

GUATEMALA (FAMILY)

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When: July 23-30, 2020

Purpose: Serve the children at Casa Aleluya orphanage through a week of music, games, crafts, sports, and Bible stories. This is a family trip for children six years and older.

Cost: \$1200 per family member

Leader: Janna and David Ellen

About Casa Aleluya: Children's home cares for and raises around 400 orphaned, abused, and mistreated children. Through housing, feeding, and education, Casa Aleluya is able to teach them about the unconditional love of Jesus.

Q: Do I need a passport/visa?

A: You must have a valid passport through January of 2021 (six months after the trip). Getting a new passport can take up to eight weeks, so if you do not have one, begin that process as soon as possible. A visa is not required to enter Guatemala.

Q: Do I need any specific immunizations?

A: It is recommended that individuals have routine vaccines, Hep. A, and Typhoid. For more information and specific recommendations, visit www.cdc.gov/travel.

Q: What does trip preparation look like?

A: Your trip leader will schedule and host six team meetings prior to the trip. These meetings are required and beneficial for team-building, safety, and spiritual/cultural preparedness.

Q: Where will we stay and what should I wear?

A: We will stay in a large dormitory on the Casa Aleluya property. Bring layers, as the weather can get warm during the day, but cools off at night and there is a high probability of rain.

Q: What does a typical day look like?

A: Flexibility is key. However, a typical day will include spending time with the children, leading activities such as games, crafts, music, sports, and Bible stories. You may also participate in various service projects throughout the facility. Each day will include time for individual and team devotions, worship, and debriefing.

Q: Do I need to speak Spanish?

A: While speaking Spanish is a plus, it is not required, and you will still be able to communicate with most of the staff and children. Translators will be arranged as needed.

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

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

Q: What does the trip cost include and when is it due?

A: Trip cost includes airfare, lodging, meals, supplies, and transportation. Free-day activities are not covered. Half the cost is due eight weeks before the trip, and the remaining amount is due two weeks prior to

departure. Do not let the trip cost prevent you from going; the trip leader will provide resources for fundraising.