



AOL Mission Trip Trip Info & Application Summer 2022

Helping children and families in the Dominican Republic to know, love and follow Jesus.

****It's very important that you read all of the details in this packet before you submit your application.****

Dear Students & Parents,

I am excited that you are interested in joining us on our 2022 AOL Mission Trip. It's going to be an incredible week as we get the chance to love and serve people we have never met, in a place we have never been!

The process for signing up for the AOL Mission Trip is different from other events such as Camp Crave or Pursuit Camp. Students going on this trip need to understand that this event is not just about going out of town and having fun, but it is more about setting aside part of their summer to serve others, work really hard and follow Jesus in a really practical way.

Therefore, each student must complete an application and the number of participants is limited. Perfection is not the standard we are looking for, but this trip will be limited to students with genuine hearts to share the Gospel, for serving and great attitudes towards working hard – no matter what the task. Each member of the team must have an understanding that their work is not about them, but about loving people because of how much Jesus loves us. Remember, the goal of this week is to do whatever it takes to help others know, love and follow Jesus. You will be pushed out of your comfort zone, stretched in ways you may not have expected, do things you've never done, and see God work in amazing ways in your life and the lives you encounter throughout the week.

Now, you need to pray and ask God to confirm in you and your family if this is a trip He wants you to be a part of. Take some time to look over the application and if you feel God is leading you to serve in DR this summer, fill it out and turn it in to Pastor Lance on Sunday morning or at Journey. *Applications and deposits are due no later than February 27 but please remember, space is limited!*

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lance.

Pastor Lance Courtney, Student Ministry Director
813-355-1577 or lance@thenpc.org

What To Turn In To Apply: Turn in the application below only after all of these sections have been completed.

- o Student Info & Agreement Page
 - o Student Questions & Answers
 - o Parent Signature (On the Student Agreement Page)
 - o \$100 Deposit (nonrefundable after February 26)
- All applications must be turned in by February 26, 2012.

TRIP INFO

When is the AOL Dominican Republic Mission Trip?

5 days between June 21-25.

Important Dates:

Sunday, February 27 – Application and Deposit Deadline

Monday, March 14 – Passport Application Deadline (ASAP, Get your Passport Appointment NOW)

Sunday, March 27 – Mission Trip Team Training Meeting (12:30pm-2:30pm)

Saturday, May 21 – Serve Day

Saturday, June 4 – Mission Trip Training Day Retreat (10am-3pm)

Where Exactly Are We Going And What Will We Be Doing?

We are traveling to the city of Santo Domingo. We will be working with a mission team that has spent the last 18 years ministering in the DR. Part of our time will be spent with the children at Pastor Lucien's children's home, and part will be spent in other ministry opportunities including: a feeding program in a Haitian Village, children's ministry, feeding in a refugee camp, working with a school near the garbage dump, and caring for widows and orphans.

The ministry we will be involved in is all about building relationships to help the people God brings into our path to know, love and follow Jesus. We will be praying, playing with kids, leading worship for children, playing sports, serving food and water to people in need, physical work at an orphanage and school, encouraging the local missionaries and workers, sharing about Jesus and pouring out God's love and truth with the people of Santo Domingo.

How Much Does it Cost and How Do We Pay For It?

The total cost of the trip is \$750. The flight from Tampa to Santo Domingo is approximately \$450-\$550. The incountry expenses are \$200. In-country expenses include housing, meals, ground transportation, insurance and ministry supplies and t-shirts.

Students' parents are not expected to pay the total cost for this trip. They are welcome to support financially, but we encourage students to raise money by participating in fundraisers as well as writing letters to ask family and friends to partner with them to go on this trip. At our first meeting, we will provide you with tools and time to write a support letter to send out and request spiritual and financial assistance.

Additional Costs:

Passport \$100 (Required)

Spending Money \$50 (Optional)

Payment Schedule:

\$100 Deposit – February 27

\$200 Payment – April 1

\$200 Payment – May 1

\$250 Final Payment – June 1

Who Can Go?

The maximum number of people we can take on this mission trip is 14. (10 students, 4 adults) Every student that would like to go on this trip must fill out and submit a trip application no later than February 26, but spots may fill up quickly.

Requirements to attend this trip:

- Student must be a Christian who has a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Students must be an active participant in Journey Student Ministry.
- Student must be an active member of North Pointe Church and attend Sunday morning services regularly.
- Students must turn in the \$100 deposit with completed application.
- Students must attend all pre-trip training and meetings (unless prior arrangements are made).
- Must complete assignments given by group leaders.
- Students must have a valid passport. (deadline to apply for new passport: March 14, need ASAP)

The following pages are to be filled out by the student, not the parent. (Except for signature)
Turn in completed application along with \$100 deposit to Pastor on Sunday,
or you may pay online. (www.northpointeFL.org/missions-students)

All applications are due no later than February 27, 2022.

These questions are to be answered on separate sheet of paper. Please type. Do not rush through these questions; take time to think about the questions and answer to the best of your ability.

1. Why do you want to go on this mission trip?
2. Are you a Christian? (Y or N) Have you been baptized? (Y or N)
3. If you are a Christian, tell us when and how you came to a decision to follow Jesus.
4. Please describe your current relationship with Jesus. What has God taught you recently?
5. How do you think going on a mission trip will help you fulfill God's command to make disciples of all nations? (Matthew 28)
6. Would you consider yourself a missionary right now in Florida? Why or why not?
7. If you had an opportunity to share the gospel with the people you meet on your trip, what would you say?
8. What do you hope to gain out of this mission's experience?
9. How do your parents feel about your desire to go on this trip?

STUDENT INFO

Name: _____ Student's Cell #: _____ Student's Email: _____
Parents' Names: _____ Parents' Cell Phone Numbers _____
Parent's Email Addresses: _____
Passport Number (if you already have a passport): _____ Exp Date: _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please read carefully and respond at the bottom.

Jesus said in Matthew 20:26-28, "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

I, _____, understand that this is not an ordinary student ministry activity. This is a trip designed to help spread the message and love of Jesus Christ through serving others. I understand and promise to represent NP Student Ministry, The North Pointe Church and Jesus well. I understand that because of the focus and hard-working nature of this trip, I will maintain a positive attitude and unity with my fellow students and be respectful of all adults on the trip. I understand that there will be no tolerance of misbehavior.

I will attend all of the necessary training meetings and complete all of the reading assignments and preparations necessary so that I can be properly trained for what I will be doing on the mission trip. I will prepare myself spiritually for this trip by praying on a daily basis for myself, my fellow students, my adult leaders and the people we will be ministering to. I will continue striving to know, love and follow Jesus here at home as I prepare to help others know, love and follow Jesus in the Dominican Republic.

I know the requirements for this team, and I agree to fulfill these requirements to be the best of my ability and to be a positive participant on this team.

Student Signature

Date

I know the requirements for this team, and I agree to support my son/daughter in fulfilling these requirements to the best of their ability. .

Parent Signature

Date