Dominican Republic 2027

Tentative Dates: June 20-July 3

Ministry with Rick and Becky Mackey (Mesa Global):



1. The Dominican Republic is in the northern region of the Caribbean
2. Population of country - 11.6 million; Jarabacoa - 65,000. Younger population - about one quarter of the population is under the age of 15, and over half is under the age of 30
3. Languages - Spanish/Creole (Haitian population)
4. Literacy level - about 94%
5. Freedom of religion, but government religion is Catholicism
6. The U.S. Department of State classifies the Dominican Republic as Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution, which is the second-to-lowest (safest) tier on its travel advisory scale. However, Jarabacoa is one of the safest regions of the Dominican Republic.
7. In general, Dominicans have a very good relationship with Americans, so we are readily accepted.

Ministry details are still being worked out. Probable ministries will include:

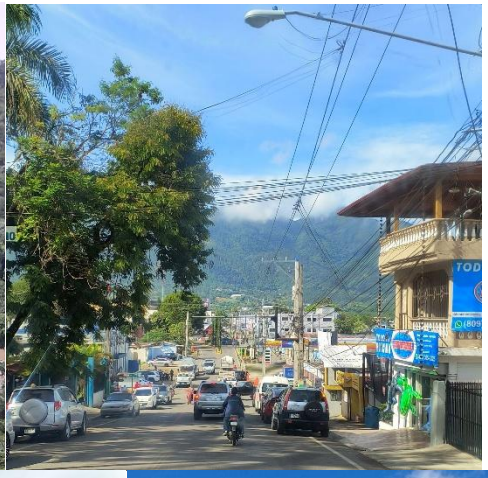
1. Kids Clubs
2. Construction
    a. Painting
    b. Laying block/rebar/cement
    c. Cutting trees
    d. Miscellaneous manual labor
3. Evangelistic home visits
4. Encouraging believers in the Dominican Republic
5. Praying!

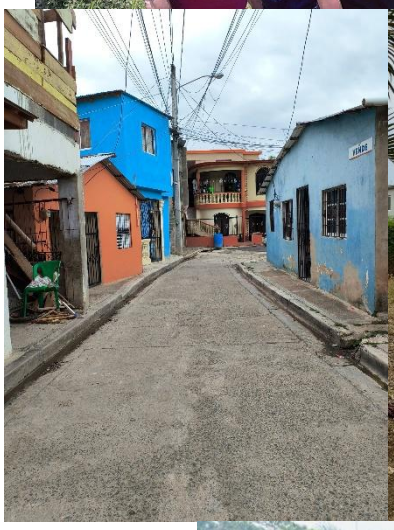
*Note for those who went on the 2025 trip: This time around will be different. Construction will drive the majority of the trip, and activities may not be as broken up during the day. We will be going to the beach, but we will not have Time on the Rock.

Considerations:

1. Cost will be approximately $2300. Calvary will provide some opportunity for fundraising.
2. We are looking for 20 people, including 5-6 adults.
3. We will stay at a retreat and pastoral center called Centro Pastoral La Salle.
4. The team will work in two, possibly three, areas during the days, and for transportation we plan to rent two vans driven by trusted, local drivers.
5. We will communicate with parents semi-regularly during the trip. Students will turn in cell phones once we arrive at our base (La Salle).


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