



## Nursing Trips (for Cross-Cultural Patient Care) to the Dominican Republic and Haiti

### FFP Mission Statement:

“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.”

### Nursing Trip Goals

To enact relationship-centered, transformational, knowledge-based nursing service through collaboration with 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 perhaps get educational credit. Spend sunny days on the island of Hispaniola providing humanitarian health services to an underserved population.

### Costs

The cost is airfare plus \$95 per day including the day of arrival and departure for the Dominican Republic and \$105 per day in Haiti, for lodging, transportation, translators, security, meals, contact hours and more!

Please note the cost will be reduced slightly if at all, if you shorten your trip, since the project costs remain the same. You must speak to Ken Culver prior to making such arrangements regarding costs.

### Location

Foundation for Peace has five locations in the Dominican Republic and Haiti to house, feed and care for nursing teams throughout the year. We have full-time staff living 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 to serve 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.

### Contacts

Contact either Kenneth W. Culver, M.D., President at [ken@foundationforpeace.org](mailto:ken@foundationforpeace.org) (973-998-5874) or Wendy Patchin, Director of Global Missions at [wendy@foundationforpeace.org](mailto:wendy@foundationforpeace.org) (973-219-9306) to discuss your interest and schedule a trip. Also, please feel free to contact one or more of the nursing leaders below regarding curriculum, logistics and other nursing education issues:

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