

# Guatemala

**July 25- Aug 1, 2019**

**Purpose** | WE family trip is suitable for ages 6 and up (depending on maturity). We will be serving at a children's home, being the hands and feet of Jesus.

**Cost** | \$1100/ \$700 deposit to secure space due May 11

**Leaders** Janna and David Ellen | [jellen@woodsedge.org](mailto:jellen@woodsedge.org)

## Important Dates:

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| March 3 | 11:30-12:30pm Portable 6 Rm 3 |
| May 12  | \$700 Deposit Due Per Person  |
| May 19  | 11:30-12:30pm Portable 6 Rm 3 |
| June 9  | 11:30-12:30pm Portable 6 Rm 3 |
| July 04 | \$400 Due per person          |
| July 14 | 11:30-12:30pm Portable 6 Rm 3 |

### First Steps:

1. Fill out a trip application online at <https://woodsedge.churchcenter.com/people/forms/20407>
2. Check your passport. Is it valid? Is the bar code in good shape? The expiration date must have a six month window past your travel dates. <http://passports.state.gov>
4. Mark your calendar for all team meetings. Make them a priority. Let your team leader know if you cannot attend.
5. Start Fundraising. WoodsEdge recommends that you be prepared and willing to pay for at least some trip costs.

At WoodsEdge we know *Prayer is the Real Work.*

- Pray for health and good weather!
- Pray about your team and your role on the team.
- Pray about unity on your team and hearts to serve.
- Pray for the children and staff at Casa Aleluya.





# Partnering Ministry



<http://casaaleluya.org/>

Casa Aleluya (a.k.a. Casa Para Niños) is a Christ– centered ministry that includes both a physical home and spiritual covering for abandoned, orphaned and abused children in Guatemala.

Casa Para Ninos Aleluya was started in 1989 by Mike and Dottie Clark with the sole purpose of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the suffering children of Guatemala. Our children's home raises around 400 children. Through the housing, feeding and education of the children, we are able to teach them about the unconditional love that many of them did not receive from their home.

It is our belief that these children will become the future leaders of Guatemala and will make significant improvements to the country by applying the Christian principles they are learning in our home.

**Where: Right outside of Guatemala City in San Bartolome Milpas Atlas**

## **What: Daily Schedule**

**Morning: Spend time w/ babies and children not in school (games, crafts). Possible work projects - painting, building, cleaning, helping in kitchen)**

**Afternoon: VBS activities with children (bible stories, worship)  
Carnival with children (games, crafts)  
Sports (usually with older children)**

**Evening: Debrief about the day/ family devotional time**

## **Q&A**

### **May my family participate if I'm a single parent?**

YES! We welcome families of all shapes and sizes. The dorm that our group is housed does segregate girls and boys. Something to keep in mind if you're a mom or dad with opposite sex child.

### **What does the cost of the trip cover?**

Your trip cost includes airfare, transportation in country, meals, and accommodations during the mission part of the trip.

### **Will we have rest days/ sight-seeing days?**

YES! Your family should budget \$150 for hotel cost and keep in mind additional funds needed for meals and activities – this part of the trip will be your financial responsibility.

### **Can I send my child alone on this trip/ can we take a cousin or neighbor along with us?**

Because this trip is focused on family members serving the world together we will not approve children on this trip without their parent's participation. If you would like to make a special request please contact the trip leaders.

### **What's the weather like?**

There have been trips where we all wore shorts; it may rain a good portion of the time so bringing a rain jacket is a good idea. LAYER UP and check the weather the week before you leave.

### **Do we need special shots or medicine?**

No special shots are required. According to the CDC everyone should have their routine vaccines up to date. For a full list of potential vaccines go to <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> . It is ultimately up to you, and how closely you would like to follow these guidelines.