

Frequently Asked Questions for Guatemala Mission Trip!

Where will we be going for the Mission Trip?

Our travels will include us going from Atlanta to Guatemala City. From Guatemala City we will travel to a town called Nebaj, Guatemala where most of our time will be spent.

What are the dates for the Mission Trip?

July 17th-25th, 2010

Who is able to go?

The Mission Trip is only available to High School Students involved in our ministry.

What is the primary purpose of the trip?

Our primary focus and goal for our trip will be to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through our service, fellowship, and witness to the people of Guatemala. We will do this through Construction projects, Children's Camps, and Fellowship time together.

How will we be going to Guatemala?

A typical plane flight from Atlanta to Guatemala City runs around 3.5 hours. (roughly the same as a trip to Los Angeles)

Once in country what is our primary means of transportation?

While in Guatemala we will only travel on privately owned transportation. All our transportation will be hired transportation to get us where we need to go. Traveling from Guatemala city to Nebaj is a hard journey, but all people driving are experienced on this certain route.

What are our living arrangements?

We will be staying in a hotel in Nebaj. The Hotel is an combine style(surrounded by a fence), ensuring to us that no one comes in and no kids leave at night! This hotel provides maximum possible security for being in a foreign country.

You said security, are there risks is going to Guatemala?

With traveling to any country you will encounter risks. The city of Nebaj, where we will stay the majority of our time is a very quaint city in which our contacts report to have minimal threat to security.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1129.html

What meals will be provided?

All meals are provided except meals on travel days(flying). Student will be asked to provide their own meals when possible to pay with US Dollars. All other meals are included, and for the most part will be provided by our hotel's kitchen. Please know that once in Nebaj there will be no fast food from there on!

Will my Spanish come in handy?

While 80% or more of Guatemala speaks Spanish, a number of the people we minister to do not. Your Spanish will definitely be helpful in communicating to the people in a general sense but know not everyone speaks a language you know! There are 22 indigenous languages in Guatemala, one of which will be the language spoken by the people in villages we travel to.

What will a typical day in Guatemala be like?

8:00 am – breakfast
9:00am- Depart to villages to start mission projects
12:00pm- Lunch in village
4:30pm- return to hotel
6:00pm- Dinner
8:00pm- Team Meeting
10:00pm- Lights out!

NOW THAT WE HAVE COVERED WHAT GUATEMALA WILL BE LIKE, WE WILL COVER WHAT IT WILL TAKE FOR YOU TO GET THERE!

Will I have to have a Passport to go to Guatemala?

YES, YES, YES, please go ahead and put a passport application together and apply for one now, you don't want to be worrying about this down the road. Typical things needed to apply for a passport: Birth certificate, Driver's License or similar government issue ID, passport style picture, passport application, application fee(usually \$100). http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Will we need any vaccinations in order to go to Guatemala?

Please know the CDC's website reports no required vaccinations in order to go to Guatemala, but has some recommended ones. Because none are required and we aren't visiting any areas of threat any vaccinations for the trip are not included in the cost and will be covered separately by you. For more information on vaccinations before going to Guatemala, visit the CDC's website about Guatemala.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/Guatemala.aspx>

How much will the trip cost?

Out of your own pocket, the cost is nothing. This is because we plan to raise all of our support just as true full time missionaries do when they go into the mission field. We are asking each student to raise at least \$700. This will be accomplished through support letters and individual fundraisers that the student wishes to create for themselves.

What fundraisers will I have to be involved in?

Throughout the rest of the time leading up to the mission trip we will host many different fundraisers as a group. These include but are not limited to: Run for the World 5K, Babysitting night, Garage Sales, etc.

How often will our team meet to discuss the Trip?

On a preliminary basis, the Mission team will meet for 1 hour every two weeks to make sure we are all on track with our fundraising and preparations. As we approach the trip these meetings will increase to at least once a week or more.

How many student are able to go on this trip?

Because of living arrangements and travel arrangements we are not able to take more than a total of 25 students.

What leaders will be going?

All Staff members of FPC Student Ministries will be attending the Mission Trip as well as 5-7 adults. All adults desiring to go will be discussed by our committee and chosen based on specialty needs.