



Guatemala Mission Trip

August 2026

Fact Sheet

The Mission: We will have a vbs and children's activities at Light of the World School, home visits with sponsor kids, work project & install wood/cooking stoves in homes.

Team Profile: We are hoping for a team of up to 20 people with a variety of ages and skill sets. (We need a minimum of 10 people, max is 20)

Trip Date: August 7th to 14th, 2026

Cost: Approx. \$2,000 per person for 7 days (includes your plane ticket & all in country costs.)

Important Dates/Info:

- Application and \$500 deposit is due by May 3rd, 2026
- \$1,000 is due June 14th 2026, balance due July 12th, 2026.
- Required Training Dates: **Sunday morning's from 8:00 am-9:00 am on May 3, June 14, July 12 & packing night Wed. Aug 5, 6:30**
- **We will meet at the Church Office**
- **If you do not have a passport, apply for one right away as it typically takes about 6 weeks. If you do have one double check that it is not expired. (must be valid not less than 6 months from date of travel)**

Important Requirements:

- Physical Requirements – Must be able to walk long distances without assistance, be able to handle multiple pieces of luggage. (Consider the altitude is 6,000 ft)
- Immunizations – Check with your primary care physician about recommendations.
- Valid Passport (must be valid not less than 6 months from date of travel)
- All Training dates are required.
- Anyone under 18 should contact Lisa Satrum to determine eligibility.



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Application: Due May 3, 2026

Name (As appears on Passport): _____

Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone hm: _____ cell: _____

Occupation/School: _____ Age: _____

1) Please briefly explain your spiritual journey and any significant points along the way. (Whether your journey is just beginning or has been going on for a long time)

2) What is drawing you to join this mission trip?

3) What are any fears or concerns you have regarding the trip?

4) Please list any previous experiences you have had, talents or gifts that might add to the mission, (examples: play any instruments, singing, speak Spanish, translating, construction, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, public speaking, organizing, cooking, medical background, computer work, counseling, etc.)

5) Do you have any medical conditions that might limit your abilities while you are on the trip?

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Missionary Contract

It is important that you clearly understand the commitment involved in such a worthy endeavor. Below is a list of requirements that one must complete in order to join our mission to Guatemala. Please carefully read each requirement below before initialing. You will be held accountable to fulfill each item in its entirety. If for some reason you are unable to initial an item, please explain why. Please initial each line below.

- ___ I will be on time and participate in all of the training sessions.

- ___ I understand that a non-refundable \$500.00 deposit is due at the time of application and am responsible for either raising support for or paying for the rest of the trip. Any extra money received from supporters above the cost of the trip will go towards other costs.
- ___ I understand I must apply for my passport if I don't already have it.

- ___ I understand if I need to pull out of the trip, I will be responsible for all costs incurred up to that point.

- ___ I understand that Foothills runs background checks on all team participants, (18 and older) and will fill out the form below.

- ___ As International Missions are physically demanding I understand I need to be in good enough health to be able to participate with the team and ministry. (Be able to walk up to a mile at a time & be able to lift 20 lbs. The elevation where we are at is 6,000 ft)

- ___ I understand that by going on this mission trip I am representing both Jesus and Foothills Church, and need to conduct my life and behavior before, during, and after the trip in a way that brings God honor and glory. We all struggle with various sins (pride, gossip, drunkenness, slander, sexual sins, not walking in love, etc.), however, if your sins start negatively affecting the advancement of the kingdom you may disqualify yourself from participating on this mission. So before you gossip, before your pride makes a mess of things, before you, post that picture of yourself drunk on Facebook, before you cuss someone out in a parking lot, first consider, what is this doing to my reputation, God's reputation, and the reputation of Foothills.

- ___ I understand that my involvement in the Guatemala trip involves sacrifice of my time, money, and a commitment to hard work and spiritual growth.

- ___ I will have a positive attitude, work as part of the team and will do what is asked of me to benefit the mission.

- ___ I understand this is a drug free & non-alcoholic trip and I will not drink or buy alcohol on/during any activities associated with the trip. (The trip begins when you arrive at the airport and ends when you leave the airport)

I understand that I must fulfill each item in order to participate in this mission trip and commit myself to the completion of them.

Signature _____ Signature _____
Participant Parent of Minor

DISCLOSURE and AUTHORIZATION – BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

In connection with my application for employment or to serve as a volunteer with **Foothills Community Church** ("Client"), I understand that a "consumer report" and/or "investigative consumer report", as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. § 1681), will be requested by Client for employment or volunteer purposes, whichever is applicable, from Protect My Ministry, Inc., ("Protect My Ministry"), a consumer reporting agency as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act. These reports may include information as to my character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living, whichever are applicable. They may involve interviews with sources such as my neighbors, friends or associates. The report may also contain information about me relating to my criminal history, credit history, driving and/or motor vehicle records, social security number verification, verification of education or employment history, worker's compensation (only after a conditional job offer) or other background checks. Such reports may be obtained at any time after receipt of this Disclosure and Authorization and if I am hired or serve as a volunteer, whichever is applicable, throughout the course of my employment or volunteer service, as permitted by law and unless revoked by me in writing. Client also reserves the right to share my report with any third-party with whom I will be placed to work or volunteer with as a representative of Client. I understand that I have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable amount of time after the receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report to Protect My Ministry, Inc., 14499 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 201 South, Tampa, FL 33618 or 1-800-319-5581. For information about Protect My Ministry's privacy practices, see www.protectmyministry.com.

Acknowledgement and Authorization

By signing below, I authorize Client or its authorized agents to obtain or prepare consumer reports or investigative consumer reports about me. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the federal notice entitled *A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act* and certify that I have read this Disclosure and Authorization as well as the summary document explaining my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Signature

TODAY'S DATE _____

Ministry/Position

Authorized By

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME/INITIAL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SSN

D/L or STATE ID

STATE ISSUED

Phone Number

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

For identification purposes only, please provide FULL DOB: _____

Please list other names used _____

State Consumer Reporting Requirements – Background Investigation

Residents of California and Maine only:

Under state law you have a right to receive a copy of your investigative consumer report and/or consumer credit report, free of charge, if one is requested by Client. By checking the box below a copy of your report will be provided to you at the address you provide on the Disclosure and Authorization.

I wish to receive a copy of any report on me that is requested.

Residents of Massachusetts only:

Under state law you have a right to receive a copy of your investigative consumer report if one is requested by Client. By checking the box below a copy of your report will be provided to you at the address you provide on the Disclosure and Authorization.

I wish to receive a copy of any report on me that is requested.

Residents of Minnesota and Oklahoma only:

Under state law you have a right to receive a copy of your consumer report, free of charge, if one is required by Client. By checking the below box, a copy will be provided to you at the address you provide on the Disclosure and Authorization.

I wish to receive a copy of any report on me that is requested.

Residents of New York only:

Under state law you have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by Client by contacting Protect My Ministry directly. You also acknowledge receipt of a copy of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Law by checking the below box.

I wish to receive a copy of any report on me that is requested.

Residents of Washington State only:

Under state law you have a right to request a copy of the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act's disclosure to consumers (RCW 19.182.070) and a copy of your report by contacting Protect My Ministry directly.

A check of the applicant's criminal history will be made by Foothills Community Church to verify the responses to the preceding questions. I hereby grant Foothills Community Church permission to check civil or criminal records to verify any statement made on this form. By signing this application the applicant grants consent to Foothills Community to conduct a criminal offender record check of all applicants, volunteers, and missionaries working with and or around children. Foothills Community Church reserves the right to assure the utmost safety of all who decide to further their spiritual journey serving on a missionary trip and for those working with and serving around children in any capacity. The applicant who chooses to fill out this application is entitled to review his/her criminal history for inaccurate or incomplete information. Minors who will be traveling and participating on the Guatemala missionary trip will need to have Parental Consent prior to Foothills Community Church conducting a criminal background check and traveling with the team.

PLEASE ANSWER AND THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever been convicted, participated in, been accused, or pleaded guilty/no contest to abuse or any sex-related crime? YES ____ NO ____ If YES, was the conviction in Oregon or another State? (Please specify if another state.) State: _____ if YES, did the crime involve minors? YES ____ NO ____
2. Have you ever been convicted, participated in, been accused, or pleaded guilty/no contest of a crime involving violence or threat of violence? YES ____ NO ____ if YES, was the conviction in Oregon or another State? (Please specify if another state.) State: _____
3. Have you ever been convicted, accused, or pleaded guilty/no contest to any other crime except a minor traffic violation? (Includes Traffic Crimes) YES ____ NO ____
4. Have you been arrested within the last three years for a crime for which there has not yet been an acquittal or dismissal? YES ____ NO ____ if you marked "YES" to any of the above questions please explain in detail the nature of the conviction:

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this notice and hereby give Foothills Community church the authority to look into and verify all information on this application as well as, consent to a full and complete background check to serve and travel on the Guatemala Missionary Trip. **Please see attached criminal background application for a summary of your rights under the Fair Credit and Reporting Act.**

Applicant's Signature _____ Signature (Parent or Minor) _____



Vision

Our vision is to help fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Discipleship means being fruitful in our lives (John 15:8). Our focus then is on developing fruitfulness in team members in two ways: first, by proclaiming the love of Jesus to the people of Guatemala in word and action (by what we do), and second, by providing opportunities for personal growth into Christ-likeness through the experience of service, teamwork, reflection and bible study (by who we are).

House Rules

El Faro does not want to impose undue rules on groups using the facility. We hope groups will willingly maintain biblical moral standards and exhibit the behaviors and attitudes of courtesy, consideration, teamwork, respect and encouragement. However, we do have certain standards that we feel help us present a Christian witness in the community. We therefore ask that group leaders inform the group and monitor the following:

1. There is to be no consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs while staying at El Faro.
2. Rooms for males and females are to be kept strictly segregated (except for families - we have some rooms available for husband and wife (and children) who want a separate room.)
3. Leaders are to assure that team meal tasks (setting/serving, clearing tables and doing dishes) are organized and completed.
4. Dress is to be modest. Guys wear shirts, girls wear shorts of medium and tops that are not too low or too tight. No bathing suits on campus. When working in the Guatemalan community, standards may be even more conservative (ex. No shorts). The final say on matters of dress lies with the Fuego Staff.

I _____ (team member) agree to maintain these above standards.

_____ (signed)

Allergies and Medical

Please inform us as early as possible about any serious food allergies. El Faro cannot provide alternate meals for every situation, so team members are encouraged to bring their own alternate food supply as a supplement. Please note allergies or special considerations here.

Note: also bring all medications as we may not be able to fulfill prescriptions while here.
All medical expenses incurred while in Guatemala are the responsibility of the team member or organization.

Waiver Agreement

I _____, hereby release El Faro, its employees, agents, directors, officers, instructors, advisors and chaperones of and from all claims, actions, causes of actions, damages, and any liability whatsoever, in or arising out of the activities, travel, living conditions or curriculum of El Faro, and furthermore do hereby expressly covenant and agree to indemnify and hold forever harmless El Faro, its employees, agents, directors, officers, instructors, advisors and chaperones against all loss from any and all future claims, demands or actions that may hereafter and at any time be made or brought against El Faro, its employees, agents, directors, officers, instructors, advisors or chaperones by the participant or by anyone else on his/her behalf for the purpose of enforcing a future claim for damages or on account of any illness, bodily injury or death sustained in connection with or in consequence of the participant living at or working with El Faro or living in Guatemala generally. I acknowledge that El Faro will be acting as host only and will not be responsible for any illness affecting the participant or any illegal acts committed by the participant while in Guatemala, and that El Faro cannot and will not be responsible for any loss or injury sustained by the participant as a result of natural disaster, war, riot, terrorism or civil unrest.

Also, I acknowledge that I understand the risk of travel to and in Guatemala. Specifically that driving on Guatemala roads pose risks beyond those experienced in North America, and that laws and regulations and driving practices are different than North American standards.

I have executed this Release this ___ day of _____, 20__.

(team member or parent (guardian) of person under 18 years of age.) (signed)