

Mission Experience to Jamaica

Sponsored by Divine Word Missionaries
Vocation Office

May 21 - May 29, 2017

Get ready for an adventure. Recent participants report that there are many needs in Jamaica. People need adequate housing, kids need help in school and others just need someone to care. This is your chance to make a difference.

Apply today!



Join a group of volunteers and assist the **Divine Word Missionaries** in southeast Jamaica in their day-to-day ministries. Activities include:

- Building a house
- Parish maintenance
- Bible Study with youth
- Other day-to-day activities

Program Goals

The goals are to expose those interested in the missionary work of the Church to the day-to-day activities of some missionaries, to learn more about the Divine Word Missionaries, and learn more about Jamaican language and culture.

Mission Jamaica

Divine Word Missionaries staff seven churches in Jamaica. Three are in the civil parish of St. Thomas and four are in the greater Portmore area in and around the city of Kingston. This mission experience will be centered at Holy Rosary Parish in Portmore/Kingston.

Divine Word Missionaries participate in a great diversity of ministries with the poor and marginalized, including the youth and elderly. Our missionary priests and brothers invite you to work alongside them in their ministries to serve those in need in Jamaica—to get off the sidelines and no longer be a spectator, but be an active minister of God's love.

Housing

During your stay in Jamaica, volunteers will stay at Holy Rosary Parish Rectory. Accommodations are modest, but adequate. Each volunteer will have his/her own bed, though some may be a mattress on the floor. We ask that you bring your own sheets (full size mattress) and towels. The parish will provide meals. Some lunches will be provided at the job site as volunteers work. Most evenings will be spent with fellow volunteers and missionaries discussing the day's experiences and learning more about the missionary work of the Church.



Apply Today!

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Dates/Schedule

May 21 - May 29, 2017

May 21: Arrival and Orientation
May 22 - May 28: Mission Jamaica
May 29: Return to the States

Cost

The cost of the Mission Experience trip is approximately \$1,000.

This includes air travel plus \$400. The \$400 covers the cost of housing, meals and travel while the group is in Jamaica. It also includes the cost of some supplies and materials for the housing project. Other travel is at the participant's expense.

Partial scholarships are available.

Participation Criteria

The Mission Experience trip is planned principally with Catholics in mind, but can accommodate people of other faiths under special circumstances. In addition, those wishing to participate must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a passport to travel outside the country
- Be physically able to participate in manual labor (painting, carrying up to 40 pounds, etc)
- Have health insurance or purchase insurance
- Sign a liability waiver