5th Humanitarian Mission to the Dominican Republic

Mission Trip Dates: July 12th – 16th, 2012


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**Objective**

From July 12th to July 16th, Innocents at Risk will be hosting its 5th trip to the Dominican Republic to aid the children of an orphanage, Ninos de Cristo. The orphanage houses more than 180 children who have been abandoned, abused, and often trafficked. The children range in age from 6 months to 18 years old. Please help us by coming on the trip or making a donation to support the mission, which will including buying them lunches, groceries, library books, vitamins, children’s uniforms and much more.

The purpose of the mission will be twofold:

Deliver goods to the orphanages, including:
- Food
- Toiletries
- Clothes
- Vitamins
- Educational Tools / Books / Games
- Cleaning Supplies

**Intern (College Student) Sponsorship Opportunities**
Since 2009, Innocents at Risk has led groups of Advisory Board Members and members of Airline Ambassadors on missions twice a year. This year, Innocents at Risk is pleased to be sending Interns! The interns have dedicated much of their time to helping the lives of children and this is an experience that will be beneficial to both them and the children. Intimate relationships will be built with many of the children and the interns will provide them much needed stimulation leading many projects, ranging from art to music, with the children. This is especially important during the summer, where the children are idle as school is over.

If you would like to send an intern or help provide funds to help the many interns interested in attending the mission, please email dsigmund@innocentsatrisk.org or call 202-625-4338.

**Orphanage Sponsorship Opportunities**

The children are malnourished and typically have one full meal per day. In addition, the children are in need of educational supplies, games and books. Please help us to stimulate their minds, occupy their time, put food in their tummies and smiles on their faces! If you cannot attend, you have the option to sponsor an intern or product or just give a donation. Please email dsigmund@innocentsatrisk.org or call 202-625-4338 if you are interested.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP ...PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING MEALS, FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO THE ORPHANAGE....**

- **Consumable Product Donations:** All items must be brand new, and we need the following. Used items are not permitted to be transported through customs.
  - Dental supplies
  - Toiletries – Soap and Hair related - Gel, Shampoo, Conditioners, Hair Bands
  - Vitamins
  - White tops to wear under school shirt
  - White socks
  - Underwear and Bras
  - Schoolbags / backpacks
  - Black shoes for school, White sport sneakers for school
  - 20 oversized bags to transport aid on the days of travel

- **Educational Tools and Games Donations:**
  - Educational supplies – Tangrams, Unifix Cubes, Patterning Blocks, etc
  - Musical Instruments – Keyboard, Drumset and Guitar
  - Computer DVDs for education and games, in Spanish
  - Board Games in English and/or Spanish
  - Movies/DVDs in English and/or Spanish
- Populating their Library!
  - Children’s and Adolescent’s Books, Preferably in Spanish

Money can be donated and 100% will go to local procurement of these items

Perhaps you are a member of the medical or dental community and would be able to join us on this mission to help provide basic care for the children. Or if you are in the entertainment or toy field and have access to movies, games and DVDs that you would be able to donate. Or you may even know someone that works in the apparel or consumer products sector that you might call upon to make a tax-deductible donation. Every donation is meaningful to the children.