**What is an intern?**
 Mission2535 interns are people interested in missions, finished high school. He/she must be willing to dedicate a portion of his/her time to live with, work alongside and assist “on the field” missionaries, to serve, bless, and gain **practical experience**.

**Why do we do internships?**One of the areas in Missions that has been lacking in the past is connecting **college age people** with Missions. Mission2535 sees this age group as a huge potential for impacting global and local missions as well as the person involved. Our goals are to motivate you to find God’s calling in your life and to glorify God in a mission’s experience.

 **Steps to becoming an Intern**

**STEP 1:** Pray!

**STEP 2:** Read over the “**Info you need to know**” paragraph below.

**STEP 3:** Contact us at jonromano6@gmail.com and include the dates and length of time that you are interested in staying for.

**STEP 4:** Fill out the application attached, include your testimony, and send it to

**jonromano6@gmail.com**

**STEP 5:** Have your pastor and another (non-family) reference fill out the reference form.

**STEP 6:** Start raising support!! You must pay airfare, spending money, and exit visa (roughly $50 USD)

**STEP 7:** Continue praying & make sure this is something you are willing to **commit** yourself to!

**SETP 8:** Understand what the mission and vision is of Mission2535. Please check out [www.mission2535.org](http://www.mission2535.org)

**STEP 9:** Come up with five personal goals you’d like to accomplish during your time in the Dominican Republic.

**STEP 10:** Agree to the intern contract (refer to the “non-negotiables” section below)

**INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW**

What paperwork do I need?

1. Passport (can’t be less than 6 months from expiration)
2. Mission 2535 application filled out and sent in, along with 2 recommendations/references

If you have any questions you can contact Jon Romano

* + - Email: jonromano6@gmail.com
		- Phone: (360)501-2348

Responsibilities

1. Must have had graduated high school (preferred one year of college)
2. Must have had some missions trip experiences before
3. Although it is not required, it would be extremely helpful to understand and speak a little Spanish, as you will interact and build relationships with nationals.

What will I be doing?

 You will be serving alongside the Founders of Mission2535, Rick & Tammie Romano. They moved to Ensenada, Mexico in 2005 to launch a ministry that incorporated short-term mission’s teams to support the local missions’ strategy. After working in Mexico for 7 years they found an opportunity with the C&MA to move to Santiago, Dominican Republic where they have served since 2011. They have helped further the growth of ministry and churches in the DR by way of short-term trips and connecting with the national church of the DR. In 2015, Rick and Tammie felt called to do more through their ministry, providing physical and tangible needs that they saw were not being met; such as clean water, health care, sustainable food sources and education. Thus, they started Mission2535. Jon and Merary Romano were licensed with the C&MA in 2017 and joined Mission2535 as full-time missionaries. We are extremely excited for the potential for you to join us in serving those in need here in the Dominican. You will be helping us live out our vision of Matthew 25:35-36 as we feel like we have been given three roles:

* Working with ministries of compassion to encourage the Dominican people to take social responsibility and provide basic living essentials (water, food and medical)
* Exposing & Motivating people for worldwide ministry (Team Development)
* Working with the C&MA National & Local Church Leadership to help them accomplish their vision for ministry and outreach to the Dominican people.

As mentioned, the tool that God has given us to work with is, short-term mission’s teams.  Through our experience, we have found that visiting teams can make a tremendous impact in these areas and will play a big role in allowing us to accomplish the ministry God has called us to.  Here are some things that you can expect to possibly be involved in while you are here:

1. A daily connection with the nationals -- having the opportunity to build authentic and lasting relationships that will impact their souls and yours for eternity.
2. You will work with the youth and children’s ministries in different churches and contexts as an intern.
3. Coordinating (helping out with operations) and administrating different short-term teams from the U.S. and Canada.
4. Working closely with national pastors and leaders in construction, and ministry.
5. A 24/7 ministry experience, as you may be housed along with the short-term teams.
6. Here are some other ministries you could be helping with:
	1. Joining with local churches for evangelistic outreaches to reach the communities
	2. Church plants
	3. Working with the national churches
	4. Building relationships with groups and minister where needed
	5. Anything else God may lay on our heart as well as your heart or opportunities that may arise when you are set up to come!

How long can I stay?

There are different kinds of internships that you can do with us:

1. 2-3 months – Our interns that come for the summer usually come for this amount of time. It is a chance to get a little closer to the ministry, the nationals and the missionaries. If you come in the summer months, your main ministry will be to lead teams.
2. 6 months to 1 year--This will give you a half-year of in-depth cultural and missionary training. The above ministries are also available to you. Come and see if mission’s is where God wants you in the future as well. Also, during the summer months your main ministry will be to lead visiting teams. \*This is self-funded, need to raise funds for total time expected to be in country.

Non-negotiabels

1. Have a saving knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ
2. Be devoted to spending personal time with the Lord
3. Have an open heart for learning about and experiencing missions
4. Desire to build relationships
5. Learn & observe culturally appropriate interaction with the opposite sex
6. Learn & observe culturally appropriate dress styles
7. Have had at least one year of college
8. Meet with the Romano’s for personal discipleship, updates, and debriefs
9. Debrief regularly when with a team
10. Spend time in prayer with teams
11. Spend time with “the least of these” Matthew 25:35-40
12. Use your personality, gifts, and talents as you work and serve
13. Refrain from smoking, drugs, drinking, or hooking up!

If you agree with these non-negotiable items please sign and date and return (just this page) to jonromano6@gmail.com along with all your other documents.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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