



**Dominican Republic Jarabacoa 2022  
July 11-23, 2022**

**Table Of Contents**

**Mission, Vision.....2-3**

**Outreach Details .....4-11**

**Where We Will Be Serving.....4**

**Ministry Sites.....4-7**

**Cost.....8**

**Fundraising.....9**

**Immunizations.....10**

**Frequently Asked Questions.....11**

**Applications.....12**



## Mission and Vision

### Core Beliefs

- God loves all people and He created us to know, serve, enjoy, and be reconciled with Him forever. (Col 3:12-17, Mk 9:35, Eph 4:22-24, Ps. 16: 7-11, Eph 2:10)
- The Bible is the Word of God and the final authority in our lives. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 3:16, Isa 55:11)
- God desires a reconciled community of believers. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Cor 12:12 & 18, 1 Peter 1:22)
- Followers of Jesus are called to a life of sharing the Gospel to all people. (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 25:35-40)
- The Gospel, through the work of the Holy Spirit, has power to transform lives. (2 Cor. 5:17, John 14:26, Acts 1:8)
- Godliness involves the pursuit of love, intimacy, obedience, and maturity in Christ. (Hebrews 6:1-3, 1 Timothy 4:8, 2 Peter 1:5-9, 2 Cor 3:18)

### Core Values

- All people glorifying God, finding their identity and purpose in Jesus.
- Living according to the Bible and teaching its ways to others.
- Expressing ministry gifts and living in harmony.
- Global witness, in word and action, to those in need.
- Prayer and a life yielded to God.
- Becoming disciples through faith in Jesus.

### What We Do

SI does long-term, on-going community development in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Nicaragua through the full-time staff missionaries serving in those countries. In addition, outreach participants join our missionaries on short-term or semester programs throughout the year.

### Occupational Ministry Sites

Occupational Ministry Sites are locations where we do occupationally specific ministry that correlates with career, academic, or person interests of the participant. By working alongside our full-time missionary staff in these focused environments – such as dentistry, agriculture, and micro-finance – our short-term participants can come together cross-culturally to encounter God, share the Good News, disciple, and serve the poor.

### Our Ministry Style

Our overall ministry style is relational and is therefore centered around the long-term presence of our staff missionaries within the communities where we have a presence. This may be

challenging for short term participants who expect to see immediate “results” in evangelism and project completion. Over time, however, not only do we see projects completed, but we also see staff, participants and the poor transformed into the likeness of Christ and discover their true calling.

The most common objectives for short-term mission outreaches are to broaden our perspective of the world and our responsibility to it, deepen our relationship with the Lord, and share the Gospel with others in need. We also intentionally strive to accomplish other goals such as:

- Enable outreach participants and those we’re serving to discover how God can use them in their occupation or area of interest.
- Provide outreach participants and those we’re serving the opportunity to be a part of ongoing ministry and not just a short outreach where follow up is difficult. (This is one benefit of partnering long-term missionaries with short-term outreach participants.)
- Help outreach participants and those we’re serving understand the value of meeting real needs and building personal relationships through which the Gospel can be shared.

Statement of Faith

### **Outreaches**

Depending on the length of the outreach, participants spend from 9 days to a semester working alongside our staff professionals at a ministry site. Each ministry site is within proximity of our facilities in the country of service. Each ministry site has a different occupational focus, such as agriculture, art & media, appropriate technology, construction, dentistry, education, health care, micro-finance, social work, sports, and veterinary. Participants are placed in one of these ministry sites for the entire length of their outreach. Placement at a ministry site is determined through the application process in which participants indicate their level of interest in each site.

### **The Organization**

Established in 1993, Students International (SI) is a nondenominational, Christian ministry organization. SI is a qualified 501(c)(3) charity and has missionaries serving in four countries throughout the world. The International Service Center, located in Visalia, California, provides leadership, supervision, and support service in the areas of funds development, human resources, information technology, finance and administration, ministry and program development, and marketing.

### **Serve with us!**

Whether you want to lead or join a team, earn college credits, pursue your master’s degree, intern, or join us on full-time staff, we can’t wait to show you what God is doing in the communities we serve. Come discover God’s calling for your life as both you and the people you serve are transformed into the likeness of Christ!





## Where We Will Be Serving Dominican Republic (Jarabacoa)

Students International has full time staff serving in the city of Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, which is located approximately two hours northwest of the capital city of Santo Domingo and only 45 minutes from the airport in Santiago. Jarabacoa is a lush, beautiful community located in the Cordillera Central Mountain range and has a tropical rainforest climate. SI's staff are working with the poor and marginalized in small communities in and around Jarabacoa, meeting needs through various occupational ministry sites while sharing the love of Jesus. Students International started ministry in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic in the year 2000 and continues to find ways to serve the community and share the love of Jesus!

### Ministry Sites

#### Appropriate Technology

A basic necessity to life, safe clean drinking water is surprisingly unavailable throughout many parts of the under-developed world. Jarabacoa, is no exception. Although there is an abundance of water provided through rainfall and the nearby rivers, most if not all is unsafe to consume. Ingesting this bacterial contaminated water results in many various health conditions and illnesses.

Our focus is to meet this critical physical need by providing Biosand water filters to families in the communities. These filters have been proven worldwide to reduce waterborne diseases.

Our desire is to enter these families' homes by meeting immediate physical needs, recognizing opportunities to minister spiritually, and allowing the truth of scripture and the Holy Spirit to enter their hearts.

Our goal is to initiate long-lasting relationships for the purpose of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and His kingdom, resulting in their eternal salvation and pursuit for further spiritual growth through discipleship.

There is also a real possibility to expand this ministry by implementing fuel efficient smokeless stoves in place of the traditionally used "fogon" (wood burning stove).

#### Dentistry

The dentistry site in Jarabacoa provides dental care to people in a traditional dental clinic setting. Vanesa performs cleanings, extractions, and normal dentistry care, while also sharing with her patients about God's love. She also leads outreaches in rural communities where dental care is less accessible and affordable, as well as teaching dental hygiene to children in the public school system.

Students at this site will work alongside Vanesa assisting her in clinical visits. Another key responsibility is calming fear in children who visit the dentist site by reading books, praying, and playing. An outreach participant in this site will be offered a chance to experience many facets of ministry, thru practical ways as well as relational care.

### **Education—El Callejon**

The Learning Center of El Callejon is in a rural community just outside Jarabacoa. The center started as a preschool to prepare children for public education by equipping them to be successful students. Over time we noticed a need for greater literary skills and resources -- especially for students in the third grade, an age that many students begin to fall behind in the public system. Our goal is to provide an environment where children don't just learn to read, but that they begin to read to learn. Our great hope is to see a new generation that can read, understand, and share God's Word. Participants will assist in tutoring, preparing literacy games and activities, read stories, and direct dramas. They may also visit local houses and/or schools to share stories and books. In the afternoons, the site provides additional support to a local public school assisting with English classes in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

### **Education—Los Higos**

Pre-Escolar - Los Higos is a preschool in the small farming village of Los Higos, located in a mountainous community just outside of Jarabacoa. Kids in this school are taught basic educational skills, as well as being introduced to the gospel. In the afternoons the teachers also offer English, music classes to a variety of ages. Participants assist the teachers in daily activities including classes, tutoring, and visiting with local families.

### **Education—Mata Gorda**

Students International preschool at Mata Gorda is located in a poor farming community with a beautiful view of the mountains. Generations of families without a relationship with God have produced drug and alcohol problems and fractured family structures. Our school exists to help shape the next generation of families by providing education and the knowledge of who God is. Our teachers focus on creating an environment that encourages learning and sharing the truth of God's word to the kids at a young age. Participants help with daily school activities as well as tutoring in the afternoons.

### **Health Care—Community Health**

The community health site operates in the local rural communities surrounding Jarabacoa. In addition to regularly scheduled medical clinics, the site also helps to educate people on healthcare, nutrition, baby care, personal hygiene, and other health related issues. Students can expect to participate and plan medical clinics and presentations alongside the site leader. Students will also have many opportunities to experience the Dominican culture through home and community visits.

### **Media & Communications**

The goal for our Media Site is to involve team members in multimedia communication, documenting each outreach through video, photography, web, and graphic design. There are many avenues of service, not only to the teams that come but also interacting with the people of the community, the SI staff, and their ministry sites. One of the main projects that the students will work on is putting together an outreach video. This will require students to visit all the areas where outreach participants are serving.

### **Microfinances**

Our microfinance ministry works with women in several communities around Jarabacoa. The site provides savings accounts, small business loans, and financial education to women with the deliberate intention of sharing The Gospel. Women in the program go through an education period of 4 weeks and then receive small loans averaging \$200. In weekly meetings thereafter, they have a Bible study, discuss issues in their businesses, and pay back their loans. In addition to the weekly meetings, the site reaches out to the women thru personal visits and spiritual care. Participants help in every aspect of the site, and can expect to be challenged both spiritually and socially, as you visit some of the poorest areas where SI ministers.

### **Physical Therapy**

The physical therapy site treats members of the community from all ages with varying disabilities. Through serving in love, we want to establish, build, and nurture long lasting relationships with those in the community in order that they see Christ's love in us. Students on short term mission trips are involved with patients and family members during physical therapy in many ways such as: performing stretching and strengthening exercises, apply ultrasound/electrical stimulation, make hot/cold packs, maintain the cleanliness of the clinic, assist with patient transfers, and learn about the importance of physical therapy. The main goal for our students is to open their hearts to the people they have come to serve and show Christ's love through their service and realize the gifts God has given them to use in their occupation.

### **Special Education**

Students International's Centro Especial Genesis is a school for mentally and physically challenged children and is the only school of its kind in the area. There are twenty-five children with a variety of learning disabilities that are given the opportunity to learn in a loving and accepting environment. Outreach participants assist teachers in achieving specific educational and behavioral goals set for each child by small group tutoring, interaction during recess, and activity preparation.

### **Sports—Men's Baseball**

The purpose of this site is to use sports, particularly baseball, to develop relationships with the young men and boys through which the Gospel can effectively be communicated. Although the site typically concentrates on baseball, it sometimes can include basketball and soccer. Daily bible studies and home visits contribute to achieving the goal of changing lives. Participants will be used to help with the bible studies and practices, as well as share their own testimony to the boys in the site.

### **Sports—Women's Volleyball**

The Women's Sports site uses the game of volleyball to build relationships with teenagers through which the Gospel can be shared. Most mornings, the site partners with local public schools and assists with their P.E. In the afternoons, the site has volleyball practice with their teams of various ages and abilities. Through hard work and faithfulness, high school girls are offered a chance to play for the highest-level team, which competes with other teams in the area. Participants will have the opportunity to help with practices and bible studies as well as connect with the many girls that the site serves.

### **Women's Social Work—El Callejon**

The social work site in El Callejon builds unity among young children and teenage girls through home visits, Bible study, craft projects, and various other activities. The site works several mornings a week running an early stimulation program with 3- to 4-year-old children with mild development delays. In addition, they run programs for pre-teens and teens. Most children and

young teens in the site come because of brokenness, abuse, or neglect in their home. By teaching biblical principles concerning self-confidence, responsibility, sexual purity, wise decision-making, and character development, people's lives are transformed. Participants can expect to be challenged in relating to those of another culture and will be challenged to do so in a very personal manner.

### **Women's Social Work—La Joya**

The Social Work site in La Joya is a place where women of all ages gather to learn about the Gospel of Jesus. We strive to make disciples of Christ while teaching them ways in which to transform their homes, relationships, and their lives. Within the La Joya community, the Social Work site serves in Framboyan, the Trinchera, and El Oyo, providing them with biblical counseling, crafts projects, home visits, and social assistance in cases of emergency, among other activities. Twice a week the program is offered in a different area so women from farther away can come. During the school period, the Social Work site also works jointly with the local public school's psychology program. We assist them through "talks", home visits, parent's school, family gatherings. These activities assist the mothers of children who are currently struggling in their school performance and conduct.

# Cost

## Financial Obligations & Fees

You are responsible to ensure that all your financial obligations are covered. Final payment is due two weeks prior to departure; travel may be delayed if payment is not received.

### Outreach Fees

13 Day Outreach: \$1395 + airfare (Approximately \$800)

### Fees do not include:

- International Travel Insurance (\$14 - \$19 p/p)
- Passports (Renewal \$110, First Time \$135) \*
- Immunizations (\$100-\$300) \*
- Team Bags (\$50.00) \*\*
- Team Shirts (15.00) \*\*
- Notary Service for Parental Consent Forms (only if required by airline)
- Travel to/from US airports
- Tourist Cards (Dominican Republic & Nicaragua - \$10 p/p)
- Extra money for one meal in a restaurant (\$10 - \$15 p/p)
- Spending money (\$50 - \$100) \*

\*Potential individual costs not paid to NewCov

\*\*Potential additional costs if team members want them

Total= Approximately \$2,750

## Schedule of Payments

Deposit: \$200 (Non-Refundable) **Due November 7th, 2021**

1st Payment (**Due by 12/1/21**) \$200  
2nd Payment (**Due By 1/1/22**) \$200  
3rd Payment (**Due By 2/1/22**) \$200  
4th Payment (**Due by 3/1/22**) \$200  
5th Payment (**Due by 4/1/22**) \$200  
6th Payment (**Due by 5/1/22**) \$200  
7th Payment (**Due by 6/1/22**) \$200  
Final Payment (**Due by 7/1/22**) \$200



# Fundraising

## Support Letters

The primary way for you to raise funds is to write a mission support letter to 40 - 75 people you know. It is the most widely used and accepted way of raising funds for a mission outreach of this nature. Approximately 80 - 90% of all your funds can be generated this way, but it requires some organization and discipline. Letters should be mailed out 3 to 4 months prior to your outreach.

## Who to Send to?

Your first impression may be that you don't know a lot of people to write to, but you most likely do know numerous people who would want to be involved in sending you on this outreach. The people you know might not be the "ideal" type of donor — people having lots of money, overtly generous, and who know you intimately. You probably only know a couple of people like that. The key is to not judge the people by whether they can or want to give, rather let God make that decision. The first step is to make a list of people to send the letter to. Don't begin with the question, "Who will give?" Instead, consider, "Who would have any interest in knowing what I'm doing this summer?" Throw the net as wide as possible. Look over the categories of people below and consider whom you know that might fit into each category. Remember that the person's interest in you and what you are doing should precede their ability to give.

- Family
- Friends
- Friends of the Family
- Parents of Close Friends
- People at Church
- Sunday School Teachers
- Youth Leaders
- Neighbors
- Co-workers
- Businesspeople/Owners
- Previous Teachers
- Your doctor or dentist

## Missions Dinner

A portion of the proceeds from our Missions Dinner in March, 2022 will go to the trip. More details to follow.

## Garage Sale

Hosting a garage sale over the weekend is another great way to raise money. Consider asking people for donations to your yard sale.

# CDC Recommended Immunizations

## **All travelers**

You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Some vaccines may also be required for travel.

## **Routine vaccines**

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.

## **COVID-19**

Everyone 16 years of age and older should get fully vaccinated for COVID-19 before travel.

## ***Hepatitis A (vaccination, eat and drink safely)***

CDC recommends this vaccine because you can get hepatitis A through contaminated food or water in the Dominican Republic, regardless of where you are eating or staying.

## ***Hepatitis B (vaccination, sexual contact, needles, blood products)***

You can get hepatitis B through sexual contact, contaminated needles, and blood products, so CDC recommends this vaccine if you might have sex with a new partner, get a tattoo or piercing, or have any medical procedures.

## ***Malaria (pills, mosquitos)***

When traveling in the Dominican Republic, you should avoid mosquito bites to prevent malaria. You may need to take prescription medicine before, during, and after your trip to prevent malaria, depending on your travel plans, such as where you are going, when you are traveling, and if you are spending a lot of time outdoors or sleeping outside. Talk to your doctor about how you can prevent malaria while traveling. For more information on malaria in the Dominican Republic, see malaria in the Dominican Republic.

## ***Rabies (vaccination, animal contact)***

Rabies can be found in dogs, bats, and other mammals in the Dominican Republic, so CDC recommends this vaccine for the following groups:

- Travelers involved in outdoor and other activities (such as camping, hiking, biking, adventure travel, and caving) that put them at risk for animal bites.
- People who will be working with or around animals (such as veterinarians, wildlife professionals, and researchers).
- People who are taking long trips or moving to the Dominican Republic
- Children, because they tend to play with animals, might not report bites, and are more likely to have animal bites on their head and neck.

## ***Typhoid (vaccination, eat and drink safely)***

You can get typhoid through contaminated food or water in the Dominican Republic. CDC recommends this vaccine for most travelers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who will we be working with?

You'll be serving alongside full-time missionaries at occupational ministry sites to meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of the local community. Site leaders are experts in their field, and they also have a heart for sharing their passion with YOU, the student. You'll join 2-4 other students at the ministry site that is the best fit for you. We can't always give you your first choice, but we do promise to make sure we find a great fit for everyone.

## What is the schedule?

**Monday** – Travel to country

**Tuesday** – Orientation, field training, local culture 101

**Wednesday-Friday** – Full day of serving at ministry sites

**Saturday** – Excursion Day

**Sunday** – Church and rest

**Monday-Friday** – Full day of serving at ministry sites

**Saturday** – Return home

## Who can go?

This trip is for young adults (18-26) and current Juniors and Seniors in High School.

## Where will we stay?

At all SI ministry locations, you'll spend your days at ministry sites, and have free time together with the rest of your team. In the Dominican Republic you'll stay at a ministry base. There will be guys and girl's cabins and lots of great shared spaces on base for meals and team time.

## What will we eat?

We take food preparation extremely seriously. We take every possible precaution to ensure that food is sourced and prepared safely. You'll eat delicious local recipes that are the perfect end to each ministry day.

## Is it safe?

Yes. Safety is our #1 concern. We have extensive protocols that we've developed over 25 years and trained staff to handle all types of problems. We know we do ministry in challenging communities, but we prepare and take wise precautions to minimize or eliminate risks.

- We are in communication with the US Embassy the Dominican Republic.
- We monitor information released by the US State Department.
- We have chosen locations to work in that are low in crime and are characterized by their quietness, tranquility, and hospitality to foreigners.
- We give an extensive orientation to the students when they arrive that instructs them on important safety issues and policies.
- We have national staff who have grown up in the areas where we minister and who know the local customs to advise and orient students on safety issues.
- We have excellent relations with the medical community and live nearby well-equipped local hospitals

## **Application**

All potential team members must first fill out a NewCov Missions Trip Application and turn it in by October 3rd, 2021. Trip leaders will review applications and inform applicants of their status by October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Upon being accepted as a trip participant, team members should fill out the Students International online application and submit a non-refundable \$200 deposit to NewCov by November 7th, 2021.

Students International requires an online application be filled out by everyone participating in an outreach. The purpose is to provide contact information, emergency contact information, medical information, and other important details. An important part of the application is selecting ministry site preferences, the information given on the application will be the basis for deciding the Ministry Site each participant will serve in during the trip. The Ministry Site descriptions will be listed on the application. Details for filling out the Students International application will be provided once team members are selected for the trip.