

**FOUNDATION FOR PEACE**  
**Mission Trips - 2011**  
**Additional Information for the Dominican Republic**

**Key Roles and Responsibilities of your Group leader**

1. Providing a spiritual environment with Bible studies, song, evening sharing, prayer, etc.
2. Motivating and moving the group members to planned activities
3. Putting people in charge of simple tasks like getting the water and setting the tables, etc.
4. Preparing and conducting VBS and worship service
5. Establishing a lights out time and chaperoning youth on the trip

**Key Roles and Responsibilities of your FFP Staff Members**

1. Make all preparations for the group before their arrival
2. Provide translation as needed
3. Set-up medical clinic
4. Coordinate scheduling of events between the group leader and community leaders
5. Exchange money and collect and distribute donations from the group

**Other important information**

1. **DO NOT drink the tap water, use it to wash contact lenses or for tooth brushing.** Use only filtered water. Tap water in the DR is not suitable for drinking.
2. Running water is a precious commodity, so you should be careful to use water sparingly. Showers should be kept short. There is no hot water in the showers.
3. Please conserve paper cups and the need to wash dishes by using your personal water bottle. Label paper/plastic cups for multiple uses.
4. Do not walk barefoot.
5. **Only** leave the group housing or work sites with an adult and after informing your leader.
6. **Don't flush toilet paper or other articles down the toilets.** The sanitary sewer treatment facilities cannot process anything other than natural products. Place used toilet paper in the plastic-bag lined waste paper can in the bathroom. Please empty the waste paper can daily.
7. During church services sit with the Dominicans, not just with team members.
8. **No smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages** while in the Dominican Republic
9. Excess jewelry is not acceptable to our Pentecostal brothers and sisters and should be avoided in public areas for security reasons. A watch, one or two rings, and small earrings are the only jewelry types to be worn.
10. Light or no makeup is most acceptable to our Pentecostal brothers and sisters.
11. Phone calls: U.S. cell phones work there if you have an international plan. We suggest that you confirm that you will have access and check the cost/minute, since they vary widely. Some companies provide special cell phones for use abroad.
12. Changing Money: Opportunities for exchanging money will be provided by the FFP staff. The exchange rate generally varies between 30 and 35 pesos to the dollar.
13. **When attending church, women should wear clothing that covers their shoulders and dresses or skirts that are knee length or longer. No mid-body exposure please. Men wear long pants and shirts that cover the shoulders. No shorts are allowed in the church services. Clean shoes are important too.**
14. One of the most significant problems health problems to be avoided is dehydration. Drink water frequently.
15. Quiet time is 11:00 pm to 7:00 am unless designated as a special occasion by the group leaders. Getting a good nights sleep helps prevent illness and enables sufficient energy for the subsequent day. Please be considerate of other group members.
16. Speak to a group leader if you are experiencing any problems, especially if you are not feeling well. If there has been any change in your health or medications you are taking since your application was submitted, please tell a group leader prior to departure.