
Puerto Rico Mission Trip

Overview and Itinerary

March 7-12, 2026



Overview

Short-term mission trips provide a great opportunity to experience the opportunities and challenges that churches and ministries face in other parts of the world. The Lord has often used short-term mission trips like this to deepen our understanding of the Gospel and grow in our own callings to serve the church. It was on a short-term trip to Belize where the Lord began to stir in my heart a desire to serve in ministry full time. Reading and discussing God's Word, worshipping in a cross-cultural context, and witnessing the transforming power of the Gospel in another part of the world, caused me to reflect on the purpose of my life and how the Lord might use me to serve Him.

We have a great opportunity this year to partner with a Gospel focused, non-profit ministry in San Juan, Puerto Rico called Hunger Corp. Hunger Corp's mission is summarized as follows:

We base our operations in Dorado, a city located in the northern part of Puerto Rico and well known for it's rapid growth compared to others areas of the island. Real estate, tourism, small local businesses, construction and health care facilities are just a few areas where this city stands out. Nevertheless, in Dorado there are many communities that have been squatters for the last 80 years lacking property titles, proper education, sound infrastructure, and experiencing high levels of unemployment, violence and social isolation.

Our vision is to adopt squatter communities for five years or more, walk alongside them to reach their full social, economic and educational development, and help them be part of the flourishing story of the city. Doing so we will fulfill our mission of restoring communities dignity through holistic empowerment.

In other words, we want to incarnate the gospel. As Jesus spoke to the forgotten and acknowledged the oppressed in front of the crowds so will we. Through meaningful relationships, building houses and improving the communities' infrastructure, launching small businesses and trade schools, offering spiritual guidance and connecting them to faith communities we want to restore people's dignity through the good news of Jesus Christ. In front of everyone, in the light of other communities and cities.

Our vision might take fifteen years to be completed but every week that passes we are getting closer. That's why your visit is so important to us. Your "one week contribution" is based on a long-term gospel centered commitment.



Lodging

Lodging will take place at Villas del Golf in Dorado. This is a gated community 10 minutes away from La Hormiga. The house consists of 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, a kitchen, rooftop area with kitchen, living room patio. Guys and girls will be separated by floors. Every room has AC units.





Meals

Meals and snacks are included in the support raised. We will have an opportunity to eat out at a local restaurant on Saturday night. Additionally, we plan to have a meal with one of the homeowner's who we will be working alongside.

Transportation

Hunger Corp coordinates transportation from the airport to the lodging place upon arrival and vice versa when departing. A host from Hunger Corp's staff will assist us from the moment we arrive, picking us group up from the airport and driving us to our lodging. At the end of your trip they will drive us to the airport for our departure.

During the week, we will have access to 15 passenger vans for personal use in case we need to run an errands, go to the grocery stores, eating out, etc.



Itinerary

- Sat. Mar 7 - Fly from Ft. Lauderdale to San Juan via Southwest Airlines.
 - Welcome Dinner, Overview and Guidelines for the week
- Sun. Mar 8 - Worship at local church. Afternoon visit to Old San Juan
- Mon. Mar 9 - Thur. Mar 12 - Working at local site
- Fri. Mar 13 - Fly from San Juan to Ft. Lauderdale via Southwest Airlines



Cost

\$1250-1400 per person which includes airfare (final cost dependent on airfare).

All donations will be received by the RUF FAU Missions account, preferably through our online giving portal. RUF's national office will process and receipt all donations. Donor's will be able to designate their giving towards individual students to help us track student's progress. All money given is tax-deductible, even if it is from the student attending the mission trip. Donors will receive the normal gift receipt and year end statement.

- To give online, you can click [here](#) .
- To give by check, donors should make checks payable to RUF and include the student's name and the associated school on the memo line (Ex: "Joe Smith/FAU Mission Trip"). Checks must be mailed to: Reformed University Fellowship, PO Box 890004, Charlotte, NC 28289-0004

Trip Requirements

By signing up, you commit to attend three pre-trip training sessions. We'll have one in October, one in November, and one in the Spring. Training sessions will be scheduled in coordination with all trip participants, based on your availability. These trainings will undergird our trip with prayer, and will equip you to fundraise and give you a Biblical framework for ministry and this trip.

- Session 1: Trip Q+A, & how and why to fundraise
- Session 2: Biblical theology of ministry and short-term missions
- Session 3: History of Puerto Rico, pre-trip prayer, and final details

To register, please fill out your information [here](#). In addition to this registration, all participants will be required to fill out a mission trip application.

Deadlines

- Nov 1st - \$100 Non-refundable Deposit and Applications Due
- Dec 1st - Support letters to prospective donors
- Jan 1st - Minimum \$750 raised to cover flights and deposit
- Feb 1st - \$1250 total balance received by RUF



Staff

Jeff and Jenny Lee (along with their kids) will be present on this trip. If you have any further questions, please feel free to send Jeff an email at jeff.lee@ruf.org. Hunger Corp regularly hosts teams for week long trips. They do not host multiple groups at a time, so our group will be the only one present that week.



Packing List

- Sunday clothes
- Comfortable work clothes for 4 days
- Clothes to wear after work and during the day off
- One pair of work shoes, boots or sneakers
- Hat
- Pajamas
- Swimsuit (we may go to a beach)
- Towel and washcloth
- Twin sheet for the bed
- Pillow
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, etc.)
- Insect repellent
- Personal medications (Inform your leader of any prescription medication that you are carrying).
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher recommended)
- Reusable Water bottle for the workplace
- Small bag to carry personal items to the job site
- Bible, journal, pen

****Since Puerto Rico is a US Territory, a passport is not required. However, you do need a REAL ID****

