

Who are we working with?

- CCCG (Centro Cristiano Cultural de Guatemala) is a local church in Guatemala City making a difference in the lives of people in their own country by taking care of their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.
- Founded over 35 years ago by a group of young people
- Believe that change for their country comes when they invest in the next generation.
- Two Mission outposts covering 15 rural villages (Rio Dulce & Monterrico)
- Missional Church - members are active in serving
- CCCG has been hosting teams for over 20 years from North America and Europe
- One small group from the church attends one mission team the entire week they are in Guatemala (neat relationships happen that way).



What you need to know

Passports - \$145 (total four a new passport). 4-6 weeks.

- You can apply online through the State Department Website.
- Not a hard process, just thorough.
- If you have a passport, MUST BE CURRENT AT TIME OF TRIP!

Shots

- Hep A
- Be up to date on Tetanus
- Malaria pills.
- ** this varies, but some PCP's recommend typhoid.
 - All of this stuff you can ask your PCP about.

Safety

- We will ALWAYS be well-taken care of
- Our hosts are very familiar with the responsibilities of hosting North American and European teams.
- We are never taken to places that we shouldn't be in.
- We will have a solid safety plan in place before we go. This plan also depends on the number of people we take, and what CCCG will recommend.

Food & Accommodations

- Food is always prepared with "us" in mind
- Hunger is never/has never been a problem.
- Our hosts know how to prepare food safely.
- We typically eat at a fast food restaurant once or twice that, again, is very safe.
- We will probably eat at least one meal at the Church in Guatemala City.
 - Again, they know how to prepare food safely.
- Accommodations are very adequate. We are:
 - comfortable
 - safe
 - and in an area where we can relax.
 - We will be in bunk-style rooms.
 - One big room with bunk beds for girls.
 - One similar for guys.
 - Bathrooms and showers attached to each bunk room

Communication

- For our trip, AT THE VERY LEAST - Aaron will have an international cell phone plan.
- **Typically**, we have access to wifi at some point every day.
- For multiple reasons, we will safely stow student's cell phones away upon arrival in country. When we have available wifi and when it's appropriate in our schedule, students may facetime/skype/call home & friends.
 - o Students sometimes do not understand international phone plans/charges. (Aaron has seen many expensive mistakes made when students have access to phones internationally).
 - o It's important that students spend time with one another, and not be on devices)
 - o Aaron (and likely another adult) will always be reachable.

Dates

- June 15 - 22nd.
- Saturday - Saturday
 - o These are approximate until we purchase plane tickets. Give or take one day.
 - o it's very important to me that we try to be in church in Guatemala to experience worship with CCCG. It will be a highlight of our trip.

(Real) Cost of the trip: \$1300

- Approx \$700 for a plane ticket.
- \$65 per person per day in Guatemala (includes everything) = \$520
- About \$20 per person of insurance

As of November 2019, our trip cost per person is \$950.

Fundraisers

- At least one big fundraiser in the spring.
- Yardsale money earned for students
- Some have already asked about support letters. Individually = okay. Not as a group. I can even help with a template letter.

Schedule for the week

Saturday - Flight Day. Welcome at the church in Guatemala City. Overnight at a hostel. (Gated community)

Sunday - Church in the morning. Then travel to Rio Dulce by bus.

Monday - Wednesday - Work in morning/ Village in Afternoon.

Thursday - Village in the morning / travel back to Guatemala City in the afternoon.

Friday - Recap day - excursion in Antigua (colonial city).

Saturday - Early flight home.