

2024 Mission Trip Application

Guatemala

Thank you for your interest in joining the MRCC mission to Guatemala. God is already tugging at your heart to serve those in need according to His Word. The trip will take place August 10-16, 2024.

Participating in the trip does not require any specific skills, just an open heart and the willingness to be used by God. We will have a limited number of spots, so your application will be the beginning of the process. The missions team will set up a time to interview those committing to the application process and prayerfully consider those accepted on the trip.

We believe that financial investment is a key part of your involvement in this mission. We hope for members to invest as much as they are able, or raise some funds of their own, to support the financial cost of this trip. However, we don't want finances to get in the way of anyone's participation. We have a very generous church that will help provide scholarships as needed, which will be determined after the interview process, based on the need.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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MISSIONS TRIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Occupation _____

Applicants will be asked to participate in a short interview with the missions team leaders. You will be able to ask questions about the trip at this time, or you can contact the team leaders any time. The MRCC Missions team leaders will prayerfully consider and discern candidates that best fit with the goals of this trip and make a recommendation to the church board for final approval.

We hope to schedule interviews on May 19 or May 26 after Sunday services.

Circle the date that works best for you or, if these dates don't work, is there a better day & time for your interview? _____

These questions are to help us get to know you, as well as to help determine your role in the trip activities. There are no right or wrong answers!

1. Spiritual profile:

Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior? **Y N**

Personal devotions & prayer? **Y N**

Have you been baptized in water? **Y N**

Are you a church member? **Y N**

How long have you attended MRCC? _____

What Church activities do you participate in?

Comments:

1) Are you open to a background check? **Y N**

2) Do you have any travel experience? **Y N** If yes, when and where:

3) Do you feel you can adapt to different cultures? **Y N**

Examples:

- a) Eat what is put in front of you
- b) Stay in less than sanitary conditions
- c) Different/no restroom facilities
- d) Respecting other countries' cultures

4) Are you able to take time off from work? **Y N** If no, please explain.

5) Do you have a Passport? **Y N**

Or prepared to apply for one ASAP? **Y N**

6) Are you open to immunizations (if needed) for a mission trip? **Y N**

7) How is your health? Excellent Good Poor

8) Does your health insurance cover you in a foreign country? **Y N**

9) Do you have any physical or medical condition(s) that might limit your activities on this trip? **Y N**

Comments:

10) If necessary, are you willing to provide a doctor's approval letter after a medical checkup, stating that you are physically able to attempt this type of travel. **Y N**

11) Is your family supportive of this trip? **Y If no**, please explain.

12) Are you able to be away from home with limited or no forms of communication?

Y N

13) Are you able to cover the financial needs of this trip?

\$955 plus airfare (air approx. \$500) + spending \$\$

Yes Partially (Approximately how much) _____

14) Are you able/willing to help raise some funds to cover financial needs: **Y N**

15) Are you willing to share your experience with the church or in small groups?

Y N

16) Please check all areas in which you may have special skills or experience:

_____ Teaching

_____ Plumbing

_____ Arts

_____ Counseling

_____ Construction

_____ Medical

_____ Ministry/Evangelism

_____ Technical/Computer

_____ Life Skills

_____ Electrical

_____ Language

_____ Sport

Other:

Please provide any additional information that may be helpful:

17) Do you speak any foreign languages? **Y N**

Language and level _____

18) Please write out a brief synopsis of your testimony

PREPARATION AND COMMITMENT

Please think about why you are participating in this trip. We are going to be working in conditions outside the normal box we operate in with folks we barely know. Mercy, patience, and grace for each other is imperative. Things may be chaotic and **plans will often change** no matter how well we plan. Our patience will be tried, our conditions to work and live in will be different to what we are used to. Remember, we are guests in Guatemala, our guide and hosts have worked hard in-country to accommodate us and they have obtained the best available housing, transportation, meal preparation etc. for us, and for that we are thankful, but it will not be like home. Hotels are far less than the expected standards in the US, and a few nights will be spent in church or community buildings. Transportation is cramped and roads and traffic are difficult. The food we are served may not always be appealing. **Humility is key** on these types of outreach trips. You may have to live with a thousand inconveniences. You will need to have a positive attitude in every way, be flexible, and do whatever is best for all concerned, above your own personal comfort and feelings. You will need to be sensitive to the needs and culture of the local people and the organizations and leaders supporting our efforts. **We will receive far more blessings than the ones we give, trust us! We have never walked away from an outreach wishing we stayed home.**

If chosen to participate in this trip, you are agreeing to participate in all group activities while in Guatemala. The trip leader may make decisions on your behalf and that of the team, for the safety and well-being of you and the other team members.

I have read all of the information provided and understand the risks and requirements to participate in this trip. I agree to be a faithful team member abiding by the rules of the group.

Signature _____

Date _____