E- Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

My T-Shirt size is:  Small  Med  Large  X-large  XX large

Do you speak Spanish?  None  Beginner  Conversational  Fluent

Do you have construction experience?  No  Yes - Area of experience \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first Construction Mission?  No (when) \_\_\_\_\_  Yes – Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in a Construction Mission in:

Mar26-April 5th, 2008

La Cucarita-Music Camp  
Our Lady of Grace Parish (closed)

June 19-26, 2008

La Cucarita-Summer Intensive Mission  
*SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT*

Aug 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

La Cucarita-Valencia Community College  
*CLOSED ENROLLMENT*

**(NO BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR TRAVEL AS OF JAN '07) (PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT TO ADDRESS BELOW FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES)**

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthplace (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>For Office Use Only:</b> Deposit _____ Payments: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PC; <input type="checkbox"/> VPA Comments: _____ _____</p>
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**VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**  
**(Needs to be NOTARIZED)**

Date of Mission Trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description and Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

**A BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT THESE MISSION TRIPS**

For several years, the Catholic Diocese of Orlando has had a Sister Diocese relationship with the Catholic Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana, which is located within the Dominican Republic. This relationship provides a wonderful opportunity for volunteers such as you to assist poor people in the Dominican Republic of all races and religions. Literally thousands of people in the Dominican Republic have already received much-needed services, thanks to the generosity of volunteer participants just like you. Volunteer participants and staff members of the Catholic Diocese of Orlando have spent countless hours serving on a Mission Steering Committee for the purpose of planning this mission trip.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS MISSION TRIP**

Hundreds of volunteers have participated in many prior mission trips and the vast majority of them have reported that their participation was a wonderful life-enriching experience. Generally speaking, each participant decided to participate in the mission trip for his or her own very personal reasons, and we expect that too is the case with you. Nevertheless, some common traits that participants share are a desire to serve and care for those in need and a desire to enrich their personal and spiritual life. The people that we will serve live in very austere circumstances, and thus you too will experience these very austere circumstances. The Dominican Republic is a Third World country, and thus you will be entering a world very different from the world you enjoy here in the United States. As is typical with Third World countries, the Dominican Republic is a very poor country with limited access to sanitary conditions (including water/sewer facilities and food processing capabilities), limited resources to eradicate infectious diseases, and even more limited medical/hospital facilities and access to healthcare providers. These are just some of the reasons why this mission trip is so important to the people you will be serving.

You should become familiar with safeguards you can take to prevent yourself from becoming sick during the mission trip. You should consult with your family physician regarding your own unique medical condition(s) and what preventive measures you should take. The US Centers for Disease Control has an excellent website which addresses these issues and how you can remain healthy. This website can be found at: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). If there are any particular medical conditions or concerns that you or your physician feel need to be brought to the attention of the Director on this mission trip, it is your responsibility to do so. Likewise, if you require medications to maintain your health, or if you have allergies to certain medications, etc., it is your responsibility to bring that to the attention of the Director on this mission trip.

## **WHAT THE MISSION TEAM WILL EXPECT FROM YOU**

You will be expected to conduct yourself, at all times, in a professional, courteous, and compassionate manner. These attributes have been the key to the success of this and past missions, together with a willingness to be flexible and to be a team player. As with any trip to a foreign country, you should always conduct yourself just as you would at home, bearing in mind that many of the personal liberties and rights that we enjoy at home are not available in foreign countries such as the Dominican Republic.

The most common cause for arrest while traveling is the violation of drug laws. The Dominican Republic has very strict laws against the use, possession, or sale of illegal drugs. Perhaps the best rule of thumb for you to follow during this mission trip is to conduct yourself as you would in the United States. If at home you would not drive a vehicle because you do not have a license, then you would likewise not drive a vehicle in the Dominican Republic. Finally, you will be expected to notify the Mission Office immediately if there is a change in your designated emergency contact person's information.

## **EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE**

I have read and understand this Volunteer Participation Agreement and agree to abide by the terms set forth herein. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the above referenced mission trip, I do, for myself, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns hereby release, waive, and discharge each of the participants in this mission trip, including the steering committee members that helped organize this mission trip, and the Catholic Diocese of Orlando from all actions, causes of action, suits and/or demands or claims whatsoever, in law or equity, which I ever had, now have, shall or may have in the future against these released parties. I understand and agree that none of the released parties may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a

result of my participation in this mission trip however caused, including but not limited to, the negligence of the released parties, whether passive or active. I assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death, or property/financial damages that may occur while participating in this mission trip. Finally, I agree that the laws of the state of Florida shall govern this agreement, and that any action arising from the subject matter of this agreement shall take place in Orange County, Florida.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print Name (Participant): \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public: State of: \_\_\_\_\_, County of: \_\_\_\_\_ Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed, Printed or Stamped Name of Notary

Notary Public Commission Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST – EDUCATION**

- Valid Passport
- Hat (for sun protection)
- Sun screen
- Personal clothing - light-weight, casual clothes are most practical. Light long sleeve shirts for evening.
- **Long trousers for work site.**
- Light jacket or sweat shirt
- **2 pairs Sneakers**/walking shoes. (Roads are rough and dusty)
- Outfit for Church. (No coat/tie)
- 2 Towels and wash clothes (Light weight)
- Body soap, Baby wipes (antiseptic)
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, two rolls of toilet paper, deodorant, sanitary supplies, etc.)
- **Bug repellent - Cutter's stick is least messy.**
- Hand Sanitizer
- Extra pair of eyeglasses and/or contacts
- Fanny pack (to carry Wet-Ones, sun screen, tissues, personal items)
- Flip-flops for showering
- Strong Flashlight and extra batteries
- Canteen or bottles for water/cup with lid
- Snacks for each day.
- Brown bag lunch (no snacks are served on the plane)
- Poncho/raincoat
- Personal medications
- Imodium/Pepto Bismol
- Earplugs

For your own comfort and convenience it is suggested that you bring a backpack and carry the following with you at all times: raincoat with a hood, canteen, flashlight, insect repellent, sunscreen and a snack. A broad rimmed hat is also good to decrease sun exposure.

Do not wear military appearing camouflage type garments as it is illegal to do so in the Dominican Republic. Do bring a light jacket or sweatshirt as it can become cool in the evening. Dress as if you expect to get dirty.

### **Pre- trip Immunizations**

A doctor from a previous Medical Mission Trip has advised us to recommend the following immunizations for the mission participants:

1. Tetanus
2. Typhoid
3. Hepatitis A
4. Malaria

\*\*\*Please be advised that some immunizations may take 30 days or more to be effective\*\*\*

There is no need for alarm. We just want to take a few extra precautions to prevent illness. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 407-246-4890.

**Immunizations can be scheduled at the following location:**  
**Immunization Clinic**  
**77 West Underwood Drive**  
**Suite 4B**  
**Orlando, FL 32806**  
**407-649-6821**