

Potential Mission Trip Participants Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in our upcoming mission trip to Nicaragua. For all who participate, it will be a life-changing experience!

The Mission Team will leave the airport in March, 2018 and travel to the town of Limon along the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere after Haiti. Poverty is largely a rural problem in Nicaragua, although there are pockets of poverty in the capital, Managua, and in other urban areas. Close to half (43 per cent) of the people in Nicaragua live in rural areas. Two out of three of them (68 per cent) struggle to survive on little more than US \$1 per day.

Poor people in rural areas face many constraints, including physical isolation, fragile ecosystems, difficult access to land and other natural resources, low productivity of soils, obstacles to market access and lack of public services such as education and health and legal services.

Nicaragua is the largest country in Central America. The country is bordered by Honduras to the north and Costa Rica to the south.

Most families struggle to provide for a family of 4 or more. Many of the children suffer from being anemic from the lack of proper nutrition. Running water is a luxury that very few have and if they do it has parasites.

Some of the projects include:

- *Helping develop a community hub in the town of Tambo. This will be a place where the community comes together to learn, worship, help, or get helped.*
- *If medical professionals go we will work with developing a future clinic that offers health education and medical needs.*
- *Put in a new concrete floor for a local community center*
- *There is no access to fresh foods. Once a week a pick up truck drives through with fresh vegetables. We want to develop community gardens that the locals use to not only provide for family, but create an income by selling to the community what they don't use.*

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- *Run mini VBS programs at the local church. In addition to our work we will enjoy several recreational activities and do a little touring around and experiencing the culture.*

In the packet that you can download from the youth ministry website (www.youthoftheforest.org) consent forms, application form, and medical forms. The consent and medical forms need to be filled out and returned to the church office and need to be notarized by WITHIN A MONTH OF YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION. Please carefully read and fill out all questions and information.

There will be a \$105.00 non-refundable deposit due AT THE TIME YOU REGISTER FOR THE TRIP ONLINE for each person going on this mission trip. You MUST pay ONLINE at that time or your registration will not be counted. This will go towards the total cost and reserves your airline ticket. The total price of the trip is \$1300. s

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the mission trip team.

Sincerely,

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