

Resurrection Acts 1:8 Missions (RAM) — *International*

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Houston, in all Texas and the USA, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 adapted

MOBILITY MISSION TEAM—June 9-17, 2018

Hosting Organization: Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC)
www.churchthatcares.org
Central American Lutheran Mission Society
www.calms.org
Hope Haven International (Guatemala)

Location: Coban, Capital of the Department of Alta Verapaz in central Guatemala.

Guatemala borders Mexico, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador, and has coasts on the Pacific Ocean (south) and the Caribbean Sea (north). Coban is a highland city in Guatemala’s central cardamom- and coffee-growing region. Because of its elevation at 4,331 feet, the average temperature in June is 80°F - 63°F, with 31% chance of rain. Over the course of a year, the temperature typically varies from 53°F to 81°F and is rarely below 48°F or above 86°F.

Particulars:

Service Opportunities:

Our main objective is to host a wheelchair clinic where we will adapt wheelchairs to the needs of the recipients and share the love of Jesus Christ with all Monday - Friday. We arrive on Saturday, June 9, in order to transport our team the 136 miles to Coban from the airport in Guatemala City (around 4 to 5 hours driving due to road conditions) and settle in to our hotel, meet our partner teams and attend orientation of the week’s activities. On Sunday, June 10, we will attend church and spend most of the day at the clinic venue organizing, cleaning and preparing the wheelchairs so we are ready to begin seating early Monday morning. The municipality of Coban will transport recipients in from many local villages daily. Many recipients are of Mayan descent and speak only the Quechi dialect. We will have local pastor volunteers and social service workers to help with translation.

Lodging:

Lodging will be in local hotels. CALMS along with Hope Haven and the Municipal officials of Coban will work together to make all arrangements to keep the Teams safe and cared for while in-country.

Meals & Transportation Included:

Our fees include room, meals, and local transportation. There are additional fees for extracurricular activities/trips on our free day (Saturday).

Sign up by: February 28, 2018

Sign up begins Sunday, February 4th, Please contact Pastor Ted or Pastor Steve for application and information.

The Mobility Mission Team is limited to 18 participants.

\$100 Deposit Due:

With application; no later than **February 28, 2018**

Team Training Meetings Required:

Mid-March through June (dates to be determined by Mobility Team)

Total Trip Cost per Participant (to be paid individually by participants)

\$1600 Fundraisers and donation request letters are encouraged to reduce cost to individuals

Individual balance due by May 1, 2018

Central American Lutheran Mission Society (Connecting and Advancing Leaders in Mission and Service)**Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to be an effective participant and partner in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission to all races and cultures within Central America and the Caribbean and to connect US mission leaders to strategic mission and service opportunities in order to advance God's work.

What they hope to accomplish is a growing number of confident and competent leaders (lay and ordained) in Central America, the Caribbean, and the United States, who are actively involved in serving the needs of their communities and sharing their Christian faith with lost people. They also expect growing and healthy missionary churches and institutions (schools, hospitals, community leaders, homes for the aged, etc) willing and able to serve effectively to the glory of God. And they expect healthy partnerships that benefit both North American and Central American churches/institutions and their members and help them work more effectively.

Hope Haven Guatemala:**Mission Statement:**

With the help of God, Asociacion Refugio de Esperanza, will better the opportunities for people who need a wheelchair, it is not just about being taken from one place to another, but instead we try to give a tool that will supply the functions lost or that were never there in the individual because of congenital or acquired injuries, thus being able to reach their dreams, goals, dignity, and responsibility and integration to society through mobility.

HH wants to transform the lives of wheelchair users offering them opportunities to complete their dreams, desires, abilities, insertion society, integrating them without any discrimination, through respect for individuality and mobility that a wheelchair can provide.

Wheelchair Collections:

Resurrection Lutheran Church is one of the mobility device collection centers in the USA for **Hope Haven, World Access Project and Joni & Friends**. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches in any condition (even parts) are collected at the church and shipped to refurbishing centers for future distribution to the poor in many locations around the world. Wheelchairs can cost more than a year's wages and would be impossible to own in many countries. They are given free to those encountered by these organizations. Please be on the lookout for any unused mobility devices that can be brought to the church and recycled to those in need. Donation receipts can be given from the church. Contact the church office or our **Collections Team Leaders**: Jack Waters and Kirby Reep for more info or to join the Collections Team.