

CONSTANZA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC KIDS ALIVE® FOR KIDS AT RISK

Valley Short-Term Mission Trip July 21-28, 2018

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Allen has participated in two previous Constanza trips and was formerly a Young Life leader.

Host Missionaries: Fred & Kasandra O'Brien – Valley members serving in Constanza since 2011.

Ideal # needed: 15 total. **Participants:** Adults and teens with parent.

Trip expense: \$1,750. **Deposit:** \$300 non-refundable.

Each participant must provide or raise funds. Guidelines for raising financial support are available through the World Outreach office. Trip payments are tax-deductible and must be paid in full prior to departure.

Skills desired: Outreach, teacher training, construction, and children's ministry.

Why this trip? The Dominican Republic suffers from physical and spiritual poverty. Youth is one of the least-evangelized groups. Kids Alive International (KAI) provides shelter, food, education, and Christian guidance for children as they become mature adults. For more information, visit kidsalive.org. Over 200 people from Valley have participated in KAI trips. Many have experienced personal spiritual growth while serving. The trips have also contributed to strengthening relationships between Valley parents and teens who have attended the trip together. KAI hosts have told our trip members that their physical presence speaks volumes about the love of God to both the children and adult residents we serve. Simply "writing a check" has far less impact.

Projects:

Village Outreach - Travel to areas with little Gospel exposure to share the message and provide practical help by distributing hygiene packages and Spanish Bibles.

Teacher Training - Instruction in teaching skills and classroom management is needed, especially in elementary education.

Construction - Expansion on the orphanage and school building is needed to serve more at-risk children.

Children's Ministry - To the 48 orphaned, abandoned, and abused children living in KAI group homes, and many other kids in the surrounding barrio.

Lodging: Guest house with bottled water, hot showers, and flush toilets.

Food: Prepared by national cooks and supervised by a North American missionary.

Immunizations required: Tetanus/diphtheria. **Recommended:** Hepatitis A, typhoid, adult polio booster. Information concerning the Zika virus is available online at valleycommunity.cc/trips.

2017 trip member endorsements:

Rose Adam: "A mission trip will fill your heart. You won't regret making a difference."

Ginny Conn: "Everyone has something to offer."

Ben Downs: "This trip has changed my perspective on the word *poverty*."

Interest meetings: March 25, following services, Avon & Bristol Campuses.

Training meetings: Mondays, May 14, June 4, 11 & 18, 7-9 p.m., Avon Campus.

Applications now being accepted: Available at World Outreach display or online at valleycommunity.cc/trips.

Application deadline: Sunday, May 14, or first-come, first-served.

