



Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic covers approximately two-thirds of Hispaniola, the island where Christopher Columbus landed to begin Spain's domination of the "new world." Colonization devastated the native Indian population and brought African slaves to work on sugar cane and tobacco plantations. The modern Dominicans reflect this mixture of Spain and Africa in their physical features, cultural norms, religion, and vocabulary.

NEEDS

Dominicans today strive for a better financial condition, often sacrificing family and local opportunities for an education or higher-paying job in wealthier countries. Dominican church leaders also must decide whether to seek further training abroad, since a complete biblical education and spiritual formation is not available in-country.

Churches begun by missionaries in the 1940s to 1960s have started many others. The next generation of leaders for these congregations needs a greater level of preparation to help them operate with integrity in their country, which though developing, is tied to the larger world by technology and economy.

HOW YOU CAN SERVE

- Men are needed to work full-time in a seminary
- Church-planting partners will find several towns still without a solid Bible-preaching church
- Specialized areas are largely untapped ministry fields (for example evangelization and discipleship among university students, work with the deaf and other marginalized groups, camping ministries)



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