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COLLEGE SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

Go. Serve. See God at Work.

Dominican Republic

March 7–12, 2027 · with Help One Now



Spend your spring break somewhere it will actually matter. Help One Now's local partners are changing their communities from the inside out through schools, small businesses, clean water, and church planting. We aren't coming to fix anything. We're coming to learn from these leaders, serve alongside them, and see the heart of God in another culture.

What you'll do

- **Hand-deliver meal kits** to Haitian families and pray with them in their homes
- **Lead an activity** with a high school English class
- **Get your hands dirty** harvesting for the aquaponics project and caring for school grounds and the soccer field
- **Worship with a local church** at their midweek service
- **Listen and learn** from leaders about what lasting change looks like

ESTIMATED COST

$2,250–$2,500

Final cost depends on airfare. Includes **$500 that goes directly to community projects.**

The week (tentative)

SUN Mar 7 — **Arrival.** Travel, settle in, and get oriented as a team.

MON Mar 8 — **La Vega.** Visit partner schools and lead an activity with the English class. Meet families growing small businesses, then help care for the school grounds.

TUE Mar 9 — **Haitian partner ministry.** Deliver meal kits and pray with families. Tour the clean water and aquaponics programs and help with the harvest. Cool off at a mountain waterfall.

WED Mar 10 — **Neyba.** Travel to our newest partner community, meet its leaders, and worship together at the midweek service.

THU Mar 11 — **Serving in Neyba.** Visit families, see the programs in action, and work alongside local partners on projects like the soccer field.

FRI Mar 12 — **Home.** Return with stories, new friends, and a bigger picture of what God is doing.

Ready to go?

Registration opens October 20, 2026

Questions? Contact Topher Stockton · 678-451-7154

Trip Essentials

Focus of the Trip

Help One Now partners with local leaders who are transforming their own communities through education, small business empowerment, clean water, church planting, and community development. This trip has a dual focus: **learning from these leaders** as we see their ministry first-hand in La Vega and Neyba, and **serving alongside them** by delivering meal kits to Haitian families, working with high school English students, helping with the aquaponics harvest, caring for school grounds, and visiting and praying with families in their homes.

Basic Details

Travel Documents

A valid **passport** is required.

Don't have one, or need to renew? Start now. Processing can take several weeks.

Air Travel

We will fly Delta - Flight times TBD

Flights will be booked once the team is established, so sign up early.

Travel Insurance

Included in the price of your trip.

You'll receive a travel insurance card before departure.

Covers major medical and emergency evacuation.

Lodging, Food & Travel

Lodging, meals, and in-country transportation are arranged through Help One Now.

Food and water provided will be safe to eat and drink, and we'll have purified water with us at all times.

Team Meetings

Information Meeting
Sunday - Nov 8, 2026
Time: 12- 12:30pm
Location: The Loft @ WR

Team Training
2027 Date & time TBA

Cost & Registration

Financial Commitment

ESTIMATED TOTAL

$2,250–$2,500

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Airfare	**$ 1,300 +**
On the ground	**$400**
Community projects	**$500**
Admin & supplies	**$50**

The $500 for community projects goes directly to the work of our local partners in the places we serve.

Payment Schedule

1. **Deposit · $300**
   Due at registration
2. **2nd Payment · $1,000**
   Due: January 15, 2027
3. **Final Payment · $950 +**
   Due: March 1, 2027

Can't cover the full cost? That's normal. See **Raising Support** on the next pages for how to build a team of people who pray, encourage, and give.

How to Register

Register & pay your deposit online — **westrome.org/upcoming-trips**

Pay by cash or check

Make checks payable to **West Rome Baptist Church**.

Bring payments to the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, or to the church office Mon–Thu, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Pay by mail

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Build a Team, Not Just a Budget

Each team member builds his or her own **support team**. The goal is to bring people into the mission with you, not just to raise funds.

Prayer Supporters
Pray for you before and during the trip

Encouragers
Cheer you on as you prepare and go

Financial Contributors
Invest in the cost of the trip

The most important need you have is **people praying for you**. If the prayer support is in place, everything else will fall into place.

The Team

The idea is to involve as many people in the mission experience as possible.

TEAM = goers + prayer support + senders

The team is…

- A ministry through you to the team
- A way for others to share in the blessings of the mission (Phil. 4:17)
- A biblical approach (2 Cor. 8:4)
- A way for others to become missions-minded Christians through giving

Seek people you *want* on your team, not just those you think will give money.

Raising Funds

If you can't pay the full cost, the most effective proven method is a **support letter** to friends, co-workers, and church members. People give to people they know, and are glad to invest in someone they care about. God promises to supply our every need.

Prepare your team list

- Aim for **25 or more** people
- At least **half from outside** West Rome Baptist Church
- Friends, relatives, co-workers, Christian contacts, and non-Christians God may open a door to reach through this process

Tracking Support Received

The church keeps detailed records of every contribution, but we recommend you keep your own too.

Keep a log of each gift

Amount and date given

Cash or check (and the check #)

Name and address of the giver

Turn money in as you receive it

The missions staff can help you keep accurate records.

It helps make sure no money gets lost.

Support Letters & Follow-Up

Writing Your Letter

CHOOSE YOUR ASK

- **Prayer only**, if you're paying your own way
- **Prayer and financial** support
- **Project support**, if you're paying your own way

Sample letters online can help with format and ideas, but don't just copy one and change a few details. Your team wants to hear **from your heart**.

1 · Make it personal

Where you're going and how God has called you · Why this trip matters to you · A little about the country's culture and economy · What the team will be doing

2 · Share the details

The cost of the trip · What you're giving toward it yourself · A suggested gift amount ($25, $50, $100)

3 · Invite them in

How you'd like them involved: prayer, giving, or both · Checks payable to **West Rome Baptist Church**, mailed to you · The date you need gifts by

Keep it to one page, and mail it early. If you wait, you may not get the support you need.

Many team members are hesitant about sending support letters at first, then find the experience becomes a highlight of the trip.

Other Ways to Raise Support

- **Start a GoFundMe page**
- **Host a yard sale**
- **Share your trip on social media**
- **Design and sell T-shirts**

Follow-Up

Your support team wants to know you're thankful for their prayers and gifts, and they want to hear how God changed you through the trip.

1. **Before you go**
   Send a thank-you note to everyone on your support team, whether they gave or prayed.
2. **When you return**
   Send a letter to everyone on your team:
   - Tell them about your trip
   - Share how God changed your life
   - Thank them for their support
   - Include a few photos

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