

# Abiding Vine International

## Missions Trip Application and Information Packet



**Oct 21-Oct 28, 2025**

**Medical/Mental Health and Gospel Outreach  
Haitian Refugee Village  
Los Cocos, Boca Chica, Dominican Republic**

*Abiding Vine International Ministries believes that an effective Christian medical mission team shares a Biblical worldview and shared faith. We believe the living Christ, and His Holy Spirit which resides in us, has equipped us to demonstrate His love by going into the world, healing the broken hearted, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, letting the oppressed go free, and breaking every yoke of bondage, (Isaiah 58:7-10). We believe that God has enabled us to demonstrate his power by treating the body, empowering the mind, and ministering to the spirit.*

*Please prayerfully consider joining the Medical Mission Team as we prepare to show His love and compassion to those in desperate need. Jesus is the vine and we are his branches. By sharing your gifts and talents through medical missions, you will experience the fruit of his love in your life and in the lives you impact.*

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I with you, you will bear much fruit... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit- fruit that will last" (John 15:5,16)*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19)*

### **APPLICANT CONTACT**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## **PASSPORT INFORMATION (check one)**

*Attach a photocopy of my passport photo page with application.*

☐ I have a valid passport.

☐ I need to renew my passport. (Must be valid through 12/31/2025)

☐ I do not have a valid passport.

Your name exactly as it appears on passport \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Place/Date of issue \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## **GENERAL HEALTH (please add additional pages if necessary)**

Food Allergies and their severity (mild, moderate, severe); how you react to the allergy & treatment/medication: write none if no allergies

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Medication allergies their severity (mild, moderate, severe); how you react to the allergy & treatment/medication: write none if no allergies

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Environmental Allergies: their severity (mild, moderate, severe); how you react to the allergy & treatment/medication: write none if no allergies

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Health Conditions (in the event anything happens with you on this trip, we need to know your health history-so you can get the care you need)

List any health conditions/diagnosis/ disabilities

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Please list the current medication you are on and the condition for which you are being treated:

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Are there any other health concerns we haven't asked you that we should know? (Physical or Mental Health?)

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**YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST (please add additional pages if necessary)**

Please share how you came to understand and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Kindly refer to your understanding of John 3)

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How is Jesus demonstrated as Lord of your life?

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**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP/CHURCH**

Name and address of church \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending your church? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a church member? \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSIONS HISTORY**

Have you ever been on a mission trip before? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

What Countries/dates?

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With what mission ministry organization/affiliation?

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What did you do?

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Why do you want to go on this mission trip to the Haitian Refugee Village in the Dominican Republic?

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What are your expectations?

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### **GIFTS and EXPERIENCE**

What is your occupation(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Passions/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SKILLS, GIFTS, AND TALENTS**

There are many skill sets needed for this mission trip. If you don't see your skill set box, tells us under "Other." Christ followers with a flexible, teachable spirit and a heart to serve & love others are valuable to the team. Indicate skills, gifts, talents and interests you have by checking all that apply:

Medical ☐ Mental Health ☐ Dental ☐ Administrative/leadership ☐ Computers ☐  
Trauma Care ☐ Sex/human/trafficking ☐ Coordination/liaison ☐ Children's ministries ☐  
Construction ☐ Cooking ☐ Dance ☐ Evangelism ☐ Financial ☐ Photography ☐  
Music/voice/instrumental ☐ Organizational skills ☐ People skills ☐ Prayer ☐ Preaching  
Teaching Adults ☐ Teaching children ☐ Sharing the Gospel ☐ Writing ☐  
Care of the disabled ☐ Encouragement/inspirational ☐

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

List any languages spoken, and your level of fluency \_\_\_\_\_

### **FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONALS**

Check professional medical background:

Registered Nurse ☐ Licensed Practical Nurse ☐ Physician ☐ Physician Assistant ☐  
Nurse Practitioner ☐ Pharmacist ☐ Dentist ☐ Surgeon ☐ Nurse's aide ☐ Chiropractor ☐  
Mental Health Provider Mental ☐ Health Counselor/Therapist ☐ Physical/Occupational Therapist ☐

Please provide your professional license # and expiration date:

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Are you actively working in your profession? If not, why not?

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Are there any strengths you would bring to this trip that are not listed above?

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Do you have any specialty trainings/certifications (i.e. CPR, First Aid Certified, Emergency Medical Team certified, trauma)?

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Other Ministry Experiences: (Perhaps a mission trip with another church or organization?)

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*Thank you for submitting your application. Your application will be reviewed by the Abiding Vine board of directors and a response will be sent to you via email. If your application has been accepted that is because you have been identified as having the spiritual, mental and physical ability for what this trip will require. Below you will see information pertinent to the Haitian Refugee Missions Trip.*

### **TEAM PREPARATION**

By committing to this trip, you are committing to be part of a team. We sincerely recommend, you prepare:

- **Spiritually:** It is important to spend regular time with the Lord, with active and intentional prayer. Spiritual warfare is real. It is vital that you are intentional about developing intimacy with God and a dependence on Him.
- **Mentally:** There are many things that can rob our mind and thoughts from God's plan and purpose. Lean on God for all things. God desires an attitude of service, trust, and flexibility.
- **Physically:** This trip will require physical health and wellness including carrying luggage and supplies, walking, possibly on uneven surfaces, stairs and potentially warm weather.
- **Be informed:** Understand the people, the culture, economics, spiritual practices etc, of the people whom we will be serving. It is vital that every member of the team understand the culture and people of the **Dominican Republic and Haitians living in the Dominican Republic.**

### **TRAINING MEETINGS**

By joining this mission trip, you are committing to building and strengthening a cohesive team. It is of utmost importance that you try not to miss any meetings. Please make this a priority in your life for the next few months leading up to the trip. Pre-trip meetings are crucial to preparing and receiving information about your trip, God's purpose and vision and relational building with your fellow team members. Each meeting will be about 1.5 hours in length.

Team Training meetings will be over Zoom on **Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 PM, EST**

1. August 20
2. August 27
3. September 3
4. September 10
5. September 17
6. September 24
7. October 1
8. October 8
9. October 15 – in person meeting to pack supplies at a location to be determined. 5:00 PM, EST. (Mandatory team attendance for all that are local to the upstate NY area)
10. Nov. 12 Debriefing Meeting, location to be determined. (Mandatory team attendance for all that are local to the upstate NY area)

**It is very important that you attend all the team training meetings. If you have any difficulty attending ANY of the meetings, please submit alternative dates/times to receive the information shared.**

## **TRIP INFORMATION**

Dates of Trip: Tuesday, Oct. 21<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (7-Day Mission Trip)  
Destination Country: Dominican Republic  
Trip Leader: Teresa Messina, RN  
Phone: 518-706-0004  
Terryb54@aol.com

### **ESTIMATED TRIP COST: \$2,000**

Includes airfare and in-country ground costs, back ground checks, emergency medical insurance coverage, lodging, food, escorts, and interpreters. Immunizations and other out-of-pocket expenses and not included in the trip cost. At the team meeting strategies for raising money to finance the expenses of the trip will be discussed.

- \$300 deposit by June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- 50% of trip cost due by July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (approximately \$632)
- Remainder of cost due by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (approximately \$933)

Airline tickets will be purchased by Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at a locked in group rate. Once the airline tickets are purchased, the team member is committed to pay for the remaining trip cost even if the team member has to withdraw from the mission trip\*. In the event the trip participant is unable to participate in the mission trip or unable to raise the required support, all the funds submitted are nonrefundable and nontransferable to a future mission trip. They can be transferred to another team member who has not paid the full amount. Any amount of money raised over and above the required amount of the trip will be used for international mission projects.

\*Additional trip insurance is available as an added expense after airline tickets have been purchased. Abiding Vine International will assist in additional trip insurance to reimburse airfare in the event of an emergency cancellation.

Non-refundable Attestation:

*In the event that I, the trip participant, have to withdraw from the trip, or if for some unforeseen reason the entire mission trip is cancelled, my donated contribution will be applied to specific projects designated for this mission trip, such as medical supplies, construction/building projects, trip preparation or ground costs. Extra money that comes into Abiding Vine International will go into the Haitian Refuge/Dominican Republic mission trip fund and cannot be refunded to the donor or given to the team member for personal use. I understand that any monetary contributions made to Abiding Vine International for the purpose of the Haitian Refuge/Dominican Republic mission trip is non-refundable.*

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*(Signature of applicant)*

## **CHECKR BACKGROUND CHECK**

A voluntary background check is required for all team members traveling and serving on any mission trip. Anyone 18 years or older will need to complete a release form to have the background check performed.

Abiding Vine International will engage with *CheckR*, a company that runs volunteer background checks. You may be receiving an email regarding the background check from *CheckR*. Children under age 18 are excluded. If you don't get an email from *CheckR*, it means we already have a current background check on you on file.

### **MARKETING WAIVER**

Abiding Vine International has permission to use my photographs, video and audio recordings, likeness, artwork, profile and/or story in any current or future publications, videos, webpages, and any other promotional materials produced, used by, and representing Abiding Vine International. I understand the circulation of the materials could be worldwide and that there will be no compensation to me for this use. By signing this document, I agree to above Marketing Waiver.

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(Signature of applicant)

### **PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

☐ Check the box if you agree to attend the zoom and in-person team training meetings on Wednesday evenings.

☐ Check the box if you agree to the above bulleted copy on trip costs (including the \$300 deposit due no later than June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025) and the payment plan and that you understand that all funds are non-refundable.

☐ Check the box if you agree to prepare spiritually, mentally, and physically for this trip as indicated above.

*I affirm that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize a background check, waivers, forms, references, agencies, organizations, or churches listed to give you any information they may have regarding my character and fitness. I release all such references from liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such evaluations to you.*

☐ I have attached a copy of my Passport photo page with this application.

☐ I have attached my **\$300 trip non-refundable deposit with my application** to solidify my commitment to go on this mission trip to Haitian Refugee Outreach/Dominican Republic.

Make your checks payable to Abiding Vine International: Memo line: Haitian Refugee/DR Oct, '25  
Mail to be received by dates indicated above to: Abiding Vine International, 19 Glade Mallow Road, Malta, NY 12020

Trip Leader: Teresa Messina  
518-706-0004

Email: [terrymb54@aol.com](mailto:terrymb54@aol.com) (please include Haitian Refugee/DR Oct. '25 in the subject line)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_