EL SALVADOR SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP FAQs
July 29 – August 7, 2027

When are applications due?
The deadline for applications is **January 31, 2026.** The application and liability release form are available at crossofglory.church/missions.

What is the cost of the trip?
$2000
A deposit of $1000 is due **February 28, 2026**.
Final payment of $1000 is due **May 23, 2026**.

What does the cost of the trip include?
Airfare
Baggage Fees
Transportation to the airport from Cross of Glory
Transportation in El Salvador
Lodging
All meals in El Salvador
Ministry Supplies

What does the cost of the trip NOT cover?
Passport
Immunizations
Souvenirs
Travel Meals/Snacks

What if I don't think I can afford the trip?
Please contact Pastor Charlie (charlie.handren@crossofglory.church) or the missions team (missions@crossofglory.church). We can help with fundraising, support letters, and discuss potential scholarship opportunities.

What will we do?
We will come alongside the local church to provide outreach to their community as well as encouragement to church members and leaders. Our plans include VBS, youth outreach, and light construction work. All plans are subject to change, and flexibility is key.

Can children participate?
Yes! Minors are encouraged to participate, but they must be accompanied by an adult family member or legal guardian. Serving with your kids is an AMAZING way to impact their life.

Where will we stay?
Accommodations will be at a hotel.

Do we have to boil the water or bring bottled water?
We will have access to bottled water throughout the trip.

What are the COVID restrictions for entering another country? Do they require proof of vaccination and/or face masks?
COVID tests and/or proof of vaccination are NOT required prior to traveling or for returning to the US. Currently, there are no mask mandates for the flights or within the country.

Do I need to speak Spanish?
Speaking Spanish is helpful but not necessary. We typically have multiple people on the trip that are able to translate for non-Spanish speakers.

How many preparatory meetings will there be before the trip?
There will be 5-6 preparatory meetings for the trip. During these meetings we will pray, plan lessons, crafts, service projects, and other things. Dates are TBD, contact Pastor Charlie for more information (charlie.handren@crossofglory.church).

Will we have any free time?
There is typically free time built into the schedule but we also want to take full-advantage of the short time we will have in country.

Is El Salvador safe?
Presently, El Salvador is the most stable and safe country in Central America. International travel, however, always comes with some risk.

Are there any focus areas for prayer ahead of the trip?

- Pray that our team will encourage the Pastor and his family, the church, and the broader Christian community.
- Pray for miracles of healing and provision for the church and the community.
- Pray that the community will open their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ as we share the gospel.
- Pray that Jesus will greatly impact every person from our team.
- Pray that Jesus will continue to grant passion and wisdom for global missions to Cross of Glory.