

# TRINITY CHRISTIAN

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025**

**JANUARY 11th-17th**



No, in all these things we are more than  
conquerors through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:37

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### TEAM ROSTER

(17 PEOPLE: 4 ADULTS-2 MALE & 2 FEMALE, 13 STUDENTS-6 MALE, 7 FEMALE)

	<b>ADULT LEADER:</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>AGE</b>
1.	Ryan Arden Highley	M	42
2.	Steven Allen Thompson Jr	M	49
3.	Carrie Leah Hayslip	F	65
4.	Dionnette Snelling	F	52
	<b>STUDENTS:</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>AGE</b>
5.	Kenzi Grace Bostwick	F	17
6.	Ellyson "Elly" Blair Brewer	F	18
7.	Makenna Claire Dawson	F	17
8.	Peyton Danica Kirkland	F	17
9.	Reece McKinley Roberson	F	18
10.	Ellie Reese Underwood	F	17
11.	Madison "Madi" Leigh Watts	F	16
12.	Justus Jack Jacobus	M	16
13.	Braydon Reese Jowers	M	17
14.	Blake Thomas Mandry	M	17
15.	Griffin Thomas Neal	M	15
16.	Jaxon Walter Reznicek	M	14
17.	Cade Schindewolf	M	16

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

### Saturday January 11th, 2025-PNR: QTLURF

**Depart:** Lubbock-LBB (FLT#AA3635) 9:30AM **Arrive:** Dallas-DFW 10:47AM

**Depart:** Dallas-DFW (FLT#2263) 2:39PM **Arrive:** Miami-MIA 6:27PM

**Depart:** Miami-MIA (FLT#AA2976) 8:35PM **Arrive:** Santo Domingo-SDQ 11:49PM

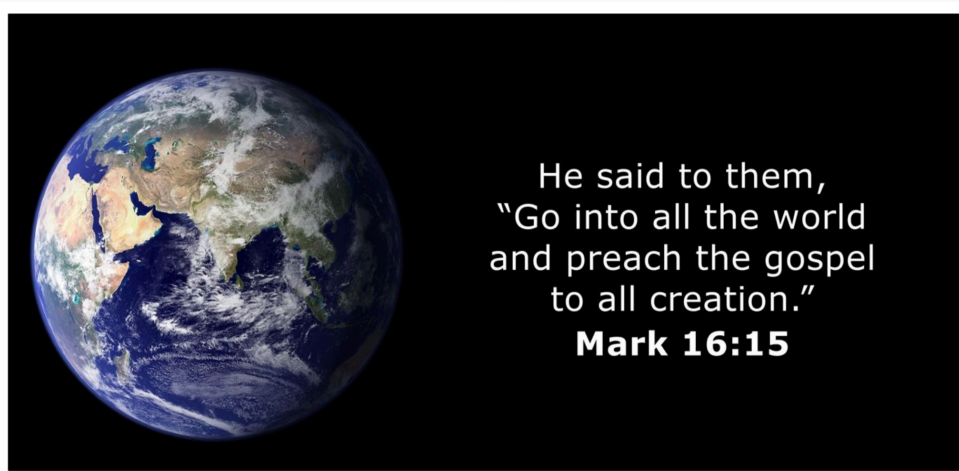
### Friday January 17th, 2025

**Depart:** Santo Domingo-SDQ (FLT#2977) 6AM **Arrive:** Miami-MIA 7:30AM

**Depart:** Miami-MIA (FLT#AA0843) 9:19AM **Arrive:** Dallas-DFW 11:39AM

**Depart:** Dallas-DFW (FLT#AA3473) 2:43PM **Arrive:** Lubbock-LBB 3:58PM

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## Serving in a Different Culture

San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic is the main city your missions team will be serving in. It is known for its pipeline of famous Major League Baseball players, immense production of sugar cane and pioneering history. Understanding the customs and values of the local community will enable your group to connect and impact lives more effectively during your time with us. We believe that embracing cultural awareness will enable you to share the love of Christ in an intentional and meaningful way.

We look forward to witnessing the transformative work of God through your presence and efforts.

### **Culture and Expectations**

#### **Anticipating Cultural Differences**

Awareness is the best way to prevent being blindsided by cultural differences, which can be used as a tool that leads to conversation, deeper understanding, and – ultimately – Christ. Casual discussions about life, traditions and diverse perspectives can naturally present an opportunity to share your faith.

#### **Culture Shock**

Culture shock refers to the disorientation that individuals may experience when encountering a new and unfamiliar culture, often expressed psychologically and emotionally. It occurs when people are exposed to different social norms, customs, language, values and behaviors that significantly differ from those of their own culture.

At some point during your experience abroad, you may feel culture shock and, inevitably, you will make mistakes due to your lack of familiarity with the local culture – that is okay! Just remember to continue leaning into the experience instead of retreating. Invest yourself in relationships with the people you will meet, church services, ministry opportunities, etc., as all these things are an extension of why you are here.

#### **Language Barriers**

When you travel to another country, you bear the responsibility of trying to make yourself understood. Learning a few basic phrases prior to your group's arrival will prove to be beneficial. Here's a list of a few:



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- **Buenos días** | Good morning
  - **Buenas tardes** | Good afternoon
  - **Buenas noches** | Good evening/Good night
  - **Me llamo...** | My name is...
  - **Mucho gusto** | Nice to meet you
  - **Estoy bien** | I'm doing well
  - **No entiendo** | I don't understand
  - **Cómo está?** | How are you?
  - **Cómo se llama?** | What is your name?
  - **Podría ayudarme?** | Can you help me?
  - **Podría ayudarlo?** | Can I help you?
  - **Cuánto cuesta?** | How much is this?
  - **Qué hora es?** | What time is it?
  - **Cómo se dice...?** | How do you say...?

Take initiative and spend time conversing with nationals, you will be surprised how much you learn.

### **Poverty**

About 1/5th of the Dominican Republic's population falls below the poverty line. While this is a sobering reality, it is important to note that material wealth is not synonymous with happiness.

Therefore, we request that you refrain from bringing and distributing gifts or money without approval and guidance from DR Vision ministry leadership. The common practice of missions teams arriving in the Dominican Republic with abundant resources to indiscriminately distribute has had unintended consequences. Our aim is to teach that God is the ultimate provider, meeting both physical and spiritual needs, not missionaries or Americans. That said, there are ways to help, but we must work through the leadership on the ground which knows how to best navigate these issues.

### **Convenience**

It is essential to acknowledge that continuous access to amenities such as air conditioning, hot water, electricity, etc., may not be available at all times. Remain flexible and anticipate encountering occasional challenges during your trip.

In the event of an urgent need or emergency though, please promptly inform one of our missionaries who will be readily available to assist you.

### **Internet & Phone Access**

Wifi is available in many places, including several ministry locations of the DR Vision.

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If you need your phone while in the DR, you will want to check with your phone service provider to see what international plans are available for your time in the Dominican Republic.

### **Attire**

Our intention is to promote cultural sensitivity rather than impose legalistic regulations when it comes to attire. We also want to help prevent potential awkwardness and problems that can arise as your team will interact with a range of people, not all of them Christian. By dressing appropriately, your group will foster respect and connect more effectively with the people you are serving. The Group Coordinator and/or your missionary host working with your group will make suggestions on what to pack for each day's activities.

#### Everyone

- No clothing with political statements
- No flip flops for church or school ministry (ok for leisure time)
- No excessively tight clothing
- Avoid ripped clothing

Please govern your selections with modesty.

#### Men

- No spandex or running shorts
- No muscle shirts
- For church and most ministries, "Dockers" or jeans and a collared shirt would be appropriate.
- For work, sports and certain ministries, leisure shorts and T-shirts are fine.

#### Women

- No spaghetti strap tank tops
- No low-cut/revealing tops
- No cropped shirts or showing stomach or back or cut-out dresses
- No spandex or running shorts
- For church and most ministries, skirts, dresses or pants/jeans would be appropriate.
- For work, sports and certain ministries, leisure shorts and T-shirts are fine.

Please discern a conservative length when wearing anything that falls above the knee. Any shorts or dresses should fall below mid-thigh.

**Please Note: If your group will be working with Las Palmas Christian School, please request that the director sends you their most current dress code. It is important to honor their policy on dress code while ministering at the school.**

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## **Church Service**

We encourage you to engage in the fellowship at Iglesia Bautista Evangélica de Macorís (IBEM) and Iglesia Bautista Evangélica de Ramón Santana (IBERS), DR Vision's local churches. You can do this by sitting alongside us during service, participating in singing and paying attention during the sermon (translation is often available).

If your group is more than 15 people and you will be in the auditorium for the church service, we ask that you divide up into smaller groups so that you better fit into the crowd.

If your group would like to take pictures during our church services, designate one person to do so without flash. Please be sensitive to the worship service, we do not want anything to be disruptive, nor do we want people to wonder why you are taking a picture of them.

## **Health and Protection**

### **Know Your Health**

Make sure you are healthy before leaving the United States. If you have doubts about your health, we suggest receiving a physical from your doctor before coming.

### **Medications**

If you are going to carry medication to the field, make sure all prescription medication is in the original containers or is well-marked.

### **Hydration**

Maintaining proper hydration is crucial to maintaining optimal physical and mental function and stamina during your group's service. Staying hydrated also aids in combating fatigue and the island's heat.

Ensure the prioritization of this as many groups are unaccustomed to how much water they need to drink to stay hydrated in a tropical environment. Bottled water will be readily available throughout the ministry locations.

### **Sunburn**

Sun exposure is much more intense near the equator, making it easier to burn faster even if it is not hot or sunny. Please wear sunscreen.

### **Insect Protection**

Mosquitos are notorious on the island. Make sure to pack insect repellent or purchase some here. You will not be in areas prone to malaria.

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## **Valuables**

Do not bring expensive jewelry or items of significant value. If you would like to store important items, such as passports, the church has a safe for your group to use.

## **Ministry in the Streets**

As they are all over the world, thieves target visitors because they tend to be distracted by their new surroundings. There will be various times when your group will be walking around the city or doing outdoor ministry with a missionary. All you will need to carry is water and possibly pocket money. There is no need to carry backpacks or large purses. If necessary, you would want to opt for a cross-body or something similar to avoid being targeted by thieves.

## **Safety**

The Dominican Republic is known for its friendly, fun-loving people. However, like in all countries, there are areas where crime seems to occur more often. The areas your team will most often be ministering in are on ministry properties or in areas that the DR Vision team knows well. Your lodging will be in a safe area with trusted people close by who are associated with DR Vision. Your transportation will be provided by our own ministry or a trusted driver. You will often have missionaries around you when you are out in ministry or daily activities.

While the DR Vision cannot eliminate all potential risks, we can assure you that we will be wise and careful with where we take your group. We want you to enjoy the beauty of the country and, most importantly, the fellowship with the people!



# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

## LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

1. **DON'T FORGET THE FOOD ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU.** Each group should bring jelly, peanut butter and salsa. These are per every 20 people in your group (If your group is 20 to 40 people you should bring double). These items are either hard to find or very expensive in the D.R. **This is not mandatory.**
2. You may also want to bring some power bars, granola bars, crackers, etc. to snack on during the day.
3. Bring beach towel, sunscreen, after sun, bug repellent and hand sanitizer.
4. Bring an alarm clock, your phone alarm will work.
5. Bring a flashlight. Power failures are possible.
6. Bring earplugs if noise is a problem when sleeping.
7. Bring twin size linens, pillow and blanket.
8. Bring towel, washcloth and necessary hygiene supplies (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, hair products, etc.).
9. Put a change of clothes, uniforms and medications in your carry-on in case your luggage is delayed or lost. Do not pack any questionable items in your carry-on (bottles of water or other drinks, liquids or gels that are more than 3 ounces, large scissors, pocket knife, etc.).
10. Be sure to be at the airport in plenty of time (at least 3 hours in advance). You may want to check with the airlines on luggage restrictions, embargoes and how early you should be there. Check for tickets & passports before you leave for the airport. Check expiration date on passport. Cannot expire within 30 days of your return flight.
11. **THERE IS WIRELESS INTERNET AT THE COMPLEX.** Please bring your own devices, there are no computers available in the DR.
12. Laundry service is not available. If you are here for more than 1 week, please bring enough clothes for the time you are here. Guests are not allowed to use the laundry equipment. Athletic uniforms will be cleaned daily.
13. Number your ministry bags and inventory what is in each bag. Boxes and containers could be opened at Customs in the D.R. Stay as a group, it is easier to go through Customs.
14. Bring small bills with you, it is hard to break \$20 bills and if you find a place that takes U.S. money they will give you change in Dominican money. Do not bring Travelers Checks!! They are hard to cash!! CATALINA ISLAND, Beach Resort, (if you are doing BBQ or Pizza) **MUST BE PAID IN U.S. DOLLARS ONLY!! YOU MUST BRING THE DOLLARS WITH YOU!!**
15. Don't buy U.S. phone cards, they will not work there.
16. Be sure to turn your cellular phone to the Airplane Mode when you are in the DR. You can still use the internet with your phone on Airplane Mode.
17. Bring your Bible, notebook and pen or pencil.

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## LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

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**18.** Dress Standards are always difficult. What offends some does not offend others. Our Dress Standards are not necessarily our standards or convictions. You need to remember that you are guests in a foreign country. You need to respect their culture. We also need to respect the wishes of the national missionaries that we work with. What is appropriate in the U.S. may not be appropriate there. We do not want to offend or hurt the testimony of your church or school or Jesus Christ. The following standards will be strictly enforced:

**Girls** – **One-piece bathing suits only.** Two-piece suits will not be allowed even with a shirt worn over the suit. **NO TANKINIS!!** If one piece is not available, shorts and a dark t-shirt are acceptable. Plan on wearing a dress or skirt and modest top (no tank tops) to go to church. Pants, capris or shorts (finger tip length / mid thigh) may be worn at times for ministry (street evangelism, orphanage, visiting sugarcane village, food distribution, etc). Athletic shorts (finger tip length / mid thigh) or bermuda shorts may be worn but **NO RUNNING SHORTS OR SHORT SHORTS ARE TO BE WORN AT ANY TIME!!** Girls will be asked to change. Modest, sleeveless shirts are OK. Bare midriffs are not allowed. When traveling on a sports team you will be allowed to wear your uniform shorts when you go to your games, except to church on Sunday.

**Guys** – Pants, collared shirts and shoes are required to attend church. Shorts and t-shirts may be worn for ministry (street evangelism, orphanage, visiting sugarcane villages, food distribution, etc). No shorts or t-shirts allowed when visiting churches. No sandals or T-shirts may be worn for church ministry. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts are to be worn except for athletic events or around the Visionland villa/ lodging. At no time are pants, or your bathing suit, to be worn low enough to expose your underwear. Shorts may be worn to do work projects. Guys must wear shirts around except around the pool.

**There is no official length for hair. Hair must be neatly groomed. No spikes or hair coloring for guys. Guy's hair may only be braided the day before you go home.**

**REMINDER:** You are only here for a week. DR VISION and the national missionaries are here for the long haul. Please do not be offended if someone asks you to change your clothes because it is not appropriate. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this area.



## **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

### **Saturday January 11th**

**11:49PM** Arrive to Santo Domingo-SDQ (FLT#AA2976) 16 passengers

Travel to Lodging and Check-in

Goodnight

**Sunday January 12th-CASUAL CHURCH ATTIRE-dress/skirts or pants, collared dress or polo shirt, sandals but no flip flops please.**

**8:00AM** Breakfast @ Visionland/ Lodging

**8:45AM** Leave for Church Service @ IBEM (Iglesia Baptista)

**11:30AM** Lunch @ IBEM

**12:00PM** Ministry Tour/ Jumbo

**5:30PM** Dinner @ IBEM

Group Devotions after Dinner

**DAYSTAR**  
Baptist Missions

### **Monday January 13th**

**8:15AM** Breakfast @ Visionland/ Lodging

**9:00AM** Leave for Casa de Luz

**11:00AM** Tour of Colonial Zone

**12:30PM** Lunch @ Pizarelli

**1:45PM** Leave for Cultural Immersion/ Flyer Distribution

**6:00PM** Dinner @ IBEM

Group Devotions after Dinner



## **TENTATIVE ITINERARY (cont.)**

### **Tuesday January 14th-Work Clothes (Bring change of clothes for afternoon)**

**8:15AM** Breakfast @ Visionland/ Lodging

**9:00AM** Leave for Lifehouse Coconut Project

**11:30AM** Leave for Lunch @ IBEM

**12:30PM** Ministry @ Mercy Workshop

**3:00PM** Leave for the beach

**5:30PM** Leave for Dinner @ IBEM

Group Devotions after Dinner

### **Wednesday January 15th-SCHOOL DRESS CODE-Capris, maxi skirt, long pants or long shorts**

**7:00AM** Breakfast @ Visionland/ Lodging

**7:30AM** Leave for Las Palmas 4th-6th grade PE (prepared outdoor games)

**12:00AM** Leave for Lunch @ IBEM

**1:00PM** Prepare for VBS (Crafts, games, lesson & snack)

**3:30PM** Leave for VBS @ INVI

**5:30PM** Leave for Dinner @ IBEM

Group Devotions after Dinner







## **TENTATIVE ITINERARY (cont.)**

**Thursday January 16th-SCHOOL DRESS CODE-Capris, maxi skirt, long pants or long shorts.**

7:00AM Breakfast @ Visionland/ Lodging

7:30AM Leave for Las Palmas 1st-3rd Reading (prepared reading and coloring pages)

12:00AM Leave for Lunch @ IBEM

1:00PM Work Project

3:30PM Leave for VBS @ INVI (Crafts, games, lesson & Snack)

5:30PM Leave for Dinner @ IBEM

Group Devotions after Dinner

**Friday January 17th**

2:00AM Leave for Airport

Depart from Santo Domingo-SDQ (FLT#AA2977) 6:00AM

**ADIOS AMIGOS!!!**

**This is a “tentative” schedule!! It could, and probably will, change before or during your trip. We ask that you be flexible while on the trip. Things don’t always go as planned, especially in a Third World country. If your flight is delayed, we will receive that information via the Internet. If you miss your flight or if you are bumped or cancelled or if you have any questions and/or comments about your schedule, please contact:**

**Steven Thompson with Destiny Sports Mission at [832-746-7077](tel:832-746-7077).**

**We will be praying for you as you prepare to go on your trip.**



## Ministry Opportunities of DR Vision

We want your missions group's ministry to be meaningful and for the mutual impact of the local participants and your group participants. Keep in mind that the DR Vision has many ministries that are in operation year round (not just for your trip) and we also have other missions teams that come throughout the year. Therefore, we encourage a ministry mindset of matching your group's gifts, strengths and abilities to the current, actual need within the ministries. Where possible, we encourage groups to plan to lead ministry that they can prepare for prior to coming on a trip.

Your group is expected to invest in thorough preparation and requested to assume as much responsibility as possible (e.g. financial needs, decorations, craft supplies, snacks, Bible lessons, songs, prizes, etc.). If your group does not have a special program, there will be plenty of ways that participants can help serve Iglesia Bautista Evangélica de Macorís (IBEM) or Iglesia Bautista Evangélica de Ramón Santana (IBERS), DR Vision's local churches. In some way, all of DR Vision's ministry is interconnected to each other and to these local churches.

The following brief descriptions are of the ministries on your itinerary that you will be serving during the week of your trip and ways that you can help support them by bringing some of the items on their needs list at these websites if you wish to.

- **Lifehouse:** This is a small, family-oriented home for at-risk girls that have been abused, neglected or threatened that is located outside of the city. There are typically two to six girls in the home, as well as any young adults in the transitional program, but numbers change frequently. Groups have gotten involved by visiting with the girls, sharing a devotion, planning a time of games and activities on or off campus or bringing specific supplies for their needs. Landscaping and other small projects can also be done to repair or help with regular maintenance of their home. Lifehouse has also begun a project to create a sustainable income for the home by creating home decorations from coconuts. Groups can join in on helping with this project while in the home. Due to the nature of this ministry, large groups of 15-20 people may need to split their group into a smaller number so as to not overwhelm the girls. Groups can help Lifehouse by bringing some of the needed supplies from their Amazon lists:

### **Lifehouse Girls Home**

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### **Lifehouse Transition Home**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1IS4XPI5Y6K5E/?ref=wl\\_lol\\_ovle](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1IS4XPI5Y6K5E/?ref=wl_lol_ovle)



## MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS

• **Mercy Workshop:** Mercy Workshop is a ministry that seeks out and serves women who have been exploited in the sex trade. In order to minister to the women we are an outreach program, a work recovery program and a residential program for the most vulnerable. The Workshop serves the women in all areas: physically - through jobs and skills training; mentally and emotionally - through counseling and coaching; and spiritually - through Bible study, discipleship and the Celebrate Recovery program.

Groups have the opportunity to work alongside the women at the workshop learning to make jewelry or by bringing specific supplies for their needs. Bible Clubs (see information about these below) in the neighborhoods of many of the women from the Workshop can be arranged if it has been approved and coordinated with the director of Mercy beforehand. Sometimes small work projects, such as woodworking and painting, are needed which provides an opportunity for the men of the group to join the women of their team. Groups can help Mercy Workshop by bringing some of the needed supplies from their Amazon list:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21LW7R0P1T41T/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21LW7R0P1T41T/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1)

• **Las Palmas Christian School:** The school opened in 2009 with just 39 students and now has an enrollment of more than 480 students. Las Palmas offers an affordable, bilingual, Christ-centered education and is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International.

Mission groups have helped the teachers in the classrooms by reading stories, creating art projects and teaching in the Science, Math, English and PE classes. Group leaders have also preached in the chapel and led discipleship sessions for the high school students.

We have had groups offer sporting events and clinics to our students during both the school year and summer breaks. If you have coaches or student athletes that could provide fun clinics in volleyball, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, etc., we would appreciate the time and knowledge shared.

Finally, groups can help Las Palmas by bringing some of the needed supplies from their Amazon lists:

### **Preschool**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/211NT5BTL1C3F?ref\\_=list](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/211NT5BTL1C3F?ref_=list)

### **Elementary**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JCZB1O47Q9TJ?ref\\_=wl](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JCZB1O47Q9TJ?ref_=wl)

### **Office**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/1hqSkVI?ref\\_=wl\\_sh](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/1hqSkVI?ref_=wl_sh)

**If your group will be working with Las Palmas, please request that the director of Las Palmas sends you their most current dress code. It is important that this dress code is followed when visiting or ministering at Las Palmas, so as not to create any distraction or confusion. The idea is to “fit in” with the school’s policy.**



## MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS (cont.)

- **Visionland:** Visionland is a piece of property that we are developing where several projects are taking place. We're currently building a hosting villa for mission groups. We have already built a women's rescue home, the Lifehouse orphanage home, a baseball field, and soccer field. Future plans include bathrooms for the sports area and other buildings for ministry use. Because there is a lot of gardening and construction work, we like to take the mission groups that are willing, to help with these projects 1/2 days during one or two days of the trip. This is hard work, under the sun, so group members need to bring work gloves, hats and old clothing.
- **Casa de Luz:** Casa de Luz means House of Light and is the bright star in the lives of 40 severely disabled children in the Dominican Republic. Born into poverty, these children were neglected with no one to care for them. At Casa de Luz they receive medical care, nourishment, physical therapy and a loving family. The challenges disabled children face in the Dominican Republic are many. Life in the Dominican Republic can be extremely harsh, especially for children with disabilities who have been abandoned. The challenges disabled children face in the Dominican Republic are many. Life in the Dominican Republic can be extremely harsh, especially for children with disabilities who have been abandoned.  
In the Dominican Republic:

- Very few schools can accommodate children with special needs
- Most buildings have no wheelchair access
- Healthcare for disabled children is extremely expensive

Parents of children with disabilities are often forced to leave them at home to fend for themselves while they work or risk the whole family starving. Many of these children are tossed out into the streets to beg for themselves. While raising a disabled child themselves, pastor Lucas Carvajal and his wife Tempora chose to create a loving home for children that no one else would care for. In 2006, the House of Light orphanage began caring for severely disabled children with autism, down syndrome, multiple sclerosis and more. Most of these children were abandoned and Casa de Luz welcomed them into their home and family.

### Las Palmas Christian School

#### **WED, JAN 15th 8AM-11:45AM**

Need prepared outdoor games for 4th-6th grade PE classes.  
Can be games, activities, sports, sports drills.

#### **THURSDAY, JAN 16th 8AM-11:45AM**

Need prepared reading for 1st-3rd grade coloring pages to coincide with story.  
Can be book or Bible story and you are allowed to present the gospel.  
There will be 6 rotating groups with 18 students apiece equaling 108 total students.



## GENERAL FUNCTION OF THE VBS

- VBS will be a two-day activity
- A local team will take care of the registration and identification of the children
- Three teams will compete and get scores as they move from one station to another. The last day the team with the most points gets a prize.
- Every day there will be an opening and closing all together in the auditorium. During those times we teach the songs and choreographies.
- Children will rotate in three stations divided by age groups (5-7, 8-10, 11-12). The three stations are: crafts, games/sports, and Bible lessons
- A snack is served at the end of each day
- The last day we usually give out a bag with candies and small toys to every child. The bags for the winning team includes different and special prizes.
- 1 Choose a curriculum. Usually the curriculum includes:
  - Ideas for decoration
  - Ideas for crafts
  - Songs and choreography (songs have to be in Spanish)
  - Resources for the Bible lessons
- 2 Let us know what you can (or cannot) afford to bring:
  - Can you take care of supplies for crafts? For games? For decoration? Candies for the bags? Small prizes?
- 3 - Choose a speaker that will lead the VBS daily (the opening and closing time all together). This person has to be very energetic and enthusiastic to encourage the kids.
  - Split the teams and assign the responsibilities

### **TEAMS (we can have locals serving in each team if needed):**

- Music team should start learning the songs (at least 4) and practicing the choreography
  - Craft team should decide the crafts and determine whether you will bring the materials or if we have to get them.
  - Decoration team should start discussing ideas for decoration and determine whether you will bring materials or give us a list of what you need
  - Games/sports team coordinate the games and let us know if we need to have balls or any other resources.
  - Bible lesson team come ready to share the lessons. Please keep in mind that there will be three age groups so the teacher will have to be able to adjust the teaching to those ages in order to get their attention: 5-7, 8-10, 11-12. Let us know if you will need translators. These teachers are key in the VBS.
- 4 - We will take care of the registration and help rotate the children between the three stations
- We will take care of anything you cannot do or cannot afford