

# **Family Project**

Location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Project Dates: December 22, 2022 - January 1, 2023 Participation Fee: \$950 Children 12 and under: \$800 Final Deadline: November 14, 2022

\*All amounts are listed in U.S. dollars. Flights are not included in the participation fee



#### MARANATHA IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Maranatha is a responsive organization that works with the Seventh-day Adventist Church; all efforts are by invitation from local leadership.

Maranatha's work in the Dominican Republic stretches back to the late 1970s when volunteers rebuilt churches and homes following a devastating hurricane. In 1992 Maranatha embarked on an ambitious project to build 25 churches in Santo Domingo. More than 1,200 volunteers served in the Dominican Republic over a span of three months and the result changed how Maranatha operated as an organization. Those churches formed daughter churches and the need for buildings continued. Since then Maranatha has held two more series of volunteer efforts, one in the early 2000s and one late 2010s. Now, Maranatha returns to once again meet the needs of growing congregations throughout the island.

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

#### La Caleta 5

La Caleta is a suburb on the eastern side of Santo Domingo. Over the years, Maranatha has built several churches in this neighborhood, and those congregations have continued to grow. This church was born out of the Central Caleta church in 2017 with 38 members. They started renting a small house from a church member and holding Sabbath services in the main living space. Now there are more than 55 members and several more attending each week. They don't even have room enough to worship together in the small house, much less have any room for growth. They are looking forward to having an official church building where they can hold community programs and evangelistic meetings and have enough space to invite their friends to church!

**Construction:** Volunteers will lay block walls for the new La Caleta 5 church. If we have enough volunteers, this group may also lay a floor and foundation for another nearby church in the same suburb of La Caleta.

**Outreach:** The group will reach out through children's ministry and health education programs.

#### **Children's Activities**

Maranatha's Family Projects are designed to be family-friendly and accommodate volunteers of any age. One unique feature of a Family Project is a "day camp" for children ages 12 and under.

Children under five must have a parent with them at all times. Parents with kids ages 5-12 have three options and can vary their decision, day by day.

- 1. Keep their child with them throughout the day.
- 2. Have their child join the day camp and stay to help with the activities of the day.
- 3. Drop their child off at the day camp for the day while they join other areas of the project.

The day camp activities will include a variety of components. Every day will be different.

- **Construction** | We'll plan simple tasks so children can help with the construction.
- **Outreach** | We'll find ways for kids to help with children's ministry programs and other service activities.
- **Play |** We'll schedule time for kids to let loose and have fun, because playtime is an important part of being a kid. If your child doesn't know how to swim, we highly recommend bringing a life jacket or pool floaties for use at the pool at camp.

#### **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<u>Thursday, December 22</u> Arrival in Santo Domingo.

<u>Friday, December 23</u> Orientation and first work day.

<u>Saturday, December 24</u> Worship with the local congregation. Christmas Eve outreach.

<u>Sunday, December 25</u> Christmas: work and celebrate.

<u>Monday, Dec.26 - Friday, Dec. 30</u> Work days with mid week excursion.

<u>Saturday, December 31</u> Worship with the local congregation, New Years Eve.

<u>Sunday, January 1</u> Departure from Santo Domingo.

• **Cultural Experiences** | We'll introduce kids to local customs, such as visiting a marketplace, seeing a local workshop, or going to a nearby well to collect water.

#### Accommodations

Our group will stay at a Christian-run camp called Fundación Campamento - Brisas de La Ceiba. Volunteers will gather for meals and worship in a small dining room above the kitchen.

Families will be roomed together. Individuals should plan on staying in double to quadruple occupancy rooms with at least one roommate. If you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project. At this time single occupancy rooms are not available. Please contact Maranatha to make these arrangements prior to the final deadline.

#### Amenities:

Room Style	Bunk beds. A few rooms have queen beds.
Private Bathroom	Yes
Hot Water	Yes
Bed Linens	Yes
Towels	Yes, but no washcloths
Air Conditioning	No. Overhead fans are provided in each room.
WiFi	Not guaranteed. The camp is hoping to have WiFi installed by December, and you can expect the signal to be much slower than at home.
Laundry	The camp is hoping to have washing machines installed by December. If they don't Maranatha will arrange for laundry service at least once during the project at a small additional cost.
Pool and Play Space	Yes - Two pools, basketball court, and small playground
Distance to Work Locations	1 hour

#### TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

Breakfast
Group
worship
Depart for
construction
Lunch
Return from work
Dinner
Group worship

The key word for mission trips is FLEXIBILITY. The above schedule is our plan, but it may be adjusted due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.



#### Excursions

This project includes a short excursion. If you choose to add any other excursions without Maranatha, please schedule them for before or after the project dates, so you won't miss out on any of the Maranatha experience.

#### Isla Catalina

Isla Catalina is an island located about 1.5 miles from the mainland off the southern coast of the island. The picturesque island has white sand beaches, warm clear water, and palm trees. The group will take a bus to La Romana, and from there, board a small catamaran that will take them to the island. About half way there the boat will stop off shore at "The Wall" which is a small coral reef where volunteers can snorkel. Masks, snorkels, and fins are provided, but you're also



welcome to bring your own equipment. Once on the island the group will have a reserved section of beach chairs with some shade trees. Lunch and sodas will be served on the island and there are opportunities to purchase souvenirs from beach vendors or even enjoy a back massage (an additional cost). After a few hours, the group will board the boat to return back to the mainland.

#### Leadership

Stacy and Laura Peterson Danny Poljak Tam Family Bernie Hanan Gilberto Araujo

#### Project Coordinators Construction Superintendent Children's Ministry Leaders Day Camp Leader Maranatha Country Director

#### **Expenses**

Participation Fee: \$950 Children 12 and Under: \$800 Final Deadline: November 14, 2022

All amounts are listed in U.S. dollars (USD). Ages are determined on the start date of the project. Participation fees are tax-deductible. Any separately listed excursion fees are not tax-deductible.

Payments can be made in three ways:

- Check sent to the Maranatha office in California (include a note with your name and "Family Project DR -December 2022")
- Online using the project payment link in your confirmation email\*
- Over the phone at (916) 774-7700\*

\*Canadian tax-deductible payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address located at the end of this information packet) or by credit card over the phone in order to receive a receipt. At this time, Maranatha cannot issue Canadian tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments done online.

If you are fundraising or receiving donations, please have donations sent directly to you, or work with your local church treasurer to collect funds at the church and issue tax-deductible receipts. Do not have donors send individual small checks directly to Maranatha. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Maranatha.











#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ☑ Accommodations
- ☑ Vegetarian Meals
- ☑ Ground Transportation
- ☑ Short-Term Insurance
- ☑ Portion of Construction Costs
- ☑ Portion of Outreach Activities
- ☑ T-shirt and Luggage Tags
- ☑ Local Excursion Activities, Guides, Entrances, Etc.

#### ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL COSTS

- Flight to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic \$1,100
  - 2,000
- Passport \$130 or \$110 for renewal

# ABOUT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- The Dominican Republic is located on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola.
- The island was colonized by Spain in the late 1400's becoming the first European settlement in the Americas. In 1804 Spain ceded the western third of the island to French, which became Haiti. The remaining land became the Dominican Republic.
- The island is beautiful and 25% of the Dominican Republic's land and shoreline are preserved as national parks and reserves.
- The Dominican Republic has the largest economy in Central America and the Caribbean, fueled by tourism, agriculture, fishing, and mining.
- Merengue, a fast paced music and dance, originated in the Domincan Republic from slaves who worked in the sugar beet fields.
- Baseball is by far the most popular sports throughout the country and many famous players in American baseball leagues come from the Dominican Republic.

#### **Foreign Cash**

The Dominican Republic uses the Dominican Peso and has an exchange rate of approximately 50 pesos to \$1 USD (August 2022). This exchange can be made at the airport, or the project coordinator can usually exchange money for you at a flat rate in increments of \$10. Many countries offer better exchange rates for larger bills (\$50s and 100s), so if you bring small bills you might get a different exchange rate. Any cash you bring should be in new, unmarked, and untorn bills.

While some establishments accept credit and debit cards, most small shops only accept cash. It is wise to let your credit card company know the dates you will be traveling so they don't block your card when you use it in a foreign country.

#### Tipping

Your project coordinator will take care of paying guide tips on group excursions. If you feel like someone (excursion or hotel staff, etc) has provided excellent service during your trip, you are more than welcome to show your gratitude with additional tips. If you have any questions during the project about whether or not tipping would be appropriate, your project coordinator or Maranatha in-country support staff can help you understand the local culture.







#### FACTS AND FIGURES

Capital: Santo Domingo

Population: 10.69 Million

Language: Spanish

**Climate:** Tropical maritime; little seasonal variation

**Religion:** Catholic 44%, Protestant 22%, None 29%

**Currency:** Dominican Peso

#### **Electricity**

- Current: 110-120 volt AC
- Outlet: Type A

#### Weather

Weather patterns can change suddenly, so Maranatha recommends that volunteers check the 10-day forecast for the project area before traveling.



**Santo Domingo |** The Dominican Republic enjoys tropical weather year round. Rain showers are common, but usually come in bursts for short periods of time. In December you can expect temperatures in the mid 80's and only cooling to low 70's at night. High humidity levels can make these temperatures seem much warmer. Be sure to stay well hydrated.

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Please complete the online registration and wait for confirmation from Maranatha before purchasing your airfare.

If this is your first time traveling abroad (or you need a refresher course), you may want to check out Maranatha's International Traveler Guide (available at maranatha.org under Volunteer Resources), which shares tips on everything from booking travel to communicating with those at home.

#### **Flights**

Please be careful to follow these guidelines when booking your travel. If you arrive or depart outside of these posted windows, you may have long wait times at the airport or be responsible for paying the additional transportation costs for your individual airport transfer. If you have questions about your itinerary, please contact Maranatha prior to booking to avoid any additional charges.

- Arrive: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (SDQ) Thursday, December 22
- Depart: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (SDQ) Sunday, January 1

#### Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Some of you may choose to extend your travel before or after the project. Since our volunteers bring so much to the shared experience of the project, we ask that you participate in the entirety of the Maranatha project (during the advertised dates). Any additional travel outside of the Maranatha project should be scheduled for before or after the project dates to avoid mid-project interruptions. If you choose to add additional travel, you are responsible for making your own hotel and transportation arrangements for the time outside of the arrival and departure windows listed above. If you have any questions, feel free to call Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

#### **Travel Resources**

- **CI Azumano Travel:** 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at <u>corporatetravel@ciazumano.com</u>.
- Butler Travel: 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at <u>nathan@butlertravel.com</u> or with Ellen at with <u>ellen@butlertravel.com</u>.

#### **Entry Requirements**

Below are the requirements for U.S. and Canadian citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please consult the Indian embassy or consulate in your home country for entrance requirements.

**Passport** | All passports must be valid for at least six months from the dates of intended travel (July 1, 2023). If you do not have a passport, U.S. citizens can apply at any U.S. post office or online at <u>http://travel.state.gov</u>. Canadian citizens can apply online at <u>www.passport.gc.ca</u>. It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

**Dominican Republic E-Ticket Self-Declaration Form |** This form registers your travel, completes your immigration and customs forms, and verifies that you're COVID-19 symptom free at time of travel. You should complete this form within 72 hours of departure: https://eticket.migracion.gob.do/Auth/TravelRegister

**COVID-19 Requirements** | See the COVID-19 section of this packet for current COVID-19 travel requirements.

#### **Traveling With Minors**

**Birth Certificate** | Countries continue to make efforts to prevent child-trafficking, so some hotels and airports require proof of parent-child relationships, even if your child is a teenager. Maranatha recommends guardians bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and any other documents (guardianship papers etc) to answer these questions.

**Parental Consent Form** | If a legal minor (under the age of 18 on the date you depart) is traveling without both parents or legal guardians, Maranatha requires a parental consent form. This form confirms that both guardians have consented to their child leaving the country with an appointed person and Maranatha. It also gives Maranatha permission to treat the child medically in case of an emergency.

You can find this form online at <u>www.maranatha.org/resources</u>. Mail one notarized original to Maranatha and keep another notarized original with you as you travel. The form will ask for two appointees. The first will be the guardian traveling with the minor. The other will be Laura Peterson, one of Maranatha's project coordinator.

#### Special Circumstances

**Divorced Parents:** Both parents must still sign the form. If one parent has sole legal and physical custody, provide a copy of the divorce decree stating as such. **Deceased Parent:** Provide copy of death certificate. **Legal Guardians:** Provide a copy of guardianship paperwork.

**Other Situations:** Contact Maranatha for guidance.

#### Luggage Considerations

Please check with your airline or travel agent for luggage weight and piece allowances for each portion of your itinerary. Domestic flights often have tighter restrictions. In addition to your checked bags, airlines usually allow one carry-on item, as well as a personal item such as a purse or small day pack. However, each airline is different, so read through your airline's baggage policy before you head to the airport.

Sometimes bags are delayed, so please bring your personal medications and a day's worth of clothes and toiletries in your carry-on luggage, just in case. We recommend that you keep your carry-on luggage with you; do not "gate-check" your bags, especially if the bags have electronics or camera gear.

#### **COVID-19** Entrance and Departure Requirements

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, international travel has become a little more complicated, and requirements can change with little notice. At this time the Dominican Republic does not require COVID-19 vaccination or testing prior to travel. Maranatha will do its best to notify volunteers of requirement updates, but each volunteer is ultimately responsible for knowing and following the COVID-19 requirements at the time of their travel. Volunteers should do their own research and check with their airlines(s) prior to travel.

#### What to Expect During this Project

We encourage volunteers to make their own decision on whether they are comfortable joining this project. In order to inform your decision, the following considerations outline the current COVID-19 standard for international Maranatha trips:

- Self-Screening:
  - <u>Before:</u> If you have felt sick or been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms during the 10 days prior to the project, we kindly ask that you contact Maranatha to cancel your participation on the project.
  - <u>During:</u> You may be asked to participate in daily wellness checks. If you start to feel ill during the project, please speak with the project coordinator as soon as possible.
  - <u>After:</u> If you experience symptoms within the seven days after the project, please contact the Maranatha office.
- Vaccination: Vaccination is not required by Maranatha, but it is recommended by the CDC.
- **Pre-Travel Testing:** Maranatha and the Dominican Republic does not require any pre-travel testing.
- Masks: During Maranatha group activities and during work, masks are recommended, but will not be required unless circumstances change due to the current COVID-19 situation, potential exposure within the group, or local guidelines.
- Social Distancing: During this project, social distancing will not be possible nor enforced.
- **Hygiene:** As always, volunteers are encouraged to wash their hands regularly, use hand sanitizer, cover sneezes and coughs, limit physical touch with others, and avoid touching their faces.
- Symptoms and Testing Positive: If someone becomes symptomatic, they may be asked to take a COVID-19 test. Anyone who tests positive will be asked to isolate and wear a mask. The rest of the group will be asked to wear masks and close family members or roommates will be asked to test regularly. Testing positive could result in you missing parts of the project or excursion experience and refunds may not be possible at that time. If you have to quarantine in the Dominican Republic for any reason your short-term insurance policy covers medical expenses, but does not have quarantine coverage. Maranatha would help arrange housing, food, and other necessities, but volunteers would be responsible for these additional expenses.

#### **Best Practices**

When traveling, you may be exposed to viruses, such as the recent COVID-19 virus. We recommend a few simple tips to minimize your risk of getting sick:

- Practice physical distancing by keeping a distance of 6 feet between you and others when possible.
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth.
- Consider following the CDC vaccine recommendations.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds.
- If you don't have access to soap and water, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, rubbing your hands until dry.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- · Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces using disinfectant wipes.
- · Wash your hands after shaking hands with others or handling cash.
- Get adequate sleep.
- Drink plenty of purified water.
- Try to eat a well-balanced diet.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### **Travel Safety**

Understanding the culture and educating yourself about travel in the Dominican Republic is the best way to keep safe. Below are a few tips for you to consider.

- Leave valuables (expensive or sentimental) at home.
- Dress conservatively; a flashy wardrobe attracts more attention.
- Use a money belt or concealed pouch for passports and cash. Watch your wallet.
- Don't leave valuables unattended in open sight.
- Avoid marginal areas of cities, dark alleys, and crowds. Use caution and keep moving if strangers, including vendors, approach you on the street.
- Don't travel alone or at night.

#### **Worksite Safety**

Maranatha has a very high safety record on the worksite. The safety equipment you'll need will depend on the project scope and what job you do (see packing list). Hard hats and closed-toe shoes are required on all job sites.

#### **Short Term Travel Insurance**

All volunteers will be covered by a short-term insurance policy from the time they leave their home country until the time they arrive back in their home country. The policy does not have a deductible and covers accidents and illnesses. As with all insurances, some exclusions apply. Maranatha does not carry or maintain health, medical, workers compensation, or disability insurance coverage. The coverage amounts and details can be found at <u>www.maranatha.org/insurance</u>.

For volunteers extending their travel before or after a project, the insurance will start and end with the Maranatha project dates. If you would like to extend your coverage for your extra travel at your own expense, contact Maranatha.

You will receive a brochure, prior to your project, listing the policy number and contact information for assistance or emergencies during your travel.

#### **CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY RULES**



#### **Medical Recommendations**

While Maranatha does everything in our power to ensure the safety of our volunteers, it is also advisable to do your own research when it comes to the medical precautions. We recommend that you schedule a consultation with your physician or a travel clinic to discuss the medical risks in India and the ways to minimize them. If at any time during the project you start to feel sick, speak with the project medical professional and the project leader as soon as possible.

#### **COVID-19 and Other Viruses**

See the COVID-19 section of this packet for best practices and what is recommended and required during this project.

#### Malaria

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Santo Domingo province is considered to be at risk for malaria. There are different oral medications that can lower your risk of contracting malaria. You will need a prescription and each has different side effects and dosages, so speak with a doctor.

#### **Mosquitos and Other Insects**

Mosquitos and other flying insects can carry a variety of diseases including malaria, chikungunya, zika, and dengue. Personal precautions are strongly recommended to lower the risk of being bitten.

- Use a bug repellent with a 30-50% concentration of DEET.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes when possible.
- Avoid areas of standing water.
- Avoid spending a lot of time outside during dusk and dawn.

#### **Food and Water**

Food and water safety standards vary greatly from country to country, and we recommend that you exercise caution with the food and water you consume while abroad. Maranatha will provide purified water.

- Eat only food provided by Maranatha.
- Purchase only commercially packaged snacks, not from street stands.
- Drink only purified water and sealed juices and sodas.
- Do not drink items with ice cubes.
- Do not brush your teeth with tap water; use purified water.

#### **Allergies and Dietary Restrictions**

Maranatha provides three vegetarian meals each day. We ask for your allergies on your registration form and will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, on large projects especially, it is harder for our cooks to accommodate special requests. If your diet is very restrictive (vegan, gluten free, etc.) we recommend that you bring items such as soy milk powder, gluten-free bread, etc. to supplement the meals provided by the cooks.

#### VACCINES

**Tetanus** Required by Maranatha

**COVID-19** Recommended by CDC\*

**Typhoid** Recommended by CDC

Hepatitis A Recommended by CDC

Anti-malarial Medication Recommended by CDC

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **Cultural Sensitivity**

It's important to enter another culture with respect and understanding of their traditions. Cultural sensitivity also means we will respect Adventist culture in the Dominican Republic. Adventists in the DR tend to be more conservative than Adventists in the United States and Canada. During the project, we will be sensitive to this by dressing as modestly as possible. Pants and cap sleeves are preferred to shorts and tank tops. For church activities, women will need to have skirts that reach past the knees, and men are expected to wear ties if they are involved in the activities on the platform. Please be respectful as we observe their customs and visit their homes. Feel free to ask questions and rely on leaders to know what is appropriate or not. Out of respect we ask that you ask people for permission before taking photos or videos of them.

#### Maranatha Lifestyle

Each mission trip is a unique experience, and during the project, there is a great need for flexibility. Volunteers on Maranatha projects come from a variety of backgrounds and lifestyles. As we all become one big family for two weeks, we will need to refrain from some of our personal desires and freedoms and adopt the lifestyle of the group.

On all of our projects we ask that volunteers refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other nonprescription drugs during the trip.

Maranatha projects are open to individuals of all faith backgrounds, and we ask that all volunteers come into the project with an attitude of respect toward one another. During this trip we emphasize service opportunities that grow faith in God. On Maranatha projects, worship services are held on Sabbath (Saturday), and we ask all volunteers to participate in the experience with the group. While we do our best to make provisions to avoid extensive travel or utilizing restaurants on Sabbath, sometimes it is hard to avoid. Please be aware of this and if you have any questions, please speak with your project coordinator.

# HOW TO REGISTER

- 1. Complete online registration form
- 2. Check email for confirmation of acceptance
- 3. Make payment(s)\*
- 4. Book flights
- 5. Send itinerary and passport copy to Maranatha

\*If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, payments are refundable up until one month prior to the project (unless noted otherwise). Cancellations within 30 days of the project are subject to a \$150 per-person fee, and the remainder will be refunded depending on the project arrangements already made on your behalf.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Phone: (916) 774-7700 Fax: (916) 774-7701 Email: <u>volunteer@maranatha.org</u> Website: <u>www.maranatha.org</u> Mailing Address: Maranatha Volunteers International 990 Reserve Drive Suite 100 Roseville, CA 95678 Canadian Payments Only: Maranatha Volunteers International Association c/o V06494C PO Box 6494, Station Terminal Vancouver, BC V6B 6R3

## **PACKING LIST**

# A checklist of recommended items to take with you on a Maranatha project.

#### Work Wardrobe

- □ Long work pants (2-4 pairs)
- □ T-shirts and/or long-sleeved cotton shirts for work (5-7)
- □ Strong, flexible construction gloves (REQUIRED)
- Hard hat (REQUIRED)
- □ Handkerchief or bandana for neck protection
- Sunglasses or safety glasses
- □ Sturdy work shoes

#### Tool List

The more tools the group brings, the more likely it is that everyone can keep involved in the construction process.

- □ Measuring tape (25')
- □ Box level (2-3') one per family
- □ Block trowel (10-12") pie-shaped
- □ Marking pencils
- □ Lineman's pliers optional
- □ Masonry line and line blocks optional
- Rubber dish gloves optional
- Block hammer optional

#### Items to Remember

- □ Maranatha t-shirt
- □ Passport
- Photocopies of your passport in checked baggage
- Copy of your airline ticket or itinerary
- COVID-19 Vaccination card (if fully vaccinated)
- □ Printed Dominican Republic e-Ticket QR code
- □ Minor Consent Form (for those under 18)
- Copy of final packet with project addresses
- □ Face mask(s) or covering(s)
- Personal prescribed medication (in carry-on) as well as items like Tylenol, Band-Aids, Pepto Bismol etc.
- □ Shoes and socks
- □ Underclothes
- Casual shirts and pants
- □ MEN- Dress shirt and tie for Sabbath
- WOMEN- Dresses and/or skirt and blouse with sleeves for Sabbath
- □ Hat for sun protection
- □ Sleepwear
- □ Shorts
- Light rain jacket
- Modest swimsuit
- □ Flip-flops or sandals
- □ Personal toiletries (soap, deodorant, etc.)

- Hand sanitizer
- □ Insect repellent (30% DEET or higher)
- □ Sunblock (SPF 30+)
- □ Lip balm (with sunblock)
- □ Bible
- Camera, batteries, and memory cards
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Washcloth
- Cash for meals in airports, souvenirs, or special projects that may come up

#### **Optional Items**

- Lightweight daypack or similar bag
- Neck pillow/eye mask for flight
- Journal and pens
- Powdered Gatorade or equivalent Nuun or Camelback electrolyte tablets (for overcoming dehydration)
- □ Earplugs
- Small alarm clock
- □ Snacks
- Toilet paper or tissues
- □ Battery-run personal fan
- □ Small instrument you play
- Pool flotation device
- □ Personal snorkel equipment
- Supplemental items for specific diets (gluten free, vegan, etc)

#### **Optional Outreach Items**

- Money for purchasing items locally (this helps the local economy)
- School supplies: pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, backpacks
- Christian books and pamphlets
- □ Bibles and hymnals
- Group toys (jump ropes, soccer balls with pumps, etc.)
- Toothbrushes and toothpastes

#### **Requested Outreach Items**

You will receive an updated packing list closer to the project, which may include any special outreach requests from the local church or school.

# THE MARANATHA

# STORE

# BUY MARANATHA Merchandise!

Share the spirit of service with Maranatha-themed apparel and accessories.\*

# MARANATHA T-SHIRT \$10



This Maranatha shirt is a poly/cotton heather blend by Bella + Canvas. Color is "heather forest"; unisex sizing.

# HARD HAT \$13



This MSA V-Gard hard hat, with Staz-On suspension, ensures excellent shock absorption on the job site.



### TO ORDER, VISIT MARANATHA.ORG/STORE OR CALL (916) 774-7700

All prices are excluding sales tax and shipping.



All cotton and easy to pack, this cap is sure to keep the sun off your face on a mission project and at home. Available in Khaki and Navy.

# WATER BOTTLE \$15

MARANATHA

The autospout water bottle by Contigo features a one-touchbutton spout for convenient one-handed drinking. It also has a spout shield to protect the spout from debris and dirt when not in use—perfect for the project site.



# MARANATHA.org

\*All confirmed volunteers on an International Maranatha Open Team receive a Maranatha t-shirt as part of their participation fee.