



Guidelines for Church Services in the DR

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Men: Wear long pants and short-sleeved collared shirts. Sandals are not acceptable. Shoes should be clean. Piercings should be taken out. Tattoos should be covered, if possible..

Women: Wear skirts and blouses with sleeves over the shoulder or dresses with short sleeves. Dresses or skirts should be at least knee length. Jewelry and make-up must be kept at a minimum. Clean sandals (not flip-flops) are acceptable. Piercings in places other than ears should be taken out or very small jewelry worn. Tattoos should be covered, if possible. If you do not have a long enough skirt or a shirt that covers your shoulders, one will be provided to you.

BEHAVIOR

- Avoid chewing gum in church services.
- Sit among the Dominicans, not as a group.
- You will notice many people kneel to pray upon entering the church

ITEMS TO CONSIDER BRINGING

- Water bottle
- Camera
- Small offering
- Your Bible
- Flashlight to read with or in case power goes out
- Earplugs (the service can be very loud)

GROUP PREPARATION FOR THREE SERVICES

The first service will typical be a Dominican service to welcome the group. It will probably be shorter than most Dominican services. The group will not be asked to do anything except perhaps introduce themselves. The Group Leader will be asked to speak and should convey:

- *We are here to work hard on this community project together and we expect to get dirty!*
- *We want to work "mano a mano" with all ages and both genders.*

The second service should be run primarily by the US team. Plan a song or two by the whole group, a small group or individuals. Several individuals may wish to give their testimony in lieu of a sermon. Be sure to thank to the church for its hospitality, the pastor for leadership and the church members for working mano a mano.

The final service will be celebrated with joint leadership. One song prepared by the US team would be appreciated. Testimonies about the trip by US team members are very valuable.