

Fear Into Faith Ministries

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Policies & Terms and Conditions

Thank you for saying "yes" to serving with Fear Into Faith Ministries. We believe every mission trip participant has been prayerfully selected and is part of a team called to bring the love of Jesus, healing, encouragement, and revival to the Dominican Republic. The following policies are intended to provide clarity regarding financial commitments, participant expectations, and trip logistics. By accepting your invitation to participate, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by these policies.

Acceptance & Reservation of Your Spot

Acceptance into the mission trip reserves your place on the team. Once your application has been approved, Fear Into Faith Ministries immediately begins making financial commitments on your behalf. These commitments include, but are not limited to, reserving housing accommodations, meals, in-country transportation, ministry supplies, translators, outreach expenses, and other logistical costs necessary to prepare for the mission. Because these expenses begin long before departure, your acceptance represents a commitment to participate and fulfill the financial obligations associated with the trip.

Payment Policy

The total cost of the mission trip must be paid in full prior to departure. Participants who choose the payment plan agree to make each payment according to the published payment schedule. Remaining current on your payments allows the ministry to continue making reservations and preparing for the team with confidence. Any outstanding balance must be paid before departure. Failure to complete payment by the required deadlines may result in forfeiture of your reserved spot on the team.

Fundraising Policy

Fear Into Faith Ministries encourages every participant to fundraise for their mission trip. Fundraising is not simply about covering the cost of the trip—it is an opportunity for others to become part of the mission. Many people may not be able to physically travel to the Dominican Republic, but through prayer and financial generosity they are able to participate in bringing healing, revival, hope, and the love of Jesus to those we will serve.

Participants on the payment plan are expected to fundraise according to the payment schedule. For fundraising to cover a scheduled payment, the required fundraising amount must be received by the due date of that payment. For example, if a payment of \$795 is due on July 5, participants must have raised at

least \$795 by July 5 for those funds to satisfy that payment. If the fundraising goal has not been met by the payment deadline, the participant is responsible for making the scheduled payment out of pocket.

If a participant personally pays toward their trip and later receives fundraising donations, those funds may be used to reimburse the participant up to the total amount they personally paid. Reimbursements cannot exceed the participant's actual out-of-pocket contributions. Any fundraising received above the amount personally paid will remain with Fear Into Faith Ministries to support the Dominican Republic Mission Trip and future ministry outreach.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Mission trip payments and fundraising donations are non-refundable.

Once a participant has been accepted, Fear Into Faith Ministries begins committing financial resources to secure accommodations, transportation, meals, ministry supplies, outreach opportunities, and other necessary expenses on behalf of the participant. These costs are incurred regardless of whether a participant ultimately attends the trip.

If a participant withdraws, cancels, or is unable to attend for any reason—including illness, personal circumstances, work conflicts, passport issues, or travel complications—payments already made and donations received on their behalf cannot be refunded. All funds will continue to be used in support of the Dominican Republic mission and the ministry's charitable purposes.

Airfare

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own airfare unless otherwise communicated by Fear Into Faith Ministries. Flight prices vary depending on departure city and typically increase as travel dates approach. Participants are strongly encouraged to book flights as early as possible.

All participants should fly into **Santiago, Dominican Republic (STI)** and follow the arrival and departure windows provided by the ministry. Coordinating similar arrival times allows the ministry to efficiently schedule transportation between the airport and the mission house.

Passport Requirements

A valid passport is required to participate in the mission trip. Participants are responsible for obtaining or renewing their passport in sufficient time before departure.

It is the participant's responsibility to ensure that their passport remains valid throughout the duration of travel. Fear Into Faith Ministries recommends that passports remain valid beyond the return date to avoid any unforeseen travel complications. Participants who fail to obtain proper travel documentation will remain financially responsible for the cost of the trip.

Required Meetings

Team meetings are an essential part of preparing for the mission trip. During these meetings we discuss fundraising, travel logistics, cultural expectations, ministry preparation, packing information, safety procedures, prayer, and team unity.

Participants are expected to attend all required meetings whenever possible. If attendance is not possible, participants are responsible for watching the replay and remaining informed of all information communicated to the team.

Participant Responsibilities

Each participant agrees to complete all required forms and paperwork, remain current on payment obligations, actively participate in fundraising efforts, communicate promptly with the ministry team, and respond to important emails, phone calls, or messages.

Participants are expected to represent Christ with humility, integrity, servant leadership, and excellence throughout the planning process and during the mission trip itself.

Code of Conduct

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times. This includes showing respect toward ministry leaders, fellow team members, translators, local pastors, community members, and everyone encountered during the trip.

Any behavior that is disruptive, disrespectful, abusive, unlawful, or contrary to the mission and values of Fear Into Faith Ministries may result in removal from ministry activities or dismissal from the trip at the participant's own expense.

Health & Medical Responsibility

Participants are responsible for their own medical care throughout the trip. This includes obtaining any recommended vaccinations, bringing an adequate supply of prescription medications, and carrying any personal medical items they may require.

Participants should notify Fear Into Faith Ministries of any significant medical conditions, allergies, dietary restrictions, or emergency medical concerns before departure so reasonable accommodations may be considered.

Participants are responsible for any medical expenses incurred during the trip.

Travel Insurance

Although not required, Fear Into Faith Ministries strongly recommends purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide protection for unexpected cancellations, medical emergencies, lost luggage, delayed flights, and other unforeseen travel disruptions.

The ministry is not responsible for losses resulting from travel interruptions or airline-related issues.

Photography & Media Release

Participants understand that photos and videos will likely be taken throughout the mission trip for ministry, educational, promotional, fundraising, and social media purposes.

By participating, you grant Fear Into Faith Ministries permission to use photographs, video recordings, testimonials, and other media that include your likeness without compensation unless otherwise prohibited by law or a written agreement.

Ministry Schedule

Mission trips often require flexibility. Daily schedules may change based on ministry opportunities, weather conditions, local circumstances, transportation needs, or unforeseen events.

Participants agree to follow the direction of ministry leadership and understand that flexibility is an important part of serving on a mission trip.

Team Unity

Healthy team relationships are essential for effective ministry.

Participants agree to promote unity by encouraging one another, avoiding gossip, resolving conflict biblically, respecting leadership decisions, and addressing concerns directly with ministry leadership rather than through division or unnecessary criticism.

Personal Expenses

Mission trip fees cover only those expenses specifically identified by Fear Into Faith Ministries.

Participants remain responsible for personal expenses including airfare, passport fees, baggage fees, souvenirs, snacks, laundry services, optional purchases, and any other expenses not expressly included in the mission trip package.

Force Majeure

Fear Into Faith Ministries shall not be held responsible for delays, cancellations, itinerary changes, or inability to complete the mission trip due to events beyond its reasonable control. These events include, but are not limited to, severe weather, natural disasters, airline disruptions, government actions, political unrest, public health emergencies, acts of terrorism, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Assumption of Risk

Participants understand that international mission travel involves inherent risks including illness, injury, accidents, transportation delays, natural disasters, political instability, and other circumstances beyond the ministry's control.

By participating, each individual voluntarily assumes these risks and agrees to participate with the understanding that no mission trip can eliminate every possible hazard.

Removal From the Trip

Fear Into Faith Ministries reserves the right to remove a participant from the mission trip, at the participant's expense, if their behavior jeopardizes the safety of the team, violates ministry policies, violates local laws, disrupts ministry activities, or significantly impacts team unity.

Such removal does not entitle the participant to any refund of payments or fundraising proceeds.

Communication

Participants are responsible for regularly checking their email, text messages, and the official mission trip WhatsApp group throughout the preparation process.

Failure to read communications or respond to requests does not exempt participants from meeting deadlines, attending required meetings, or fulfilling trip requirements.

Designation of Donations

All donations made toward a participant's fundraising page are charitable contributions made to Fear Into Faith Ministries in support of the Dominican Republic Mission Trip. Although donations may be credited toward an individual participant's fundraising goal, all funds become the property of Fear Into Faith Ministries upon receipt and remain under the ministry's control to further its charitable mission.

Donations are non-refundable and may not be redirected to another participant or returned to a donor at the donor's request.

Policy Changes

Fear Into Faith Ministries reserves the right to modify these policies, trip logistics, schedules, accommodations, ministry opportunities, or other aspects of the mission trip when necessary. Any changes will be communicated to participants as soon as reasonably possible and will be made with the safety of the team and the success of the mission in mind.