



Abiding Vine International
Oct 21-28 2025
Medical/Mental Health/ Gospel Outreach
Haitian Refugee Village,
Los Cocos, Boca Chica, Dominican Republic Outreach
Any part of the schedule/pricing is subject to change



Join us as we return to the Haitian Refugee Village of Los Cocos (The little coconut) in the city of Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. Abiding Vine has partnered with several local ministries (Happiness Now, MMA/ MWA and the Lilly House, Day Star International, Missionaries called to Haitian population) to provide Medical, Mental Health and the gospel message of hope to the people living in the remote areas of this village.

Be part of a team making a lasting and eternal impact on the lives of those who have not experienced the love of God. It is this transformational and very real love that moves and compels ministers and disciples of our Lord and savior to rescue and heal the broken hearted; those frail in body, anguished of mind and soul, as being lost in spirit; that they might be found healed in hope with a new transformed life by a loving God.

A medical/mental health clinic in this area does not exist and the needs are overwhelming. On this outreach we will help many of the sick and hurting who would otherwise go without much needed treatment. We will set up a general medical/mental health clinic for 3 days and treat patients' needs as they present. We will also pray with every patient and invite them the opportunity to receive Christ with an invitation to evangelical services in the evening. The team will be staying at Day Star, a missionary hosting organization in the Dominican Republic.

Team Members will include: Currently licensed physicians, nurses, certified nurse aids, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, mental health workers, those that feel a strong call to prayer, worship and evangelism. We will also need several people who can be in a supportive role in logistics, coordination and record keeping.

8 DAY TRIP SCHEDULE

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change

Day 1 Tuesday, Oct. 21

Air travel from US to Santa Domingo: Bus travel to Day Star house, room assignment, house and host orientation, unpack, team building

Day 2 Wednesday, Oct 22

Team orientation, roles and responsibilities, pack medication, organize supplies, clinic preparation, outreach assignments, and role play

Day 3 Thursday, Oct 23

Bus to Los Cocos, help with set up for clinic stations and flow-possibly assist medical needs of individuals of Day Star Ministries partner.

Days 4,5,6 Friday, Saturday, Sunday Oct 24, 25, & 26

Bus to Los Cocos Medical/Mental Health Clinic; Worship Service

Day 7 Monday, Oct 27

Leisure/visit the Capital/Old Historic City/lunch & Shop

Day 8 Tuesday, Oct 28

Depart for US

TOTAL Estimated Cost per person: \$2,000

\$875 Airfare*

\$810 Lodging, transportation, food, interpreters

\$200 Background checks, filing paper work w/government, extra baggage weight

\$30 Travel Insurance

+ \$85 Incidentals

\$2,000 estimated total

**Airfare cost estimates departure from Albany, NY airport. Depending on your departure city, airfare may vary. All travel arrangements are determined by group cost rates and are subject to change. All team members are expected to enter the Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic airport on the same flight. Abiding Vine International Ministries will assist you in coordinating flights in order to enter the country together.*

APPLICATION PROCESS: Request application (electronic or mailed) from Abiding Vine International
Deadline: must be received by June 28, 2025 (extensions may be available upon request)

Please attach with your application:

- Color copy of your passport
- Certification of your professional license (or driver's license if not applicable)
- Pastoral Recommendation is requested but not required
- \$300 deposit (non-refundable)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A \$300 non-refundable deposit is required with your application. This deposit is placed toward your total trip cost. Upon acceptance to the team, Abiding Vine International works with a travel agent for a pre-selected team flight, coordinates the team's itineraries, books the flight and obtains each team member with a Volunteer Insurance Card.

About the Haitian Refugee Village:

Within a jungle like village, of Los Cocos is an impoverished community of approximately 1000 Haitian refugee families. Many fled Haiti into the Dominican Republic to find safety and refuge with only the clothes on their back after the 2010 earthquake and are living in primitive conditions. There is no clean water, electric, plumbing, sanitation, no access to healthcare, there are no medical/dental clinics, and only one school that is on the outskirts that is nearly impossible to access.

Most Haitians are undocumented with no birth certificates, therefore access to any government support (schools and Hospital care in the city) is a challenge. Many children in the village are emotionally, physically, and sexually abused and incest is common place. Prostitution is legal in the Dominican Republic and there is a large depravity appetite of wealthy tourist who are consumers of the sex trade especially in the market for children. Poor women, and children pawned are enticed into sex trafficking for income as a method for "survival" for basics necessities to live (milk, food diapers, medical care). See documentary video "Evil in Paradise" <https://youtu.be/2ZyppB5xTn4>

Presently all undocumented Haitians are under the government eyes for capture in deportation trucks and holding. Often male adults are taken while women and most children are left. Single females, widows, and orphaned children, are vulnerable targets at risk for harm. With no access to healthcare many children will die unnecessarily, sickle cell anemia is cultural disease epidemic requiring blood transfusions they cannot afford.

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