

Nicaragua Youth Mission 2018 Preparation Meeting



Purpose of Our Mission

What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

James 2:14-17

Our purpose is to contribute to improving the standard of living of the Nicaraguans as well as provide an opportunity for a life-changing experience for missionaries.



Where Are We Going?



Travel Requirements

- Passports
 - Must be valid for 6 months after trip
 - Applications should have been submitted already
- Highly Recommended Vaccinations/Medications
 - Tetanus booster if necessary
 - Hepatitis A and B
 - Malaria pills
 - Cipro
 - Travelmedicineclinic.net (Los Gatos)
- Fingerprints and Safe Environment Training
 - Adults need to be fingerprinted
 - Everyone needs Safe Environment Training
 - Katie Metzger to coordinate



Safety

- Safety is the #1 priority
- Travel groups
 - Travel days will be lead by travel leaders
 - Critical to follow instructions and stay together
- Stay on-property as much as possible
 - Youth not allowed off-property without a chaperone



Requirements of Youth

- Review and comply with the code of conduct
 - You agreed to it when you registered
- Highlights
 - Cannot leave Amigos property or worksite without a chaperone
 - No purpling; opposite sex not allowed in the other's dorm for any reason
- Always follow instructions of trip leadership



Requirements of Chaperones

- Review and comply with the code of conduct
- Act as travel leaders
 - Lead travel groups to/from Nica
 - Keep track of youth at work sites and in Chinandega
- Facilitate experience for the youth



Travel Logistics

- Meet at Holy Spirit at 8pm, Friday, 6th
 - Bus departs for SFO at 9pm sharp
- Divide up into travel groups
 - Stay with your group!
- SFO to San Salvador, San Salvador to Managua
- Bus ride to Las Peñitas; hang, eat
 - Bring swimsuit, change of clothes, towel
- Bus ride to Chinandega in the evening



Flight Details

- To Nica
 - AV561 departure from SFO at 1:30am July 7th
 - AV6642 arrival in MGA at 9:35am July 7th
- From Nica
 - AV6643 departure from MGA at 5:30pm July 14th
 - AV560 arrival in MGA at 12:15am July 15th



Theme: Bright Spots

- Someone who shines because of the light they are producing
- Finding the Bright Spots in communities
 - How people are drawn to them
- How can we be Bright Spots?



Accommodations

- Gated Compound
- Men's and Women's dormitories
 - Bunk beds in a big open space
- Separate rooms available for married couples
- Dining hall for meals
- Rancho for gatherings



Meals

- Breakfast
 - At the compound
 - Cereal, eggs, gallopinto, fruit, yogurt
- Lunch
 - At the worksite
 - PB&J
- Dinner
 - At the compound
 - Assorted dishes, always with gallopinto 😊
- If you have dietary restrictions, see me



Weather

- Tropical: hot and humid
- High 80's, low 90's during the day
- High 70's at night
- 90% humidity
- Rain likely



Me, First Trip...Where's my goatee???



- I hacked it off with a safety razor because it was so stinking hot 😊
- One of the rare times anyone has seen me clean-shaven

Water

- Being properly hydrated is critical to staying healthy
 - Prepare to drink tons of water while there
 - Bring a refillable water bottle of at least 32 oz with you to use all week (e.g. hydroflask of similar)
- You MUST NOT arrive in Nica dehydrated
- Get hydrated before the trip
 - A few weeks before departure, start drinking extra water
 - Target half your body weight in ounces per day
 - Example: If you weight 120 lbs, drink 60 oz per day (more if you are physically active)
- Take this seriously!
 - People's entire trips have been ruined by dehydration



A Typical Week

- Saturday → Vijil beach house in Las Peñitas
- Sunday → Climb a volcano
- Monday, Tuesday → Community work
- Wednesday → Special activity
- Thursday, Friday → Community work
- Saturday → Travel home
- Devotional and small group discussions morning and evening



Service Opportunities

- To paraphrase John Bland:
“The work will always get done. It’s the human contact and the relationships that are the most important.”
- Examples
 - Digging and/or construction
 - Education
 - Working with children at the school, art projects, etc.
 - Medical for those with medical training
 - Family visits
- Specific activities depends on which community we’re working in



Cerro Negro



Building a “Modern Kitchen”



Digging



The Stretch Limo



Q&A



Thank You!

