



CAC Youth Guatemala Missions Trip 2012 Information Sheet



When: Saturday, June 30 – Sunday, July 8, 2012

Where: San Raymundo, Guatemala (This will be the second trip to this area for our youth.)

Why: In keeping with one of the purposes of the church of KINGDOM EXTENSION as well as one of the purposes of the youth ministry to REACH out to the world around us, we are travelling to San Raymundo, Guatemala to work on various building projects.

Who: The team will consist of **no more than 30** youth and leaders and will be chosen by the beginning of December. Students must be in **Grade 9 or older**. First priority will be given to those students/leaders that are regularly involved in the ministry and have previously been on missions trips with us before. This does not exclude those that have not attended trips previously, but they will need to answer “why” during the application process.

Costs: Approximately **\$2150** per person**
Costs may vary slightly depending on the size of group coming as well as costs of flights, value of the dollar, etc. All monies collected will be given to HFL who will be booking and administrating details of the trip.

Includes: flights & airport fees; food, lodging & transportation within Guatemala; 2 airport meals in transit; insurance

**Extra Expenses (not included):

Passport fees (\$100+)

*Be sure that your passport does not expire within 6 months of the trip.

Immunization costs (\$100-200)

Souvenirs (\$100-200US)

How: How can you raise \$2150 to go on this trip?

\$500 Payable by student - \$100 non-refundable deposit due with application & remaining \$400 payable over the next several months (approx \$100 due every 2 months)

\$650 All members of the team will write support letters to friends and family asking to cover about one third of their costs.

\$1000 We will fundraise \$1000 per team member. If a team member raises additional funds on their own, they will be reimbursed a portion of their \$500 to a maximum of \$200 and all remaining funds, if any, above and beyond the budgeted \$2150 will go into the youth missions budget for future trips. Each team member will have their own account for the money that is fundraised by them individually (through work projects, etc). Work project money will be given only those that attend. All fundraised money WILL NOT be pooled.

*If a team member does not raise enough money through support and fundraising, he/she will be responsible to pay the remaining amount out of pocket.

**The church accepts Cash, Cheque, Debit, MasterCard & Visa
(processing fee for Debit, MC & Visa)**

Itinerary: This will be finalized as the trip date gets closer. Our focus will be the work projects on most days. Afternoons/evenings could include attending church, kids ministry (stories, crafts, etc), playing soccer (Guatemalans love this sport!!). We will hopefully be able to do some fun sightseeing things as well!

Health: HFL and Cochrane Alliance Church require that you are up to date on all immunizations including Hepatitis A and B (combined as TwinRix), Typhoid, & Tetanus. You must also take Dukoral (prevention of traveller's diarrhea) prior to the trip and carry a prescription for Ciprofloxacin or similar antibiotic during the trip.

Requirements: There are a few requirements for every member of the team before leaving. It is expected that each team member will be actively involved in all large fundraising events both in the organizing and carrying out of the events. Each member is required to attend all major fundraisers (to be determined). If team members cannot commit to attending and participating in the fundraisers, they will not be allowed to participate in the trip. There will be monthly meetings for the first several months and then bi-weekly meetings the last two months that are mandatory for all members of the team. If team members cannot commit or miss more than 2 meetings, they will not be allowed to participate in the trip. The team members will also be asked to maintain a growing relationship with Christ. If team members do not display a commitment to growth in their walk with Christ, they will not be allowed to participate in the trip. If at any point, whether initially or well into the process of fundraising and preparing for the trip, team members do not live up to the above requirements, they will be told that they are no longer permitted to participate in the trip based on the discretion of the youth missions committee.

Post-trip: A brief presentation will be given to the congregation as a whole during a weekend service to give a few highlights of the trip. There may also be a separate evening where the team would be able to share in depth with a picture and video presentation along with personal testimony regarding the trip.

Application: Due **November 16, 2011** to church office or Wendy Ellerby's mail slot in the photocopy room. Please include: Cochrane Alliance Church application (1 page double-sided) with Testimony Hungry For Life application including: General Application, Emergency Contact/Medical Form, Code of Conduct, Crises Policy, Project Waiver of Right & Release, Parental Consent Form, Spiritual Leader Reference Form, Peer/Friend Reference Form
Photocopy of Passport (the page with your photo)
\$100 non-refundable deposit

All forms are also available on our website:

www.cochranealliance.com/students/youthmissions

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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