

BROTHERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Police Ministry Trip Information Packet



Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in this years Brothers Without Borders Police Ministry Trip! We are very excited to be embarking on this adventure, and continuing the work that God is doing! In this packet, you will find important trip information, fundraising information, and some basic FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions). Should you have any more questions, please email me at bvizzi@brotherswithoutborders.org There are many things that are going to be new and exciting for everybody, so please take a few minutes to look through this packet, even if you have traveled with us in the past. We look forward to having you on this life changing trip!

Brandon Vizzi

Co-Founder/Executive Director

TRIP INFORMATION

When: October 9-16, 2019

Cost: \$1,600 (\$200 non-refundable deposit required to hold your spot)

Please see the trip cost analysis for whats included in the trip cost

Where: Juan Dolió, Dominican Republic

The trip will be capped at 20 members on a first come/first serve basis, so get your applications and deposits in quick! Your spot will not be held until we receive both your application and initial deposit.

Fundraising FAQ's

How does the fundraising work?

Each member is responsible for his or her own fundraising. Once you submit your \$200 deposit, you will be given access to a webpage that is password protected. This webpage contains trip updates, a sample fundraising letter, and the account updates. The account updates are refreshed every two weeks.

Are there deadlines for the fundraising?

Yes. You need to have at least \$750 in your account by August 1, 2019. All funds are due one month prior to departure (September 9, 2019), so start fundraising early!

What if I am not traveling out of Buffalo, NY?

No problem! We welcome friends from all over the United States. When you submit your trip application, Brandon will reach out to you and discuss your options.

Who can I ask for a donation from?

Anyone! Once you download the sample fundraising letter off the webpage, use it as a template, but make it your own. Send it out to anyone and everyone! You will be surprised at the return you get!

Is the donation Tax-Exempt?

Yes! Brothers Without Borders is a 501(c)(3), and is Tax Exempt under State and Federal laws.

How do I submit my deposit/donate?

We are pleased to announce that ALL fundraising is now taking place in house. Donations can be made through our website, or by check.

www.brotherswithoutborders.org/donate

Brothers Without Borders PO Box 1648
Buffalo, NY 14226

Trip FAQ's

Do I need to have experience as a Police Officer or First Responder?

No. You can join us with any background! Understand that this trip primarily works with Police Departments in the Dominican, and there are plenty of ways to help out!

Do I need a passport?

Yes. Your passport will be required to enter/exit the Dominican Republic and the US. The passport must not expire within 6 months of the trip.

Do I need to be affiliated with a Church or be "Religious"?

No. Brothers Without Borders welcomes people from all walks of life to join us, but know that we are a faith-based group. Everywhere we go in the Dominican Republic, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Am I going to be asked to share something publicly?

No. We will not put you on the spot to share anything that you are not comfortable with.

Is tobacco or alcohol allowed?

No. The purchase and/or consumption of alcohol or tobacco is not allowed during the trip.

Is there going to be downtime after the typical workday?

Yes. Our days are packed because we want to accomplish many things, but only have a week to do so. There will be a few hours each night for downtime activities.

Do I need to attend the Church service on Sunday?

Yes. If you agree to join us on the trip, you will be expected to be with the group.

What does a typical week with the group look like?

The team will arrive Wednesday, and spend the afternoon sorting donations and planning the rest of the trip. Thursday will be a meeting with the Police Command Staff to explain our mission, what the trip will look like, and to share about our ministry. Friday we will do training and sharing at a Police Department; Saturday will be a tour of the Capital and a leisure day; Sunday is church in a local village, then spending time at an orphanage. Monday and Tuesday are training days at Police Departments, and Wednesday we head back to the U.S.

How is the food/lodging?

You will be in a room with 3-5 other people in a bunk-bed type setup. The room has Air Conditioning, a shower, and a flushing toilet. The food is excellent! We eat breakfast before leaving for the day, lunch either on the road or back at the complex, and dinner once we return for the day. The food consists of a variety of American and Dominican cuisine.

What language is spoken in the Dominican, and what if I don't know it?

Spanish is the primary language, and we have translators with us everywhere we go.

Will the schedule change?

Most likely, YES. We ask that all team members agree to be F.A.T. Flexible, Available, and Teachable. Being in a third world country comes with challenges, but as a team, we will adapt and overcome said challenges. This is the second trip Brothers Without Borders is doing to work with the Police Departments, so we ask that all team members be FAT with us.

What type of training will take place?

First and foremost, we are a ministry, and will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the Police Departments. The physical training will consist of asking the Police Officers what their struggles are, and begin a relationship; not just do training that we think will be beneficial. This training could include Public Relations, de-escalation of scenes, all the way to firearms safety.

Trip Cost Analysis

What's included in the \$1600?

Cost for housing, transportation, tips, trip insurance, ministry, and food in country per person\$680.00

Airfare (average) per person \$750.00
Baggage fees..... \$40.00
Misc. cost per person for training material & shirts..... \$50.00
Leisure day \$60.00
Celebration meal\$20.00

Total: \$1600

Optional Additional Cost per person: Passport..... \$120.00

Souvenirs & misc. expenses.....\$100.00 approx.

OK, I'm In! What's next?

Get your deposit and application in ASAP! The application is located at:

www.brotherswithoutborders.org/partner

Submit your deposit at www.brotherswithoutborders.org/donate

You MUST attend a mandatory training. In lieu of monthly meetings, we have decided it best to do one training day. If you are going on the trip, you are expected to be at the meeting. If you are outside the Buffalo area, you will be expected to Skype in for a portion of the training.

Mandatory training date: Saturday, October 5, 2019. 9am-1pm

Breakfast and lunch provided; Location will be announced over the summer

Once your application AND deposit have been received, you will get an email from Brandon with a login to the trip website.

We hope you join us on this life-changing trip, and look forward to hearing back from you!