



Dominican Republic Mission Trip

June 6-12, 2026

Why Short-term Mission Trips?

Short-term mission trips are opportunities for the people who participate to be transformed more into the image of Christ as they serve under the leadership of brothers and sisters in Christ from other cultures and communities and put the good of others above their own. Short-term missions also allow our covenant partners to encounter other cultures that expand their perspective and understanding of God's world and God's work in the world.



Why Mission Emanuel?



What will we do?

- Home building
- School Improvements
- Children's ministry



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- **Community outreach**

- The Cielo Cooperative is a women's ministry of artisans creating products to support their families and community through their sales. Part of their ministry is to deliver "blessings" of food and supplies to families in need. Americans and Dominicans work together to visit the families, delivering food and praying for them



- **Church service**

- The Evangelical Church of Cielo meets close to Mission Emanuel. We will attend the bi-lingual service either Sunday morning and/or Wednesday night.



Do I or my family need to be skilled? Can I bring my children?

- Skills required: capable hands and a willing heart!
- Children - no naps; no diapers; flexible families



Where do we stay?

The Dominican Fiesta Hotel in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Capitol City).

Mission Emanuel is located in the neighborhood of Cielo in Bayona, Santo Domingo West.



What about food/water safety?

All water at the mission is supplied by Mission Emanuel's water purification plant, Provisión del Cielo.



Food is provided either at the hotel, at the Mission, or at local restaurants.



What does a day's schedule look like?

- 7 AM: Breakfast at hotel/morning devotional time
- 10 AM (Sun only): Church service in Cielo
- 9 AM -12:15 PM: Work projects in Cielo
- 12:30 PM: Lunch in Cielo
- 1:30-3:30 PM: Continue work projects/community time
- 4-5:30 PM: Free/rest/swim time at the hotel
- 5-7 PM (night varies): Walking tour of Historic Santo Domingo and dinner
- 6:00 PM: Dinner at local restaurant or at the mission
- 8:00 PM (Weds only): Church service
- 8:00 PM Team meetings with time to share "God sightings"

First Pres Trip DATES

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Three Preparation Meetings (TBD)

- Sunday, March 29 @ 12:15pm
- Sunday, April 26 @ 12:15pm
- Thursday June 4 @ 5:30pm, including packing and prayer

Who can go?

- Adults
- Families, including children and youth. Middle schoolers may not go without parents.
- How young may children be? Mission Emanuel suggests “no diapers, no naps; flexible attitude.”
- High school students (with or without families)
- Limit = 60 people

How much does it cost?

Prices below include hotel stay, food, ground transportation, and operational costs while in the DR (not airfare). There is a max room capacity of 3 people over the age of 12 (high school students going without parents pay the triple cost).

Triple - \$1145*

Double - \$1155*

Single - \$1485* (*2025 prices. 2026 prices may be different)

Airfare / Arrival

- Adult and families: Book travel on your own (but team will be sharing helpful flight information with each other)
- High School student w/o families: contact Amy or Emory to book flights with other participants
- Arrive June 6 between 12-5pm
- If you'd like help, contact Amy Carlan for travel agency suggestions. AmyC@1stpres.com
- Departure: hotel check out is 12pm (ME staff will take you to the airport 3 hours early, plus 45 minute bus ride)

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to anyone who needs them. The team may also fundraise together, regardless of need.

- \$1000 awarded to first time participants
- \$500 awarded to repeat participants
- Apply by March 1: <https://1stpres.com/global-partnerships/>

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Two steps:

- 1) First Presbyterian Application: <https://1stpres.com/global-partnerships/>
- 2) Apply to Mission Emanuel – link on the FPC application