



**Dominican Republic**

**July 10-16**



Dear Parents,

If you are reading this note, then you are considering sending your high school student on our 2010 Missions Trip. This year we will be going to the Dominican Republic from July 10-16. The total cost for each student is yet to be determined but will at least be \$500. Because space is limited to 21 students, juniors and seniors have first chance by reserving a spot by Feb. 21 with a \$50 deposit. After that date freshman/sophomore's can reserve a spot with a \$50 deposit. We will be having one fundraiser this spring. We also will be helping students create a letter to send out as a missionary would to help raise support. Student will also need a passport and attached is details about how to obtain one. More info is to follow. If for some reason we are not able to go to the DR than all money can either be transferred to another trip or refunded.

**If for some reason you are unable to afford the above deposit please give what you can and we can adjust the payment schedule as needed. Please note that the below schedule is a suggestion to help with paying for this trip. You may pay as you can as long as you understand our payment policy as given in this packet.**

I believe that students that get involved in ministry have the opportunity to see God work in and through them in ways they may not ever have. I have seen over the years that students that go on missions trips come home changed in many ways. I have seen as these students grow and graduate from high school that they do not graduate from their faith, rather they get even more involved and continue to allow God to use them in incredible ways. I will be praying for you as you consider this great opportunity. Also if you are interested in going as a leader I welcome that and all of your cost would be covered. If interested please call me at 626-1234 or 441-2180

In Christ,  
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Where Santo Domingo and the Haitian border

What: Work alongside our partner, Rodney Coleman with the International Mission Board (IMB), throughout Santo Domingo and the Haitian border. Participate in construction of church buildings, neighborhood evangelism, and community outreach.

Passport Info

**How to obtain a US passport**

There are two ways for you to obtain a US passport.

One, you can apply directly with the U.S. Department of State Passport Service. In order to do this, you need to take the completed, unsigned form DS-11 and supporting documents to a local [passport application acceptance facility](#) so an authorized agent can witness your signature.

To obtain a passport through the State Department it is important that you begin early. While efforts have been made to cut the process time down to 3 weeks, requests made during peak travel seasons can take much longer. **However, there is no guarantee.**

If you want to obtain a US passport in a hurry, you can either apply at a [regional passport agency](#) or through a [passport expediting service](#). Through an expeditor you can have your new passport processed and returned to you in as little as 24 hours. Travel document expediting services can do this because they have a special relationship with the State Department that gives them priority status.

Another advantage of an expediting service is that you can obtain a US passport and a travel visa at the same place. The State Department does not issue travel visas which means you would also have to apply personally to the appropriate foreign consulate.

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# Event Payment

## **Event Payment:**

Payment for events is due on the date designated by the leader of the event. All payments must be turned into the events payment box located in the old offices of the education building.

## **Late Fees:**

A ten dollar late fee will be assessed to all payments that are made after the designated due date, unless other arrangements have been made with the event leader.

## **Financial Assistance:**

No student will be excluded from any event because of financial distress. Parents may call and speak with Pastor Jason about their need. Payments may be set up with Pastor Jason at that time. If in the event the financial need is great a sponsor will be sought in aiding in payment for the event.

## **Cancellations:**

In the event that a student decides to change their mind about attending an event that they have paid for the following will take place.

1. The deposit will not be refunded.
2. If the student has paid the full amount and the student cancels prior to the events cut off date then they will be reimbursed the amount of balance (not including deposit)
3. If a student has paid the full amount and the student cancels after the events cut off date they forfeit the entire amount
4. If a student has not paid the full amount and cancels after the events cut off date they are required to pay the final balance. If that balance is not received they will not be allowed to attend other events till it is paid in full.
5. If a student cancels because of sickness or family crisis, they will be reimbursed for the full amount paid.

\*Cut off dates are typically two weeks prior to the event

\*Student may find a substitute to take their place (they are responsible for finding one)

# Modesty

## **Modesty:**

Our youth ministry mission is to enable students to REACH up to God and REACH out to others with Christ love. A vital part of reaching up to God involves holiness in our inward heart and outward life. (Romans 12:1). God has called each one of us to “Be holy as I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16). Holiness is the practice of drawing near to God and becoming more like Him in character and action. We are living in a society today that advocates to students that they can be who they want to be and do what ever feels right for you. This philosophy flies in the face of what the Bible teaches and how it admonishes every student to live. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Just because everyone is doing it does not make it right. Just because it’s the “in thing” does not mean its justified. God’s Word teaches that our lives should reflect Christ’s so that others might see God in us. (Matthew 5:14-16) Because of this the way we live our lives matters to God and should matter to us. God calls us not to be a stumbling block, so that people will see Jesus in us. (2 Corinthians 6:3).

In order for our youth ministry to value Godliness and admonish both our students and leaders to strive to be like Christ and not like the world, we have developed the guidelines below. These guidelines are not a vice for legalism, but one to encourage purity and godliness.

*None of the items below may be worn during or at any youth ministry function.*

Wife-beater tank tops, low-cut tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, sheer tops, mid-driffs, low-cut pants, low-cut shorts, shorts above 1/2 way up thigh, mini-shirts, low-cut muscle shirts. Anything for which undergarments can be seen, including boxers. Anything that over-accentuates the body.

## Swimming Policies:

Girls need to wear a regular non-white shirt.  
Guys need to wear a regular non-white shirt.

Swimming is not allowed for mixed gender events.

***BASICALLY WHEN IN DOUBT DON'T DO IT***

# Events

## **Attending an Event**

Once a student has arrived at an event or program they are not allowed to leave for any reason unless they have a signed note from a parent stating when and the reason for leaving.

## **Event Waiver**

Each student, in order to attend events, must have filled out an up to date waiver form. This form is good from September through August for each calendar year and must be turned in by the first event of that year.

## **Friend Event Waiver**

Each friend that is brought to an event must have a signed event waiver form in order to attend that event.

## **Event Volunteer**

We often need volunteers to help with the events. Volunteers must sign up in advance for each event. Volunteers must be either members or regular attendees of Harvest Time Bible Church.

## **Misc. Event**

Students are not allowed to bring radio, cd, mp3 or game type devices to any youth ministry related events unless otherwise designated (eg. Xbox nights)

Students are not allowed to bring practical joke material

Students are not allowed to bring cell phones, pagers, or two-ways.

Student to leader ratio will be at most 5 to 1 for every event.

# Disciplinary Action

## **Disciplinary Action:**

The steps for Disciplinary Action listed below will be taken for those who are unwilling to comply with youth ministry GUIDELINES. These steps are progressive.

1. The student will be given verbal warning. (Students in violation of the modesty guidelines will be asked to change or wear a t-shirt that will be provided)
2. The student will be given verbal warning and parents will be notified.
3. The student will be asked to leave the event immediately and parents will be called.
4. The student will be asked to not attend youth ministry events until willing to comply with youth ministry guidelines. Parents will be notified and counseling will be available to help restore the student to good standing.

## **Disciplinary Action for Trips:**

1. Same steps will be taken as above with the exception of #3
2. If a student is asked to leave, their parents will be called and will be responsible for getting their student home.
3. The student will be asked to not attend youth ministry events until willing to comply with youth ministry guidelines. Parents will be notified and counseling will be available to help restore the student to good standing.

## **Scriptural Reference:**

<sup>15</sup>"If your brother sins against you,<sup>[1]</sup> go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. <sup>16</sup>But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'<sup>[2]</sup> <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>[3]</sup> bound in heaven, and