

Nicaragua Junior High/Family Mission Trip **April 2-11, 2011 - Frequently Asked Questions**



Who is this trip for?

This Mission Trip is for children/youth and one or both parents. If at least one parent does not come, the desire is for another adult to come along with that child.

Who will be leading this trip?

Pastor Andy Wright will be leading and is searching for a co-lead to work alongside with.

How much does the trip cost?

The cost varies based on airfare. With current rates the cost of the trip will be about \$1450 per person. The cost can still go up or down.

Does the church help with any costs?

Yes, there is a \$250 scholarship for 1st time mission participants available upon application. Download the form from: www.nsb.org/serve/global/short-term-trips.

This team will also be doing some fundraising and support-letter writing to help with expenses.

If I am going when do I have to pay?

There is a deposit of \$100 per person that must be paid when you turn in your application. Applications and deposit need to be turned in by January 16th, 2011.

The balance of your trip needs to be paid by March 25, 2011.

Who should the checks be made out to?

All checks should be made out to Northshore Baptist Church. The memo lines must be kept blank. A sticky note can be used to identify to whom it is to be credited and the purpose of the check.



What if something happens and I can't make the trip, can I get my money back?

All Monies are non-refundable.** Northshore Baptist Church is a nonprofit organization; to maintain that status **all monies are non-refundable.

Is there any special training that I need to take?

Yes, on January 22, 2011 there is an all day Short-Term Mission training that takes place here at Northshore Baptist Church from approximately 9-3:30; details will be provided later.

What paperwork must I fill out to go on this trip?

Download the form from: www.nsb.org/serve/global/short-term-trips.

What documents do I need for a trip to Nicaragua?

Everyone traveling to Nicaragua needs a valid passport. If you have a minor traveling with you without one or both of their parents then you must have a Notarized Affidavit of Permission

Do I need to get any special vaccines or medications to travel to Nicaragua?

Everyone is encouraged to speak to their family doctor for medical recommendations concerning vaccines and medications. Below you will find the Immunization Information from the State Department.

Dengue fever is endemic in Nicaragua. Currently, no vaccine or specific medication is available to prevent or treat dengue fever. Malaria is endemic in the Atlantic coast region and anti-malarial medication should be taken before and after travel to this region. Travelers are advised to take a prophylactic regimen best suited to their health profile. No prophylaxis anti-malarial medication is required for Managua and the Pacific coast region. For both dengue fever and malaria, the best prevention is the use of insect repellent containing DEET, and wearing protective clothing and bed-nets to prevent mosquito bites.



Tap water is not considered safe in Nicaragua. All persons should drink only bottled water.

Individuals traveling to Nicaragua should ensure that all their routine vaccinations are up to date. Vaccinations against Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, rabies and typhoid are strongly recommended. Travelers taking prescription medications should bring an adequate supply with them when coming to Nicaragua. Many newer combination medications are not available in local pharmacies.

Where will we be staying and what will the accommodations be like?

The group stays at Michael and Sue Buzbee's property which is located just outside of Managua. The accommodations are similar to dormitory or camp style. We keep families together and if we have single adults then they are placed in gender appropriate housing.

What will we eat during our stay?

The majority of meals are eaten at the Buzbee's place. There are cooks hired by the Buzbees to cook for teams. They are accustomed to our sensitivities and offer traditional Nicaraguan cuisine in addition to more common U.S. fare.

What will we be doing in Nicaragua during our trip?

We'll have a tentative schedule as it gets closer, but our current plans are for working in the school, some community service, running a 1-day program three times at three church plant locations, serving meals, visiting the local church, and more.

Scheduled Team Meetings: *(more information to come)*

Training: Saturday, January 22nd from 9-3:30pm

Team Meetings: Sundays for 2 hours on January 30th, February 13th, March 6th

