



Dominican Republic Spiritual Outreach Guide

Tips, suggestions, and resources for additional evangelistic opportunities

Although our main goal is to serve God through building homes for families, we welcome teams to participate in additional evangelistic efforts. This guide will provide with you with tips, suggestions, and resources to aid you in your planning. Our staff would love to assist you in planning and coordinating your outreach event. We encourage you to keep it simple, and to bring enough people to complete the construction of the house and any additional activities. Please remember to plan enough time for your build and your activity (We recommend to first time teams to keep it very small and simple).

Whether you choose to do one of the listed ideas, create your own, or simply build the home, the best thing that you can do is pray. Pray for the family for whom you will be building. Pray for the sponsoring pastor, local missionaries, and our local ministry partners.

Time Frame

- **When the house is completed:** After dedication, teams can spend the rest of that day, or an extra day doing additional activities in the community.
- **During the construction of the house:** Teams can bring extra people to participate solely in other evangelistic efforts.
- **Late afternoon** Groups may do additional projects during down time after the work day.

Additional Information

We will attempt to contact the host pastor prior to your visit to get him involved in your outreach activity. We do ask that you let us know at the beginning of the month prior to your visit so we will have enough time to contact your pastor at the monthly pastor's meeting. For example, if your trip is scheduled for the week of May 25th, please inform us of your outreach activity by the beginning of April. It is important that whatever activities you plan to offer are simple enough to be enacted in a short period of time.

For greater impact, it is important to bring a translator. Please keep in mind the goal of your outreach event is to partner with the local pastor in reaching the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want the people to associate the event with the local pastor so they will have someone to turn to when your team has returned home.

Ideas (To be done at the church or nearby site)

- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** You can work with the local pastor to pass out fliers in the neighborhood. If you are planning a daily VBS, it is a good idea to use the first day to let the neighborhood children and parents know you will be offering a VBS during the rest of the week. You will need to bring Spanish materials and all of the necessary supplies.
- **Sports Camp:** Many areas have some sort of baseball diamond and/or basketball court in close proximity. You can organize games with Bible lessons during breaks.
- **Free Community Dinner:** You can plan a meal for church and community members. Word usually spreads fast, so plan for a big group (150-200). The meal should be fairly simple. Supplies can be purchased during the build week. Grilling hamburgers and hotdogs is a good way to feed a large group.
- **Additional Work Projects:** There are many opportunities for additional work projects either for Casas por Cristo or alongside our church ministries. Projects can range anywhere from painting walls to building bunk beds to building church pews depending upon the need of Casas or your local pastor at the time of your trip.