Welcome

Thank you for choosing Bridges to Community for your Service Learning experience! We are excited to host you in the Dominican Republic, where you will support our mission to alleviate poverty in one of the poorest countries in the Caribbean. This beautiful island is home to 10 million Dominicans, 4 million of which live in the capital of Santo Domingo alone. We invite you fully immerse yourself in the daily life of the Dominican people, while helping to empower a community in need, learn about another country and culture, and to practice your Spanish!

Itinerary At a Glance

DAY 1: Arrive in the Dominican Republic, travel to Santo Domingo and Colonial City tour
DAY 2: Orientation, travel to the community, settle in and welcome ceremony
DAY 3: Work day, evening reflection
DAY 4: Work day, evening reflection
DAY 5: Work day, evening reflection
DAY 6: Work day, evening reflection, farewell activity
DAY 7: Leave community, rest and relaxation at the beach
DAY 8: Travel home
### Dominican Republic Itinerary

**Day One**
- Your group will be met at the airport by BTC staff with a Bridges to Community sign
- Our private bus will transport us to our hotel in Santo Domingo, where we will stay the night
- Tour of the Colonial Zone, the first city founded in the “New World” by European explorers
- Dinner at a local restaurant in the area

**Day Two**
- After breakfast, we will have orientation to review and guide you in what to expect for the week
- Travel to the community in a private bus, stopping for lunch in the town of San Juan. Once we reach the community, we will settle into our dorm accommodations for the week, meet our local work team and take a tour of the community

**Day Three**
- In the morning, we will travel to the work site in the back of trucks. We will spend the morning working on house repairs, which includes mixing cement, erecting walls, pouring a floor and painting
- In the afternoon, we will work for a few more hours and then return to the dorm site. The afternoon will provide time for recreation playing with the local children in the youth center. After dinner, we will have a reflection to meditate on our purpose, mission and interesting points and history of the Dominican Republic

**Day Four**
- We will spend the morning working on house repairs, which includes mixing cement, erecting walls, pouring a floor and painting
- In the afternoon, we will work for a few more hours and later will have time for recreation playing with the local children in the youth center. After dinner, we will have a reflection

**Day Five**
- We will spend the morning working on house repairs, which includes mixing cement, erecting walls, pouring a floor and painting
- In the afternoon, we will work for a few more hours and later will have time for recreation playing with the local children in the youth center. After dinner, we will have a reflection

**Day Six**
- We will spend the morning working on house repairs, which includes mixing cement, erecting walls, pouring a floor and painting
- In the afternoon, we will work for a few more hours and later will have time for recreation playing with the local children in the youth center.
- This evening we will have a special gathering and musical presentation to say goodbye to the community and our new friends

**Day Seven**
- After breakfast, we will head in a private bus to a hotel on the beach for some well earned rest and relaxation.
- We will wrap up our week with a Final Reflection to conclude our week together, and discuss how we can all continue to be Agents of Change in our own and global communities

**Day Eight**
- Our time together has come to an end! Your group will be accompanied to the airport by BTC staff. Thank you for your traveling with Bridges to Community, we hope your experience was rewarding and enjoyable!