

Dominican Republic Facts

- This Caribbean nation shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world.
- Is the 2nd largest Caribbean nation, after Cuba, with 48,422 sq. km.
- The Dominican Republic has a mostly tropical climate with an average annual temperature of 25°C
- Santa Domingo is the capital
- Total population of approx. 10 million
- More than 40% of its population live below the poverty line
- Spanish is the official language
- 69% of the population is Roman Catholic.



GOING PREPARED: An International Teams short-term missions experience translates into a minimum 6 month long commitment of training, prayer, preparation, fundraising and community building long before the actual ministry trip. Our team has been planning and fundraising for almost a year.

THE IMPACT: Lives are changed as participants grow personally and spiritually while giving to others. Short-term mission team members often have their attitudes, actions and choices changed. Participants realize that their lives can make a difference both overseas and at home.

West Flamboro Church Dominican Republic 2013 Mission Trip

As a part of West Flamboro Church's mandate "Inspired by Love; Motivated to Mission", we are planning a mission to Los Alcarrizos, Dominican Republic in April 2013.

Our mission team is visiting the Lighthouse School in Los Alcarrizos.



Our church is partnering with **Careforce International** to provide this opportunity. **Careforce International** is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to creating opportunities for people to share their talents, energy, wisdom and wealth to help children around the world achieve their potential. Go to www.careforceinternational.ca to find out more about them.

The Need-to-Know Details

TRIP DATES: April 20, 2013 to April 27, 2013

TEAM LEADER: Laurie Galer

TEAM ADMINISTRATOR: Gail Johnson

THE TEAM: We have a team of 12 individuals including leaders with ages ranging from teens to seniors, coming from our church and from the greater community.



THE OPPORTUNITY: Mission opportunities may include Children's Programs, Teaching, Worship, Drama, Outreach Ministry, Acts of Kindness and Mercy, Building & Work Projects.

Mission opportunities and itineraries will be finalized closer to the trip dates.

Serving opportunities are designed to integrate faith and action. The serving and compassion projects allow team members to demonstrate and share the love of Jesus to those they are serving.

COST: Approximately \$1,700 per person

The cost of this mission trip includes air-fare, accommodation, ground transportation, meals as well as supplies for the projects the team participates in during the trip.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED: Unable to go on the mission trip but still want to be involved? We need a strong and committed "at home" team. We are looking for prayer partners, donors, and volunteers to partner with us in the preparations.

DONATIONS: Donations to our team can be made through www.careforceinternational.ca. Under Donate Now enter either "West Flamboro" or one of the team member's names.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions or would like more details, please contact Laurie Galer (laurieg@fashionsforinteriors.ca) or Gail Johnson (gailsretired@cogeco.ca)

Lighthouse School, Los Alcarrizos

The community of Los Alcarrizos has a growing population of more than 250,000 people, most of whom live in slums with little infrastructure and few schools. Thousands of children receive no education because of limited space in the few public schools that do exist. To address this, Careforce International has partnered with Juventud para Cristo (YFC) in the development and expansion of the Lighthouse School, constructing a primary and secondary school and a training centre.



Today the school has over 1040 students in pre-school to grade 12 receiving a Christian education. The vocational training centre currently teaches valuable skills to nearly 200 students in such areas as English, business management, computers, and other technical fields. To date, more than 3000 people have benefited from this initiative.

