

Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry

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"Train up a child in the way he should go, even
when is old he will not depart from it."

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Mission's Trip Training Manual

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**Going to Serve,
Fellowship,
Love and
Grow**

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Mission Trips and Missionaries

Mission trips are taken for two reasons. The first and foremost is for the advancing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The second is for the building up of faith for the individual going on the trip.

In the first case, advancing the gospel can be done in several ways. Evangelistic services, teaching and training in Bible and leadership for the local church, music, drama, children's programs and teen outreach events are just a few ways to 'do ministry'.

Other ways are more physical. They would include the construction of buildings, serving of hot meals, delivering food and other personal items to families, medical and dental services or just plain relief to victimized areas of the world. Sometimes we need to just be the hands and feet of Jesus before we can say anything at all.

The second reason is of a more personal matter. This can affect each person in a different way, for we are all growing our spiritual lives in different areas. For some people it will be as simple as going out of the USA. For others it will be holding an infant or child who needs serious help, especially Jesus.

No matter how we go to serve, learning is a primary purpose for going on a short-term trip.

- Learning to see the world more as God sees it
- Learning to bond with brothers and sisters of other cultures
- Learning to identify what we can best contribute
- Learning to see the diverse ways God can use you for His glory
- Learning that our culture worldview is not the only one
- Learning to discern if God is calling you into cross-cultural service

But always, Jesus will be preached and people will know we are Christians by our love. We are all on a mission. That mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ every day that we go out and live our lives. While on a mission trip, the 'missionary' will do this with God's help every day.

Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry

Mission Statement: “Training the Next Generation to Serve”

It has been said that “the church is just one generation away from extinction”. That’s why Jesus told us to teach the ones we had won in Matthew 28:20. Children’s Ministry (Christian Education) has long been neglected in the Dominican Republic resulting in a shrinking trend among Non-Denominational Christian Churches. Other denominational leaders have also confided that Christian Education is a weak link in their congregations.

Pr22:6 Resource Ministry was established to help train the next generation by providing Christian Education material and supplies on an on-going basis to Dominican churches as well as training to local Youth Leaders. We believe that Christian Education must be consistent (not an after-thought), innovative, interesting and of high quality to capture and keep youngsters attention. As they grow in their faith-walk they will learn to serve and from these servants will come the next generation of leaders.

Our “Volunteer Missionaries” that participate in our mission trips share in this task by helping us prepare the thousands of pages of materials and supplies to distribute to these churches. They also experience various Children’s Ministry Events to see the fruits of their labors (and ours) as well as participate in the various conferences we host for Dominicans. The focus of our mission is not physically dramatic (orphanages, disease, starvation, etc) but it is spiritually dramatic (we’re helping secure the next generation of the church).

Cross-Cultural Sensitivity

Cultural Differences:

One of the results of a first-time mission trip is that we begin to see the world differently as the result of spending time in a different culture (hopefully a little more from God's viewpoint).

Cultures are like accents. Because they are different they may seem odd, humorous, or annoying to us. One tendency is to think "if they just did things the way we do them in the good old USA, they'd be better off". That may be true in some instances but not in all (example: our Mission House/Resource Center is 100% rebar reinforced concrete, not sheet rock, trusses and shingles – the roof is not going to blow off in a hurricane). This tendency hinders more than it helps our efforts to serve others. Learning that others may have a better way, or different way, helps us relate better and be the channel of blessings (giving and receiving).

Recognizing Culture Shock:

Culture shock will manifest itself in some form at some point. You or your body will react to sleeping in a different environment; eating different food, difficulty communicating, sounds and smells, avoiding tap water or finding out that the toilet paper doesn't go in the toilet! You might experience various phases of culture shock:

- Phase one might be – you're on an adventure and everything is wonderfully different!
- Phase two might be – everything is irritating, even little things bother you, the pace might be tiring, or it's too slow, it's noisier than you like, you're lonely, communicating is difficult
- Phase three might be – everything is familiar, I'm adapting. As you become more accustomed to the culture and their way of life you feel more secure and can even start to get in a certain daily routine. You start to appreciate the cultural differences.
- Phase four might be – re-entry. We have had people return home and be highly critical of America and Americans: we're too materialistic, selfish, greedy and hurried while the people in the mission field live a simple life filled with contentment, harmony and joy while living in the midst of suffering and misery. It's kind of culture shock in reverse, you just need to re-adjust and thank God for the experience you've had that others might not quite understand.

Coping with Culture Shock:

Nothing can actually prepare you for culture shock other than to know its coming and to somewhat mentally prepare before you leave:

- Study the culture - try to understand why they do things differently (have an open mind)
- Yield your rights and expectations - Be mentally ready to give up your expectations. Yield your right to be understood, be served, be comfortable, etc.
- Talk with your team – others are experiencing the same emotions and frustrations as you are. Encourage each other.
- In Rome “do as the Romans” - Try some of their customs. Do they eat differently? Do they rest in the afternoon? Do they play different games for recreation? You might discover you enjoy it!
- Be a servant - Remember the purpose for participating in this trip. You are providing long-term spiritual nourishment to the next generation.
- Be flexible - There’s always a plan “B”, “C”, or even “D”

Expectations of Ourselves - Release Your Rights

The first and foremost thing that we all can control, and maybe the only thing, will be our attitude. This will come from the inside and others will see or hear it on the outside.

In Philippians 2: 1-3 “Put yourself aside and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.” (The Message)

For all of us to have a fulfilled experience through the Holy Spirit, we need to release our rights. This we should be doing every day and we can read about this in Romans 12.

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don’t become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.” Romans 12 (The Message)

I give up my right to:

I entrust to God:

A comfortable bed

My strength and endurance

Having three meals a day

My health and strength

Having familiar food

My like/dislikes of food

Dressing fashionably

My security in Him

Seeing results

His purposes and fruit in His timing

Control of myself

My need for His Spirit control

Control of others

His workmanship in others

Control of circumstances

My circumstances to His purposes in making me Christ-like

Having pleasant circumstances	The privilege of suffering for His sake
Making decisions	His Sovereign Hand on my life
Taking an offense	My deepest needs
Being successful	My security in His love
Being understood	My reputation
Being heard	My need for recognition
Being right	My need for His Righteousness

I give God permission to do anything He wishes to me, with me, in me, or through me that would glorify Him.

Signature

Date

“The choice is ours. We can hold onto our rights, expect and wait for ‘our blessings’ (while people are going to hell), and miss out on God’s greater purpose for us. Or we can give them freely back to Him for the greatest privilege of all - - winning this world for the kingdom of God.”

Loren Cunningham, Founder, Youth with a Mission

The Art of Traveling

1. **Travel Lightly** - remember, you are not traveling for people to see you. Take only what you need; leave your fancy clothes at home.
2. **Travel Expectantly** - every place you visit is a surprise package waiting to be opened. Untie the strings with an expectation of high adventure.
3. **Travel Hopefully** – “To travel hopefully,” wrote Robert Lewis Stevenson, “is better than to arrive.”
4. **Travel Humbly** - visit people and places with respect for their traditions and ways of life, as different as they may be from your own.
5. **Travel Courteously** - consideration for your fellow travelers and for all you meet along the way will enhance your pleasure.
6. **Travel Gratefully** - show appreciation for the many things done by others for your enjoyment and comfort.
7. **Travel With An Open Mind** - leave all your prejudices at home.
8. **Travel Flexibly** - have a flexible attitude especially when you experience unexpected delays or changes in your travel plans.
9. **Travel With Curiosity** - it's not how far you go, but how deeply you go that mines the gold of the experience.
10. **Travel Patiently** - take time to understand people in other countries – especially when there are language barriers. Learn a few words, if only to say “hello” and “goodbye”. The “locals” will love it.
11. **Travel With The Spirit Of A World Citizen** - you'll discover people are basically much the same the world over. Appoint yourself an Ambassador of Good Will wherever you go, after all we are Ambassadors of Christ.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the cost of the trip?** - Individual Trip Donation for a 7 day trip is \$575 plus airfare (\$435 for each additional family member); airfare range is from around \$300 to \$600 depending on departing location, season and use of "discount" or "full service" airline. Contact us for trips longer than 1 week.
- 2. What is included in the cost of the trip?** - Meals, lodging at the “Mission House/Resource Center”, ground transportation overseas, support for “Resource Center” materials and benevolent needs we may encounter. Not included: insurance, airfare, meals while traveling to the Dominican Republic, spending and recreation money.
- 3. How do I raise money for the trip?** - Funding your participation in a short-term mission trip is best when each “Volunteer Missionary” includes others in raising their support. Even though some are able to fund the trip out of their own resources, raising support allows others that can’t go to participate with their financial support, encouragement and prayers on your behalf; it also serves as a testimony of your willingness to get out of your comfort zone and serve. See the section titled “Building Your Team” (Appendix “B”) for fund raising ideas and the forms that should be included in your solicitations. Some churches will "co-op" the trip expenses to encourage their members to participate in short-term mission trips (ask your churches “Missions Team”).
All donor gifts must be sent to Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry, Inc. in order to be properly receipted. Donations become the property of Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry, Inc. and will be used to assist each “Missionary Volunteer” seeking to travel to the Dominican Republic.
- 4. When does the cost of the trip need to be paid?** - 30 days prior to trip date
- 5. How will I know the amount of donations received on my behalf?** - We will provide weekly updates of donations received as well as your cumulative donations including donor names. We will not divulge the amount of the donation to avoid the human tendency to focus on the amount of the gift rather than the generosity of the giver (donors will receive a year-end donation receipt).
- 6. What if I do not raise enough funds?** - If a person is short of funds, the gifts are held for a year in order to solicit enough funds to cover expenses. When a person raises more than sufficient funds, the excess is used in the overall

ministry of that particular trip. No refunds are made. Funds cannot be carried over from one year to another with the following exception: If a person cannot go due to lack of funds, injury, illness, or providential circumstances, their funds are kept in an account for one year to allow travel the following year.

7. **Can excess funds be used for spending money?** - No. Due to IRS guidelines, we are not permitted to issue tax deductible donations for personal use (The IRS has recognized us as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donors may deduct contributions as provided in section 170 of the Code). You can be reimbursed for your airfare and receipted travel expense to and from the departure point (airport) from funds that exceed the trip cost.
8. **Do I need a Passport?** - Yes, a current, valid passport is needed. As of January 2006, the U. S. government requires all citizens from the USA to have a passport to travel overseas (verify yours has not expired).
9. **Do I need any specific immunizations?** - Generally no specific immunizations are needed, however, check with your local Health Department (or www.cdc.gov and follow their guidelines. Make sure you are up to date on your normal vaccines.
10. **Where will I stay?** - Lodging is in the "Mission House/Resource Center" located in a spacious house in Santiago (Christian Camp for conferences) See photos on our website (pr226.org).
11. **Where will I go?** - We serve churches in Santiago and within 1 1/2 hours of driving time from the " Mission House/Resource Center " (Camp for conferences.
12. **What will I do?** - Help maintain the " Mission House/Resource Center " by participating in chores, preparing lesson materials, packaging supplies, constructing and sorting props, participating in conferences, Children's Lunch Programs; other activities might include assisting a Dominican medical team in a medical outreach to an outlying/remote community, visiting Children's Hospital or a "hands on" help project that the local church needs.
13. **Do I need to know Spanish?** - No. Some our most effective "Volunteer Missionaries" that keep coming back to the DR don't speak Spanish. A smiling face and a loving heart overcome a language deficiency. See Appendix "A"

for “Spanish Help” section.

- 14. Are there age limits?** - Missionary volunteers should be at least 18 years old. Parent/Teen Missionary Teams are a popular bonding and memory building experience that help instill the value of service in teenagers; we recommend that teenagers traveling with their parents or a sponsoring adult be 14 to 15 years old (call us regarding teens under 18 traveling with non-parent adult sponsor).
- 15. Luggage limitations?** - Full service airlines generally allow 2 pieces of checked luggage (up to 50 pounds each) and one carry-on bag. Discount airlines may charge for checked luggage (usually 40 pound limit) and a carry-on. Missionary Volunteers close to Jacksonville, usually help transport supplies we will use in ministry in their luggage (the equivalent of one suitcase). See the “Packing” section on page 16 and be prepared to carry your own bags.
- 16. Biggest cause for missing out on the blessings of a Missions Trip?** - Procrastination. Delay in asking questions, delay in making the decision to participate, delay in sending support letters, delay in making necessary preparations (requesting vacation time, obtaining passport, etc.), delay in praying daily about participating.

About the Dominican Republic

Historical Overview

In 1492, when the Spaniards arrived the island was inhabited by a group of Arauco Indians who vanished shortly after the discovery.

Named by its Spanish settlers “Hispaniola”, the island became the base for the expansion of the Spanish empire into the new world. The city of Santo Domingo (originally named “La Isabela”) was founded in 1496, and soon became the site of the first cathedral, the first hospital and the first university of America.

Population and Demography

The population is approximately 8.4 million with more than two-thirds living urban areas of the main cities. Most of the population is mixture of Indian, European and African races.

Tourism

Tourism is one of the most important economic activities of the Dominican Republic with more than 3 million visitors in the year 2002. This brings in around \$2.4 billion on foreign exchange.

Geography

The Dominican Republic is located in the Caribbean, between Cuba and Puerto Rico. With an extension of 48,442 square kilometers, the country is the second largest country in the Antilles. This strategic geographic position has turned it into the main tourist destination in the region and into an ideal place for business and trade.

The climate is semitropical, with an average temperature of 26 C/78 F.

The Dominican Republic has a great geographic diversity, having extensive beaches of white sand, fertile valleys with exuberant vegetation, desert zones with dune formations, mighty mountain chains where Pico Duarte, the highest peak and Lake Enriquillo the biggest lake in the Caribbean.



Language

Spanish is the official language. French, German, Italian and English are widely spoken in the tourist areas. Traffic signs and most menus in restaurants are in Spanish. See Appendix “A” for “Spanish Help” section.

Exchange Rate

The exchange rate fluctuates with the market, but as of January, 2025, the rate was about 62 pesos for every 1 US dollar. The US dollar generally is very strong in the DR, unless one is attempting to purchase something imported. You will be provided with a pocket “Exchange Rate Table” to help you calculate the equivalencies between the “Dollar” and the “Peso”.

Religion

Roman Catholicism is the official religion of the Dominican Republic, established by Concordat with the Vatican. What little religious instruction most Dominicans traditionally received came in the form of rote memorization of the catechism. Many people felt that they could best approach God through intermediaries—the clergy, the saints, witches (brujos), and curers (curanderos).

People respected the advice of their local priest, or bishop, with regard to religious matters; however, they often rejected the advice of clergy on other matters on the assumption that priests had little understanding of secular affairs. Nonetheless, the priest was generally the only person outside their kinship group that people trusted and confided in. As such, the parish priest often served as an advocate in rural Dominican's dealings with larger society.

Protestants first came as migrants from North America in the 1820s. West Indian laborers added to their numbers in the late nineteenth and the early twentieth centuries. By the 1920s the various Protestant groups had organized nationally and had established links with North American Evangelical groups. The main Evangelical groups included the Seventh Day Adventists, the Dominican Evangelical Church, and the Assemblies of God. With minor exceptions, relations between Protestants and the Roman Catholic majority were cordial.

Most Haitian immigrants and their descendants adhered to voodoo, and practiced it in secret because the government and the general population regarded the folk religion as pagan and African. In Haitian voodoo encompassed a well-defined system of hierarchy and ceremonialism.

For more statistical and other information, visit <http://www.infoplease.com/atlas/country/dominicanrepublic.html> and some of the links found on this web site.

Packing, Travel and Accommodations

A basic guideline to clothing is to dress moderately; if you have to ask if a particular item is “moderate” it probably isn’t. One “Sunday” set of clothing for attending church services should be enough; what we consider “business casual” will suffice. A set of “working clothes and shoes” is advisable for hands-on projects). Leave expensive jewelry and watches at home (don’t make yourself a target for a robbery)

Men

- _____ Casual pants or jeans x
- _____ Dress pants (optional) x
- _____ Casual Shirts x
- _____ Dress Shirts x
- _____ A tie (optional) x _____
- _____ Shorts (knee length “Bermuda” or “Walking” x

Women

- _____ Skirts x
- _____ Dress Pants or slacks x
- _____ Blouses x
- _____ Casual Shirts x
- _____ Sunday dress or blouse & skirt/pants/Capri’s x _____
- _____ Jeans x _____
- _____ Shorts (knee length “Bermuda” or “Walking”) x

Men and Women

- _____ One set of work clothes & shoes
- _____ Shoes x
- _____ Sandals or Tennis shoes with sturdy bottoms that can get wet
Or “Water” Shoes x
- _____ Socks x _____
- _____ Undergarments x
- _____ Sleepwear x _____
- _____ Slippers x _____
- _____ Light Jacket or Sweater (seasonal or for cold airplanes) x _____
- _____ Alarm clock x _____

_____ Flashlight/batteries/plastic bags x _____
_____ Simple gifts x _____
_____ Bathing suit (modest: ladies 1 piece) x _____
_____ Dirty clothes bag x _____
_____ Beach Towel shower x _____
_____ Bible _____
_____ Camera x _____

Toiletries

_____ Toothbrush/paste/mouth rinse x _____
_____ Razor/shaving cream x _____
_____ Deodorant x _____
_____ Soap/shampoo x _____
_____ Comb/brush x _____
_____ Hand Sanitizer or Moist towelettes x _____
_____ Feminine Hygiene items x _____
_____ Medical supplies
- Aspirin, Tylenol, etc.
- Antihistamine
- Decongestant
- Diarrhea medicine
- Imodium capsules
- Antifungal cream
- Band and Q-tips
- Antibiotic ointment
- Vitamins
- Cough syrup
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Prescription medication (original container, carry with you)

Overnight bag/carry on (in case of lost luggage – check airline for size limits & possible fees)

_____ One set of clothes x _____
_____ Bible/notebook/journal/pen x _____
_____ Spending money x _____

_____ Camera/film/batteries x _____
 _____ Sunglasses/umbrella x _____
 _____ Address book/Labels for new friends x _____
 _____ Family photos x _____
 _____ Reading material/language dictionary/snacks x _____
 _____ Copy of passport x _____
 _____ Travel games x _____

Fanny pack (optional – could be target for thieves)

_____ Passport x _____
 _____ Money for spending x _____
 _____ Watch x _____
 _____ Money belt? x _____
 _____ Copy of health history x _____
 _____ Needed medicine x _____
 _____ Band aids/antibiotic x _____
 _____ Eyeglass prescription x _____

Luggage Allowances:

Each piece of checked luggage (American Airlines, was the only “full service” airline that currently services Santiago as of the original printing of this manual) is limited to 62” (length, height, width) and a weight of 50 pounds. American allows two checked bags per person. You may have one carry-on bag (45” and 40 pounds) and one personal item (purse, laptop, etc.). If you are flying into the DR on another airline, please check their website for luggage restrictions and baggage fees.

Make sure that all checked and carry-on bags are marked with name, address and phone number. It is a good idea to also mark the inside of your bags as well. We suggest you put a unique ribbon or other marker on your bags so you can quickly spot them on luggage carousels. Be prepared to carry your own bags.

Travel light, one suitcase is usually enough. If travelers are close to Jacksonville, consider leaving some space in your suitcase for transporting some of our supplies (check the “Donate” page on our website – pr226.org). We suggest that your suitcases be nested; that is, one can fit inside the other. This makes packing for the return trip much easier (and cheaper if paying baggage fees) since one suitcase

most likely will be empty (unless you plan to purchase significant amounts of local good to bring home). We use “Alpine” duffle bags (size 36” by 14”) from “Sports Authority” that only add 2 lbs. to the overall weight.

Travel Arrangements and Insurance:

“Missionary Volunteers are responsible for booking the flight and airline of their choice to arrive in Santiago, Dominican Republic on the trip start date. We will pick you up at the airport (even if your arrival time is 3:00 AM). Please take note that most airlines will have a connection in South Florida. Travel insurance is recommended (some health insurance will not pay for a claim outside of the US) and we have been using “Day Tripper” insurance for many years. Their website is: www.missionaryhealth.net

Accommodations:

Missionary Volunteers will stay in Pr 22:6’s Mission House/Resource Center. It is located in a nice residential area of Santiago. It is gated with battery back-up power (power outages are common) with modern facilities. We have plenty of room for our guests and 4 ½ baths. We are 13 minutes from the airport, 5 minutes from a modern department/grocery store and 7 minutes from a hospital with 24 hour pharmacy.

Food:

We eat typical Dominican meals consisting of rice, beans, meat (chicken, pork, and beef), potatoes, plantains, vegetables, fruits and bread. We also have some peanut butter and jelly as a back-up. There also are well known U.S. fast-food places close by (McDonalds, Taco Bell, Burger King, Pizza Hut, etc) even though it’s expensive.

Transportation:

Ground transportation is provided by our 11 passenger Mini-Bus (van), for larger groups we rent a 33 -35 passenger bus. Getting around in the DR, especially outside of the cities can be quite stimulating in that (a) the roads are often poorly maintained and (b) traffic rules are often disobeyed.

Communications and electronics:

Electricity is the same in the DR as it is in the US (though not as reliable) so you can bring electronic devices to plug into wall outlets (keeping in mind to travel light).

Calling into and out of the DR using your personal cell phone can be very expensive (check with your carrier for an international calling plan for the duration of your trip). We have a “Magic Jack” phone which is stationary (at the Mission House) that can send and receive calls to the US free of charge via the internet. Calls placed to our US phone number (904-923-5939) will be forwarded to our “Magic Jack” phone; make sure to leave this number with your family.

Calls to your cellphone while in the DR (in Wi-fi hotspot in “Mission House” and other hotspots):

- Install “Whatsapp” app on your cellphone and cellphone that will remain stateside - must be done before you reach the DR
- Your cellphone must be in “wifi” mode in the DR to use this app and avoid roaming charges. In addition to voice calls, you can text, and send photos.

Fun:

Mission’s trips always involve lots of hard work, both emotionally and physically. To help offset some of this stress, we plan 1 recreation day on each trip.

For example, we have enjoyed in years past some of the Dominican Republic’s exceptional beaches, white water rafting, waterfalls, visited the capital city of Santo Domingo, visited national parks, hiked in the mountains, and gone shopping.

Regarding shopping, Santiago is a large city with malls, warehouse type stores like (Sam’s Clubs), and other stores very similar to those you would see in Jacksonville, so you can buy almost anything you need. However, there are many old fashioned shops and stalls in which bartering is the rule. Bring a little extra cash if you are interested in some great bargains. Some of our prior missionaries paid more than necessary for local goods; therefore, we recommend that you always shop with a local to ensure that you don’t overpay.

List of “Do’s” and “Dues”

Passports – make sure yours is current, or get it now. It can take over two months to get a new one (see procedures on how below). Make 3 copies (one to leave at home, one to have on you – separate from the original, and the third for your hosts – us).

Talents survey – To best match you to available service opportunities.

Personal gifts – ask your trip leader for guidance.

Support letter – This needs to be done ASAP. Must meet certain guidelines for IRS purposes (see Appendix B “Building your Team”).

Money for the trip – Full payment (\$575) is due 30 days prior to trip date (\$435 for each additional family member); consider submitting monthly payments leading up to the deadline date. Avoid taking “Travelers Checks”, US currency can be readily exchanged for Dominican currency at a local retail outlet. See “Trip Cost Calculator” below.

Personal testimonies – write this down and be prepared to share it. You never know when you might need to share your faith-walk, and having written it will help you.

Specific duties while on the trip – we will do our best to match your gifts and talents to the tasks on the trip based on your “Talents Survey”. Whatever it is, begin preparation quickly; pray, practice, memorize, pray, language (pray some more). Also, buy or borrow a Spanish/English dictionary and bone up on the basics, get a pocket translator, or translation app on your cellphone.

Eat at a Dominican Restaurant – to get a sampling of Dominican cuisine

Personal things to share – bring pictures of your family as this is an important cultural expression in the DR.

Start Devotional/Journal – Mission trip devotionals usually begin three to five days before you leave; we usually provide a devotional (and will notify you). These can be purchased online, or you can journal in a personal notebook.

Finish packing and recheck travel plans to airport – three to five days prior to departure.

Day of travel – be at the airport three (2) hours before departure time to check things and get ready to go (check with other team members to possibly car-pool to the airport). We also recommend that you bring a zip lock back with snacks to eat at the airport (no liquids) – both going and returning.

Trip Cost Calculator (remember each additional family member is \$435, not \$575)

Category	Total
Donation to Pr 22:6	\$575
Airfare	\$
Travel to/from airport (US)	\$
Offering money	\$
Spending money	\$_____
Estimate for the trip	\$

We also have gone to restaurants for meals in years past, ranging from the mall for some inexpensive food (about \$5 per person) to a mountain top resort for some more expensive food (about \$25 per person), depending on the teams desires and finances (this is not included in our fee).

Please bring some cash to contribute to the offering plate for each church service you attend (\$5 or \$10 is appropriate).

You will need our Dominican address on the cover of this manual (along with flight and personal information) to obtain a QR Code online for the “Dominican E-Ticket” before you travel, here’s the link: <https://eticket.migracion.gob.do/>. You can complete the form for travel to the DR and back to the US simultaneously. You cannot travel without presenting this at the airport (print it on paper or on your cellphone). There is no charge for this.

Spending money (\$125) is just a broad estimate of what you’ll need. Many places in and around Santiago accept credit cards (some cards charge a 3% currency conversion fee), but many shops do not. However, be sure to notify your credit card company before you leave that you might be using your card or they might assume someone has stolen your card and block it. You can find extraordinary bargains in the DR if you are careful (you can also overpay for junk).

Passport Procedures:

You can pick up a Passport Application at a local Post Office or a local tax office. It can take six to eight weeks to receive your passport, so it is vital that you begin working on your passport as soon as possible. The applicant must appear before a local, designated passport acceptor (usually a Postmaster or Clerk of the Court) for the signing and witnessing of the application. You can search for the office nearest you at <http://travel.state.gov>.

You must have the following: (1) passport application – you can also find this form at the web address shown above, (2) passport photos – these can be taken at the post office, or many local photo shops, (3) \$97.00 representing passport fee of \$55, security surcharge of \$12, and execution fee of \$30, (4) state birth certificate or previous US passport – the birth certificate must be certified with a raised, embossed seal. Photocopies or certificates without the seal will not be accepted, and (5) one other photo ID, such as a drivers license.

You should receive your passport and birth certificate within 25 days of receipt of completed application. To expedite, you can pay an additional \$60 for guaranteed processing within three (3) business days. Send it next-day mail both ways. Fees may have changed since the printing of this manual.

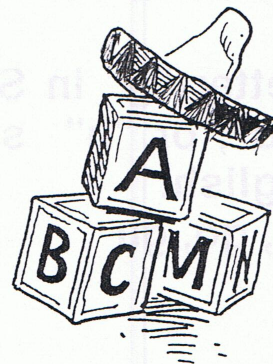
Appendix “A” Spanish Help

EL ALFABETO DE ESPAÑOL

A	a	N	ene
B	be	Ñ	ëñe
C	ce	O	o
Ch	che	P	pe
D	de	Q	cu
E	e	R	ere
F	efe	r r	erre
G	ge	S	ese
H	hache	T	te
I	i	U	u
J	jota	V	ve
K	ka	W	doble ve
L	ele	X	equis
Li	elle	Y	i griega
M	eme	Z	zeta

LOS VOCALES: LA LLAVE A ESPAÑOL

A	ah
E	ay
I	ee
O	oh
U	oo



LAS REGLAS DEL ALFABETO

The letters "b" and "v" in Spanish both sound like the letter "b" in English.
ex: burro, vaca

The letter "c" in Spanish when followed by: "a", "o", or "u" sounds like the letter "k" in English.
ex: ca, co, cu

The letter "c" in Spanish when followed by: "e" or "i" sounds like the letter "s" in English.
ex: ce, ci

The letter "c" is the only letter that can be doubled in Spanish and when doubled sounds like "ks" in English. (The letters "ll" and "rr" are each considered one letter.)
ex: accidente

The letter "g" in Spanish when followed by: "a", "o", or "u" sounds like the letter "g" in English.
ex: ga, go, gu

The letter "g" in Spanish when followed by:
"e" or "i" sounds like the letter "h" in
English.

ex: ge, gi

The letter "h" in Spanish is silent.

ex: ~~hello~~, hola, hospital, hotel

The letter "j" in Spanish sounds like the
letter "h" in English.

ex: Jorge, José, Juan, julio, junio

The letters "k" and "w" are only found in
words borrowed from other languages.

ex: kilo, wait

The letter "ll" in Spanish sounds like the
letter "y" in English.

ex: llama, llave

Tú o Usted

When you meet people you often ask them questions: How are you? What's your name? The word you is commonplace in every language.

In Spanish there are 2 ways to say you!

If you are addressing:

- older persons
- people you call Mr., Mrs., or Miss
- people you don't know on a first name basis
- or even acquaintances

you must say "**Usted.**" This is the formal way to say you. It is the form you use to speak to your teachers, your boss, your principal. It shows respect and if you don't use it you may be insulting a lot of people in Spanish-speaking countries. When in doubt use the "Ud." form. (This is the abbreviated way of writing "Usted.") Even people who work together often use "Ud." with each other.

If you are addressing:

- family members
- close friends
- animals and your pets
- children younger than you or those of your own age

you may use the "**tú**" form. This is a more intimate and familiar way of saying you. It can be used when you speak with your fellow classmates, people you know on a first name basis, and anyone who has requested or given you permission to use the "tú" form with them.

tuoud.doc

Spanish to English Words and Phrases

Pronunciation Tips:

All vowels are “short”, “h” is silent (except when after a “c” or “s” making “ch” and “sh” sound like in English, “j” sounds like English “h”, double “ll” sounds like English “j”, “ñ” sounds like combining “n” and “y” in English – Good Luck

Places and buildings

Monuments and culture

la cathedral	– the cathedral
la estatua	– the statue
una/la iglesia	– a/the church
un/el museo	– a/the museum
el museo de arte	– the art gallery
el palacio	– the palace
la plaza	– the square
la Plaza de España	– <i>(in some Spanish cities)</i> =the “Plaza de España”, monumental square
el zócalo	– <i>(in Mexico)</i> the Main Square

Eating and drinking

un bar	– a bar
un café	– a café, coffee shop

una cantina	- (<i>esp Latin America</i>) a bar, snack bar
un restaurant	- a restaurant
una taquería	- (<i>Mexico</i>) a taco bar, snack bar
una tienda de comida para llevar	- a takeaway

Entertainment

una alberca	- (<i>Mexico</i>) swimming pool, swimming baths
un boliche	- a bowling alley
el cine	- the cinema
el casino	- the casino
el estadio	- the stadium
la piscina	- swimming pool
la pista de hielo	- the ice rink
la plaza de toros	- the bullring
el teatro	- the theatre

Shops/stores

un almacén	- a shop, store
el centro comercial	- the shops, the shopping centre
una librería	- a bookshop, bookstore
el mercado	- the market
el super(mercado)	- the supermarket
una tienda	- a shop, store
una tienda de comestibles	- a grocer's
una tienda departamental	- a department store
una tienda de deportes	- a sports shop
una tienda de periódicos	- a newsagent's
una tienda de regalos	- a gift shop
una tienda de ropa	- a clothes shop

Utility buildings and places

un banco	- a bank
una caja de cambio	- a bureau de change
un cajero automatic	- a cash machine, ATM
la estación de autobuses	- the bus station, coach station
la estación de camiones	- (<i>Mexico</i>) the bus station, coach station
la estación de metro (más cercana)	- the (nearest) metro station
la estación de tren	- the train station
el hospital	- the hospital
el hotel ...	- hotel ...
la oficina de turismo	- the tourist information office

Rooms in the house

Here are the names of common rooms of a house in Spanish. A slightly tricky case is that the Spanish word for *bedroom* differs depending on the Spanish-speaking region.

está en...	- it's/he's/she's in...
están en...	- they're in...
el (cuarto de) baño	- the bathroom
la cocina	- the kitchen
el comedor	- the dining room
mi cuarto	- my (bed)room
el cuarto de lavado	- the washroom
el cuarto de servicio	- the washroom, utility room
el cuarto de visitas	- the guest room
el/mi/nuestro dormitorio	- the/my/our bedroom
la/mi/nuestra recámara	- the/my/our bedroom (<i>Mexico</i>)
el desayunador	- the breakfast bar, breakfast area

la entrada	- the hallway, entrance
el estudio	- the study
el garaje, la cochera	- the garage
el lavadero	- the washroom, laundry room (<i>Spain</i>)
el pasillo	- the passageway
el portal	- the porch
el recibidor	- the hallway
el salón	- the living room
el trastero	- the boxroom, junk room

Floors and sections of the house

A few parts of the house that aren't quite "rooms":

en la escalera	- on the stairs
en el descanso	- on the landing
en el jardín	- in the garden
en el patio	- on the patio
(en) la piscina	- (in) the swimming pool
(en) la alberca	- (in) the swimming pool (<i>Mexico</i>)
en la azotea/terrazza	- on the roof, in the roof garden

Here is how to say what floor of the house or building things are on:

en el sótano	- in the basement/cellar ¹
en el desván	- in the attic/loft
en el entretecho	- in the attic/loft (<i>Latin America</i>)
en la planta baja	- downstairs, on the ground floor (US: first floor)
en el primer piso	- on the first floor (US: second floor)
en el segundo piso	- on the second floor (US: third floor)

en el tercer piso	- on the third floor (US: fourth floor)
en el cuarto/quinto/sexta piso	- on the fourth/fifth/sixth floor (US: fifth/sixth/seventh)
en el piso catorce ¹	- on the fourteenth floor (US: fifteenth)
en el mezanine	- on the mezzanine
(en la planta de) abajo	- downstairs
(en la planta de) arriba	- upstairs
bajar	- to go downstairs
subir	- to go upstairs

1. If you keep wine in your cellar, you can also call it a *bodega* or *cava*!

2. The special words for *ordinal numbers* (*primer(o)*, *segundo* etc) aren't commonly used for high numbers. It's worth learning up to about *sexto* or *séptimo* (seventh).

Talking about the building

The following Spanish words are useful for describing the actual building or home as a whole, or for things like doors and windows that aren't exactly "furniture".

(en) el piso	- (on) the floor
(en) el techo	- (on) the ceiling; (<i>Latin America</i>) the roof
el tejado	- the roof (<i>Spain</i>)
las paredes	- the (inside) walls
los muros	- the (outside) walls
en la pared	- on the wall
la ventana	- the window
el ventanal	- the (full-length) window
la puerta	- the door
el tragaluz	- the skylight
el domo	- the skylight (<i>Mexico</i>)
las tuberías	- the pipes, the pipework

el desagüe – the drainpipe

Spanish Phrases: Rooms and parts of the house in Spanish

On this page, we look at the Spanish words for various items of furniture and house decorations. See the previous page for the names of [rooms of the house in Spanish](#).

General words

Most of the furniture vocabulary on this page is organised room by room. But the following words don't necessarily apply to any specific room:

los adornos	– the decorations, trinkets
la alfombra	– the carpet
(en) los armarios	– (in) the cupboards
el buró	– the bureau
las cortinas	– the curtains
un espejo	– a mirror
los estantes	– the shelves (on the wall)
una lámpara	– a lamp
plantas	– plants
el teléfono	– the telephone

Living room and dining room

Here are the Spanish words for common items of living room and dining room furniture and decorations:

la alacena	- the sideboard, cupboard
la chimenea	- the fireplace
el comedor	- the dining table/dining room suite
el librero	- the bookcase, bookshelves
(en) la mesa	- (at/on) the table
la sala	- the living room suite
las sillas	- the chairs
(en) el sillón	- (in) the armchair
(en) el sofá	- (on) the sofa
la vitrina	- the sideboard, display cabinet

The kitchen

Here are the Spanish words for kitchen furniture, appliances, dishes and cutlery:

la cafetera	- the coffee-maker
(en) el congelador	- (in) the freezer
los cubiertos	- the cutlery
una cuchara	- a spoon
un cuchillo	- a knife
el detergente	- the washing-up liquid
el escurridero	- the draining board
el escurridor	- the dishrack, draining rack
la esponja	- the sponge
(en) la estufa	- (on) the cooker, stove
el fregadero	- the (kitchen) sink
la fregona	- the mop (<i>Spain</i>)
los grifos	- the taps, faucets (<i>Spain</i>)
(en) el horno	- (in) the oven
el lavaplatos	- the dishwasher

el lavavajillas	- the washing-up liquid
el lavatrastes	- the washing-up liquid (<i>Mexico</i>)
las llaves	- the taps, faucets (<i>Latin America</i>)
(en) el microondas	- (in) the microwave
los platos	- the plates, dishes
(en) el refri	- (in) the fridge
el refrigerador	- the fridge, refrigerator
una tabla de cortar	- a chopping board
un tenedor	- a fork
la tetera (eléctrica)	- the (electric) kettle
el trapeador	- the mop (<i>Latin America</i>)
el trapo	- the dishcloth
los trastes	- the dishes (<i>Mexico</i>)
el trastero	- the dishrack, draining rack (<i>Mexico</i>)
los vasos	- the glasses
abrir/cerrar la llave	- to turn the tap on/off
fregar los platos	- to wash the dishes
lavar los trastes	- to wash the dishes (<i>Mexico</i>)

The bedroom

We've already covered general words for cupboards and carpets in the section above, so there are just a few bedroom-specific items of furniture here:

la cama	- the bed
la cabecera	- the headboard
el cesto (para la ropa sucia)	- the laundry basket
el clóset	- the closet, (fitted) cupboard/wardrobe
la mesilla de noche	- the bedside table
el buró	- the bedside table (<i>Mexico</i>)
la ropa	- the clothes

la ropa de cama	- the bedclothes
el ropero	- the wardrobe
las sábanas	- the sheets
el taburete	- the stool, ottoman
el zapatero	- the shoe rack

The bathroom

A few items such taps and cupboards are the same as above. Otherwise, here is some specific bathroom vocabulary:

los azulejos	- the tiles
la ducha	- the shower (<i>Spain, Cuba</i>)
la regadera	- the shower (<i>most of Latin America</i>)
el jabón	- the soap
el lavabo	- the sink, washbasin
papel de baño	- toilet paper
la tina	- the bath
las toallas	- the towels
una toallita	- a hand towel; a flannel
el wáter	- the toilet, lavatory (<i>Spain</i>)
la taza	- the toilet, lavatory bowl (<i>Latin America</i>)

The laundry/utility room

el detergente	- the washing powder
ganchillos	- clothes pegs
ganchos	- clothes hangers
el lavadero	- the washroom sink
la lavadora	- the washing machine
la plancha	- the iron

la secadora	- the drier
la tabla de planchar	- the ironing board
el burro	- the ironing board (<i>Mexico</i>)
el tendedero	- the washing line
colgado	- hanging up, hanging out

Source: http://www.espanol-ingles.com.mx/phrase_book/spanish/index.html

Appendix “B” Building Your Team

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” – African Proverb

Building a support team is important because, biblically, there are those that send and those that go; it includes:

- Prayer Supporters
- Encouragers
- Financial Contributors

The concept is to develop a team, not just raise funds. The most important need for each team member is to have prayer support before and during the trip. If your prayer support is in place, everything else will fall into place.

The Team:

The team concept is to allow as many people to participate in the mission experience.

- You will minister to your team (and they will minister to you) as you share your experience with them before, during, and after your trip (Col 9:9-12, Phil 4:9, 2 Cor 1:11).
- Everyone involved can share in the blessings of the trip (Phil 4:17)
- Building a large team is a Biblical approach (2 Cor 8:4)
- The senders, encouragers, and goers are all participating in expanding the Kingdom worldwide.

For these reasons, the people you want on your team should not only be the ones you think will provide financial support.

Raising Funds:

At a minimum, each team member should contribute a small amount of the overall cost of a trip. We should be willing to do as we are asking others to do (that is to give sacrificially). The most effective method is to write a letter for distribution to friends, family, and co-workers (not just your church family). Since other team members of your church may possibly be raising funds, you might be selective and write only those church members with which you have a close relationship. However, even those that fully fund their trip from their own resources should build a support team. In this case your letter should communicate that you are not

requesting financial support but prayer support. You will find that many people are more than happy to be part of your mission experience in these various ways.

Writing your Support Letter:

Ask people to join you as partners in the mission's experience.

1. Types of letters

- A letter asking for prayer and financial support
- A letter asking only for prayer support (an option if you are fully funding your trip)
- A letter asking for prayer and financial support for the host missionary organization's needs (an option if you are fully funding your trip)

2. Writing your own letter

- Your letter should be personally written and reflect your personality and style.
- Several sample letters are at the end of this section and are included as a guide. DO NOT COPY these sample letters. No one should receive support letters from various people that are the same. People deserve to receive a personal letter.
- Regular US Post Office mail is more personal and better appreciated than email.

3. Important points to cover

- Information about where you are going and something about the culture
- Information about the host missionary organization (brochures and websites are a good source)
- Why are you going?
- What you'll be doing?
- Request to join your team as a valued partner – as a prayer intercessor, financial sponsor, or both
- A description of the overall cost of the trip and the sacrifices you are making (If we ask others to give, they should know that we are contributing as well)
- Clear explanation of how and where to make contributions (SEE PAGE 41 FOR VARIOUS OPTIONS AND REQUIRED FORMS)
- VERY IMPORTANT – the deadline for you to have your support raised (30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP DEPARTURE DATE)
- Send letters ASAP! Procrastination in sending support letters is a major contributor to derailing a mission trip. Ideally, three to four

months before the deadline is close enough to the trip date for people to respond quickly, and long enough in the preparation process to get everything in place

Follow-up Expectations:

Everyone who receives a support request letter (not just financial donors) should also receive a post-trip note/card/letter from you thanking them for being a part of your support team and sharing your experience with them (post pictures or videos on Facebook and other social media, etc.). Supporting someone and then never hearing from that person again is disappointing and demonstrates lack of gratitude.

By sharing your experiences, blessings, and yes even challenges with your support team you help develop committed hearts for world missions among those who were not able to go.

Donation options, information, and forms:

All donor gifts must be sent to Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry, Inc. in order to be properly receipted. Donations become the property of Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry, Inc. and will be used to assist each “Missionary Volunteer” seeking to travel to the Dominican Republic. We are a non-profit tax exempt organization and donors will receive a year-end donation receipt for tax purposes.

If a person is short of funds, the gifts are held for a year in order to solicit enough funds to cover expenses. When a person raises more than sufficient funds, the excess is used in the overall ministry of that particular trip. No refunds are made. Funds cannot be carried over from one year to another with the following exception: If a person cannot go due to lack of funds, injury, illness, or providential circumstances, their funds are kept in an account for one year to allow travel the following year.

1. On line donations

- Accessed on the “Volunteers & Sponsorship” page at www.pr226.org, there is a “Sponsorship Form” to be completed at the bottom of the page (even for your own personal contribution)

2. Mail-in donations

- Must include “Sponsorship Form” on page 43 (please copy and include with all of your support letters and submit for your own donation)
- Ask donors to mail the “Sponsorship Form” and donation to:
Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry, Inc. 11250 Old St. Augustine Rd suite
15236 Jacksonville, FL 32257

The following pages contain sample support letters to aid you in composing your own (please remember to personalize your thoughts and requests).

Sponsorship Form

“As the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow” – 1 Corinthians 3:5a – 6

Some send, some go, and some encourage - Thank you for participating

Please complete this form and designate the way(s) you feel God has led you to support your “Volunteer Missionary’s” trip to the Dominican Republic.

Contributors Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (optional): (____) _____

Email (optional): _____

I am supporting: _____

_____ 1. Prayerfully: I will commit to pray while preparing and during the trip

_____ 2. Financially: I will commit to give \$_____ to assist with the cost of the trip (your contribution is tax deductible)

Please mail this form and make checks payable to:

Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry, Inc
11250 Old St. Augustine Rd suite 15236
Jacksonville, FL 32257

(Please do not write any names on the “memo” section of your check)

Online contributions can be made at www.pr226.org on the “Volunteers & Sponsorship” page. There is a “Volunteer Sponsorship” form at the bottom of the page.

If a person is short of funds, the gifts are held for a year in order to solicit enough funds to cover expenses. When a person raises more than sufficient funds, the excess is used in the overall ministry of that particular trip. No refunds are made.

Dear,

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life, I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

God is so awesome in my life. Knowing Christ as your personal Savior, is the only thing in life that really counts. I am writing this letter to you for your prayer and financial support. I am so blessed to be going back to the Ukraine this summer on a mission trip. Last year was such a blessing. God truly blessed my life by having the opportunity to take that trip. It is very expensive, but well worth it. That country is so hungry for the Word of God, and the children that I met were so precious.

This year I hope to be able to raise money to buy some furniture for the church in Brobritsa, Ukraine. Brobritsa, is a small village outside of Kanev, Ukraine (former Communist Headquarters.) In this village we will work alongside Ukrainian Christians to put on a summer camp for children, share with the women of the village through Bible studies, help with a teen camp and possibly help workers in an orphanage. None of this will honor God if it is not first bathed in prayer. Would you begin to pray for the ministry and the part I will have in it? The country of Ukraine is wide open to the Gospel but so few can, or are willing to go encourage and train workers in these new churches. Would you pray that God would send faithful workers who are willing to give up the comforts of home for a time to share the joy of what God has done in their life with the people of Ukraine.

I know that I will gain more than I will ever be able give. One of the challenges I will have is raising the support that is needed to pay for my airfare. The price of the airfare alone is nearly \$1400.00 and the balance of the cost is \$400.00. After you have prayed and if you are able, please consider sending a tax deductible gift to help me in this work. Please make checks out

We will be leaving on June 29th and returning on July 11th. My daughter, with us this year. I am so very excited about that. God is so good all the time.

In His Love,

Dear _____,

I have been given an exciting opportunity to be a part of Church's upcoming trip to _____ and I want to ask you to join this team. My previous trips to _____ and _____, were very difficult fields; this trip will be much more open to the Gospel.

We will be going there to help our missionary, _____, as he reaches out to the _____ people. Some members of the team plan to help by training the staff at _____ in medical specialties. For the rest of us non-medical people, there are many wonderful options.

We will share the gospel and the comfort of God with patients at their bedsides. We will sing and preach at evangelistic services at the hospital. Through the use of interpreters, we will take the word of God to nearby towns where many of the people have rarely seen a foreigner.

We believe that God will work in us and through us on this trip, and afterwards in the life of _____. If you would like to support us in prayer and/or financially, we'd be very grateful. The total cost of the trip is \$2000 per person. Though the trip doesn't leave until June 22, we have to buy tickets and make other preparations now, so as the Lord leads you, we need your prayer and financial support commitment as soon as possible.

Please make any checks out to _____

- the missions passion of the team will grow beyond their participation in the trip.
- all of the trip's financial needs will be met in a timely fashion.
- we would be safe, but more importantly bold.
- all of our passports and other documents would be processed in time.
- the group would bond together as one.
- we would encourage our missionaries and any others whom we contact.
- we would encourage the local church.
- God would prepare the hearts of those we speak to during the evangelistic meetings and services.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Love,

Dear Family and Friends,

I have been given the opportunity to serve on a Short-Term Mission trip to Larissa, Greece this summer. I will be part of a team being sent from

The primary purpose of this trip is to continue the work begun by a missionary who tragically passed away a few years ago. Our team will have the opportunity to work with the Larissa church via small group and discipling strategies. Through music, sports, drama, and personal evangelism, we hope to see many young people in Greece come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

I am presently preparing myself spiritually and mentally for what is certain to be a demanding trip. In addition, the trip will cost each team member approximately \$2,200. I would ask that you prayerfully consider the opportunity to participate financially in this mission trip. However, just as important as monetary contributions, I also need your prayer support for my family and myself as I prepare and to travel with the team.

If you feel led to contribute, please make your check payable to _____ and mail it in the envelope provided with this letter. Please mail the form below with your check in order to designate your gift to the Greece trip and to my account. Any monetary contributions sent this way will be fully tax deductible and a statement will be sent to you in January 2010. The deadline for all financial support is May 7, 2009. Teams like this can only be made possible through the generosity of those who want to see the message of Christ spread throughout the world.

Our plan is to be in Greece from July 4th through 15th, 2009, so please keep our group and the people we hope to reach in your continuous prayers. Thank you in advance for your prayers and your generosity.

Love in Christ,

Example of 2nd letter sent as a progress report

Wednesday, May 2

Praise the Lord, He has done great things!

These past several months have been a growing experience for me. The Lord has shown Himself to me in mighty ways. When I made the decision to send letters out to family and friends requesting prayer and financial support for a summer mission trip, I wondered how God would choose to touch the hearts of the people that I felt led to have on my support list. Would you feel led to give financially or to pray, or to participate in both? I really didn't know.

Just one week after sending my letters out, I received three checks in the mail. Over the next several weeks, I received several more responses containing both financial and prayer commitments. Each day I couldn't wait to run to check my mailbox. In just a short period of time I had received \$1350.

That means that to this day I only have \$675 left to raise before May 15. Praise God for His faithfulness!

Nursing school has been demanding this semester. However, I've taken time to meet with a small group of three other girls each week to fellowship and to pray for this summer. I have seen God's faithfulness working through each of their lives too.

As my departure date nears, I am becoming more and more excited! Excited to meet my teammates, taste new food, learn (or try to learn) a new language when I get to Africa. And mostly, to minister to the people of Cote d'Ivoire. Please continue to pray for my team and me. I have enclosed a picture card for you to post as a reminder to pray. I will be sending out an update either during July or when I return.

Thanks again for your prayer and financial support! You're making a difference!

'Til the Whole World Knows,

Dear Family and Friends,

Hello! As Paul would say, 'greetings and salutations in our Lord Jesus Christ!' God has been faithful to me this past year, and I pray that He has increased your faith, devotion, and closeness to Him as well as He purifies you more for the day we will see Him face to face.

It is time to ask for your support - both in prayer and financially as I trust God to send me to the country of Bosnia for a weeklong project of evangelism and missionary support. God has brought this team together in an incredible fashion. Our team will have the opportunity to serve with missionaries who are currently working in the town of Zenica in central Bosnia.

My purpose in this letter is to get you involved. I believe God can change your life and reward you in the life to come through involvement in world missions. But most importantly, I write this letter for the people to whom God is sending us. There is someone in Bosnia in need. There is someone praying, there is someone who needs to hear who this Jesus is and that Jesus died for them.

I'm certain with all of my heart that there is still work to be done, souls to be saved, and lives to be changed in Bosnia. Please consider joining me - giving of your prayers and resources to get me there. I commit to God and you to be bold, discerning, and obedient in sharing the reason for the hope I have. I pray that the lost may repent of their sins and ask Christ to come into their hearts, and allow Him to take control of their lives by believing that He is Lord.

Please be obedient to God's desire that we do all that we can to evangelize the world before Jesus returns.

HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP TO GAIN WHAT HE CANNOT LOSE."

Jim Elliot

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to
Monday, June 29, 2009. I sincerely thank you for your time.

by

Dear Family and Friends,

"In my life Lord, be glorified!"

What an awesome God we serve! Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Recently the Lord has begun to show open my heart and eyes to how He has called me to become a part of this "Great Commission". I've seen His heart for the lost and I've surrendered my life to missions. I've learned that the Lord desires that people from every Nation, Tribe, Language, and People worship Him. My desire is that God would allow me to lead people all over the world into His presence. The Missions Department at _____ sending a Short-Term Mission Trip to El Cenizo, Mexico between the dates of June 13 and June 21. I have been selected to be a part of the team _____ will be sending.

Our efforts will consist of evangelism, construction, and Vacation Bible School outreach. Our team will be serving the Mexican people by working alongside a Mexican Pastor named Sergio in Iglesia Cristiana de Acapulco (Acapulco Christian Church). I'm excited about this project. I truly believe that the Lord desires to do a mighty work and He is inviting us to join Him in this.

I would like to ask you to pray about becoming a part of my ministry team on this project. There are two ways you can join with me: prayer support and/or financial support.

Here are a few needs you can pray for. Pray that our team would have broken, pure hearts that seek only after Christ. God desires that we have the attitude of Christ (Philip. 2:1-11). My personal prayer is that the Lord would use me daily to bring people into His presence. In addition, please pray and ask God to soften the hearts of the Mexican people we will work with. I want to see them know the joy of dwelling in God's presence (Psalm 16:11).

I also need financial support. It will cost me \$1150 to be involved in this project. I'm asking the Lord for team members who can help meet this expense. If you can help with this, please know that all contributions must be received by Tuesday, May 14, 2009.

Please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you participate with me in this project. If you feel led, complete the enclosed support response form and mail it back to _____

Thank you in advance for being a vital part of this Great Commission work!

May He Be Exalted,

Dear friends and family,

Can you envision a land where the cows are truly holy, animal sacrifices are a weekly occurrence and there are millions of gods to appease?

I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity the Lord has presented to me. From October 12 - 25, I will be going to India with a team from _____

Our two week trip will focus on the Hindu culture in this area of the world that is often referred to as 'the heart of darkness.' The purpose of our trip is fourfold:

- First, we will be allowing God to work in our lives through the faithfulness that comes from this type of trip.
- Second, this prayer journey will help us focus our hearts by traveling to a foreign land and praying "on-site with insight". We will pray for the Indian people, that God may open their eyes and hearts to the saving message of Jesus.
- Third, we will be visiting an unreached people group of which less than 1% is Christian. We will be working to facilitate new church growth in the area.
- Fourth, we will encourage the Christian minority in the city of Damoh. We want to bolster their spirits and support their work. We also plan to visit several small village churches to accomplish this goal.

I'm excited about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead. I hope you see the value in what we might accomplish.

As you can imagine, a trip like this requires financial support from a number of people. I need to raise \$2,400 by March 20th. If you can support me in a financial way, I would be very grateful. But most importantly, I need your prayer support. Prayer is the fuel that will allow us to be successful as we follow God's leading in ministry in these countries.

Without prayer, nothing will happen.

If you would like to be part of this team through your financial support, please send a check to:

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please make your check payable to _____ write "Missions - India trip" on the memo line. Please also fill out and include the enclosed support response form. If so, all contributions are tax deductible.

While money is important, it comes in a distant second to my need for your prayer support. Since prayer support is so important to the success of this mission, I would like to know if I can count on you in that area. Enclosed is a bookmark that you can put in your Bible, on your bathroom mirror, on the "fridge", or anywhere else you will see daily. Please, please pray for the areas listed.

Because they haven't heard,

UKRAINE MISSION TRIP

March 20, 2003

Dear Family and Friends,

As you may already know, I have been blessed with a wonderful opportunity to travel to the Ukraine this summer. I will be traveling with other members from

has been a part of this Ukraine Missions Team for twelve years and I am so excited to have the opportunity to join them and personally see how God is moving in the Ukraine.

This year we will travel to Bobritsa Ukraine, we leave Jacksonville on June 29th and return July 11th. Bobritsa is a small town outside of Kanev, the former Communist headquarters. We will help the church in Bobritsa with a Vacation Bible School camp for 100 elementary students each morning and then help with a teen camp of 100 students in the afternoon. Our evenings will be spent with individual families from the church and we will have an evening fellowship/outreach with the men and women.

I am writing this letter to ask for your prayers and financial support for this trip. Airfare alone is over \$1,000.00, my airfare has already been paid. However, there are many other expenses to be covered such as travel lodging, an interpreter, funds for the mission field such as supplies for the camps, Bibles, possibly a new worship building in an outreach village, and there is a need for a portable sound system. As you can see the need is great. If you feel lead to be a part of the team financially, send your donations

I so look forward to the opportunity to learn from my Christian brothers and sisters in the Ukraine and to share with them God's precious and merciful love. I know that I will receive so many more blessings and learn so much more that I could possibly give while visiting them.

Please pray for our team that we will open our hearts and minds to God to be lead by the Holy Spirit. Pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ that we will be an encouragement to them to continue God's work. Pray for the ones that have not allowed God into their lives that we will be instrumental in leading them to our loving and merciful Father in heaven.

Coincidentally on our return home we will be staying over in London on July 10th – July 11th and July 11th just happens to be my 50th birthday – how exciting is that?

Thank you, so much, for your prayers and support.

– GOD IS SO WONDERFUL –

Love –in-Christ,