

NURSING CROSS-CULTURAL PATIENT CARE TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Our Mission Statement: “The Foundation for Peace is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization dedicated to working hand in hand with people in materially impoverished areas of the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Kenya. Our goals are to provide educational support, healthcare access, economic opportunity and hope and to enable personal success and community achievement. It is our belief that working together as long-term partners in solidarity will result in sustainable and successful initiatives that relieve the effects of poverty, encourage personal growth, and overcome injustice.”

Our Goals: To enact relationship-centered, transformational, knowledge-based nursing service through collaboration with the Foundation for Peace to develop leadership programs, to support health promotion, to facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of acute disease, and to develop chronic disease management programs.

Program: Travel to the Dominican Republic or Haiti for about a week and get educational credit for it! Spend sunny days on the island of Hispaniola providing humanitarian health services to an underserved population. The cost is only \$85 per day plus airfare for lodging, transportation, translators, meals and contact hours.

Location: The Foundation for Peace has 5 locations in the Dominican Republic and 2 in Haiti to house, feed and care for nursing teams throughout the year. We have 4 full-time staff in each country to make all of the preparations for groups and to organize the clinics in communities. We have established partnerships with local churches who provide the community-based organization needed to facilitate the nursing teams serving up to 1,000 patients per day.

Timing: We hope to have nursing teams working every month of the year so that chronic health problems and child development can be monitored. The collection of baseline data over the first year would allow us to measure the effectiveness of this program. Working collaboratively with the Foundation for Peace and nursing teams, the program could have continuity between groups.

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