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August 29th, 2019

Dear Junior Student and Parents,

Attached you will find an application to be a co-laborer on the summer 2020 DR Missions Team. We would ask that you read this letter very carefully before deciding to complete these forms. Each applicant and his/her parent(s) must be sure they can wholeheartedly support all the procedures and personnel of both the application process and the remaining preparations for the trip. Choosing to apply for the mission team automatically communicates a decision (by both parents and students) to submit to the leadership appointed by the administration. For while the administration has no direct involvement in the selection and preparation for the trip, the adult leaders have been entrusted with the authority of the administration in matter pertaining to the trip. Students are asked to make a final commitment by the December 11th just six days after the mandatory parent meeting.

The MGM (Meeting God in Missions) compound in the Dominican Republic provides a solid foundation of learning about the Christian life with great opportunities of serving God through missions work.

The dates for the trip this year are **June 3rd – June 10th 2020**.

Before applying, please consider doing the following:

- ☒ Pray about whether or not you (as a student) have a real desire to minister cross-culturally. The trip will involve different types of work, and all students will be participating in these various facets. These will include construction work, assisting with a vacation Bible school for villagers, and medical clinics.
- ☒ Make sure you can accept the leadership's decisions concerning team participant selection. The spirit of the entire trip, including the application and preparation process, must be one of servanthood and self-sacrifice. Since there will undoubtedly be some difficult decisions made by the leadership team, we ask for your prayers for our wisdom and discernment.
- ☒ Make sure you have no other (non-CVCA) commitments that would prevent you from being involved in our monthly meetings. We are happy to work with CVCA sports, music and theater involvement; however, work or a club sport is not an acceptable excuse for missing meetings.

If you do decide to apply, please make certain the completed form is turned in by Friday September 13th to the Student Ministries Office (upstairs in the Learning Commons) There will be a box with the words "DR Applications" on the side in lobby of the Student Ministries Office for your completed application. **No application will be accepted beyond the September 13th deadline.** Please look ahead at your calendar so you know you can make plans to attend our first imperative meeting. **Also, do not turn in your application without a parent's signature.**

I would also like to communicate two financial matters:

- * **A \$200 deposit will be due by the first meeting (Nov 14th)**. Once deposits are collected we will order plane tickets. As a result, deposits will be completely non-refundable after Dec. 11th (as we will have to make some of our own financial commitments in terms of supplies and travel at this time.)
- * Lord willing, each team member will be able to raise the necessary funds through support letters, odd jobs and/or service projects. However, your signature on your student's

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application means you understand that your student's financial commitment is ultimately your responsibility. My experience has taught me that no student who is willing and able to work should decide not to attend for purely financial reasons. I have seen God do some incredible things for those who have stepped out in faith, have done what we recommend, and been willing to do all they could. The total amount each student will be responsible to raise is **\$1,600.00** (this includes the **\$200** deposit and **\$1,400.00** raised via support letters, work projects, etc...).

***Please note: The **first student meeting will be Thursday November 14th** in the Learning Commons from 7–9 pm (this meeting is just for students). **We will also have a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday December 11th** in the chapel from 7–9 pm (this meeting is for both parents and students). We will communicate other meetings dates at our first meeting.

If you have any questions concerning things such as your suitability for the trip, time commitments, etc., please email, or call me at school.

Sincerely,

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DR MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

****ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE A PARENT SIGNATURE ON THE FINAL PAGE****

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
FIRST PERIOD CLASS _____ ROOM NUMBER: _____
PRT PERIODS: _____

1. Present Church Affiliation: _____

2. Are you a member? Yes No

3. Why do you want to go on this mission trip?

4. What activities / events have you already participated in that would show you have a desire to serve and minister to others?

5. What do you anticipate being the most difficult part of the mission trip for you? Explain why.

What is your greatest fear in going to DR?

6. Rate your expectation of the difficulty of this trip: (Come prepared to explain your choice.)

(easy) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (hard)

7. What is the hardest thing you have had to do in your life up to this point? In what way was it difficult?

8. As you look back on your life and character one to two years ago, as compared to today, what changes have occurred which would show how you've grown in the Lord since then?

9. Rate your relationship with God at this point in your life:
(the worst) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (the best)
10. Explain your answer to #9.
11. Give a brief history of your spiritual journey.
12. To the best of your knowledge, how likely are you to return next year to finish high school at CVCA:
 Definite. No question at all
 Pretty likely. Probably will
 Uncertain. Could go either way.
 Unlikely. Will most likely not return.
13. List all of your current teachers and the class you are in (for example: Pastor Rick - Bible).
14. Of those teachers above, which would you say you get along with the best? Explain why.

15. Discuss a situation in your life (past or present) in which you experienced a conflict with someone in authority (parent, teacher, boss, etc.). In your response be sure to talk about how you dealt with that conflict.

16. List 2 people as character references (one from CVCA and the other from outside both CVCA and your family):

1. _____ Phone Number: _____

2. _____ Phone Number: _____

17. Have you taken any Spanish? If so, how much?

18. To what other activities (clubs, sports, committees, job, etc.) are you, or will you be committed? List the meeting and/or attendance times these will require. (For example: "Student Council – Wed. morning meetings and must attend all events.")

19. Will you be willing to sacrifice other things in order to attend the mandatory meetings?

In submitting this application, I have read and agree to abide by the spirit and financial obligations set forth in the cover letter.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Please feel free to bring any questions you might have to the first meeting.