

GUATEMALA (MEN'S)

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When: April 15-19, 2020

Purpose: Spend four days building two simple homes for single-parent families in a rural village.

New for 2020 – Medical mission opportunity! Reach out for more information.

Cost: \$1800

Leader: Bob Looney (bob_looney@yahoo.com)

About the Ministry: We work with Ervin and Sally York, who started Root Cellar ministry, which serves single-parent families in the highlands of Guatemala with healthy

and safe homes. The ministry extends to various parts of the country as they provide physical and medical care.

Q: Do I need a passport/visa?

A: You must have a valid passport through October of 2021 (six months after the trip). Getting a new passport can take up to eight weeks. A visa is not required.

Q: Do I need any specific immunizations?

A: Updated routine vaccines, Hep. A, and Typhoid. For more specific suggestions, 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 the town of Chichicastenango, approximately three hours from Guatemala City, at Hotel Santo Tomas. Temperatures have been very nice on recent trips, in the 50s-80s degrees F. Rain gear is also recommended.

Q: What does a typical day look like?

A: On day one, we will fly into Guatemala City and then drive three hours to Chichicastenango. On day two and three, we will build two homes. Day four we will wrap up work, sight-see, or go coffee tasting. Day five, we will travel home.

Q: Do I need to have any special tools or skills?

A: No special tools or skills are required! We will be using power equipment to cut boards, then nailing them up with hammers. However, due to the high altitude and nature of the work, men must be able to lift 40 pounds and walk on inclines through rocky terrain if necessary.

Q: Do I need to speak Spanish?

A: While speaking Spanish is a plus, it is not required. Your hosts speak Spanish and can translate as needed.

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. \$1200 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.