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NICARAGUA

STUDENT MISSION TRIP

TRIP DATES:

JULY 11-17TH

ARE YOU GOING?

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 25TH

NICARAGUA STUDENT MISSION TRIP 2026

WELCOME



We are really excited that you have considered participating in our student mission trip. The following is a brief overview that covers all that is required. This booklet has everything you need to know including dates, costs, training, packing list and much more. Please take a few moments to read over all of the materials enclosed. The better prepared you are, the more you'll be ready for this incredible experience.



HERE WE GO!



TRIP INFO

Location: Nicaragua

Dates: **July 11 - July 17th**

Cost: \$1700 per student

Length: 7 Day/6 Night

NICARAGUA AT A GLANCE

Population: 6,100,000

Religion: Catholic Protestant

Main Languages: Spanish, Creole, English

Climate: Tropical

Location: Nicaragua (Central America)



INCREDIBLE PARTNERSHIP

B7 Students has partnered with Praying Pelican Missions for multiple mission trips (PPM). For over 20 plus years, PPM have very effectively encouraged and assisted local ministries in what they are doing in their communities through out the world. Our B7 Student ministry will work directly alongside local ministries where they can help to meet real and immediate needs in Nicaragua.

HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE?

We are taking students going into 8th grade up through gradating seniors. (Students must be going into the 8th grade this summer up through already graduating seniors.) Rising 7th graders are eligible but evaluated case by case and must have an accompanying parent to be considered.

WHAT DOES THIS TRIP INCLUDE?

This trip cost includes flights, your room and board, meals, and the time of your life. All students and leaders are responsible for personal expenses.

WHAT'S OUR PURPOSE?

We will be serving children, helping others through local communities projects, outreaches, serving students, in churches and local communities developing our gifts and allowing God to reveal Himself to us and through us.

WILL YOUR STUDENT BE SAFE?

Safety is a top priority. Between our B7 Student Staff and our partners at PPM; together we'll ensure your students safety. PPM staff will be with our team for the entire trip and will have access to transportation, cell phones, hospitals, and first aid kits at all times. B7 Staff brings our own as well. Our goal has and will continue to be diligent and thorough in our trip preparation. We do ask for your continued prayers before this trip, during the trip and in our return from the Nicaragua.

WHAT DOES MISSION TRIP PREPARATION LOOK LIKE?

We will have MANDATORY trip meetings starting with orientation on **May 17th**. Together as a group, we'll prepare your student for this amazing life changing experience. Some of the areas of preparation includes destination studies, personal focus areas and devotions along with a bootcamp prior to the trip. B7 Students will undergo a cultural sensitivity training for traveling internationally as well. **Confirmed weekly training dates for our mission trip will be sent after your student is officially registered.**

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WILL I BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH MY STUDENT WHILE HE/SHE IS AWAY?

Yes, you will be able to communicate but on a very limited bases. We will have limited communication while there.

WILL FUNDRAISING BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS MISSION TRIP?

Everyone is expected to raise their own support for the mission trip. We will provide templates of sample fundraising letters and other resources during our trip orientation.

***ESSENTIALS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE:

- If you don't have a passport yet; you must apply for one IMMEDIATELY! This is absolutely required to travel and secure your spot on the trip. There are no exceptions. *(Please read through the "Applying for a Passport" section for more details.)*
- **PARENTS** - We encourage you to schedule an appointment with your student's primary care physician to ensure that your student is fit to travel and up to date with the required vaccinations for traveling to Central America.
- **PARENTS** - Insurance coverage is MANDATORY for your student to travel. Contact your insurance company to ensure your coverage extends outside the US border. Supplemental plans are available at a minimal cost for the duration of the trip. *(Ask your insurance company for a referral if they do not cover in this capacity.)*
- **PARENTS** - Students will be required to submit a Parent Permission Form by both living parents along with a Liability Release Form. Both forms require notarization. These forms will be included on our website for download.

WHAT IF I WANT TO SERVE AS A LEADER OR CHAPERONES ON THIS TRIP?

- Young adults, alumni of the B7 and adults outside of the ministry are welcome to serve with us.
- If you desire to be a leader on this trip and chaperone during this incredible time, email our student pastor Micah Billingsley at micah@bridgeway.tv. You will be required to complete a background check to ensure eligibility with ministering with and to minors.
- Include in your email the following: An introduction, your age, and a 2-3 paragraph description of why you would like to be considered.
- The aim on our mission trip is to establish a cohesive, intimate group as we develop the heart and mentality of becoming bridges in our world.



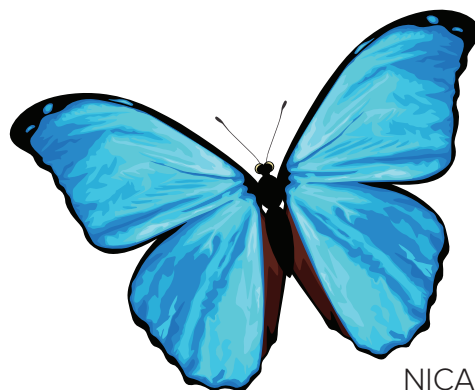
FEE SCHEDULE

TOTAL TRIP FEE PER PERSON	\$1700.00
March 25, 2026	Registration Opens
Non-Refundable Deposit	\$400.00
INDIVIDUAL TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE:	
April 19, 2026	\$350.00
May 17, 2026	\$350.00
June 7, 2026	\$350.00
June 28, 2026	\$250.00
JULY 11-17, 2026	\$0

*****IMPORTANT:** Your regular and timely communication is paramount to the success of this process. Monthly installments are suggested. However, you have the freedom to increase the amounts or pay in full.

We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

All CHECK PAYMENTS are to be made payable to BRIDGEWAY CHURCH.



WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHING

- Dress clothes for church (2-3)
- Work project clothes
- Other ministry clothes (7-10)
- Lightweight sleepwear
- Undergarments
- Swimwear (one-piece for ladies)
- Socks
- Closed-toe/tennis shoes
- Dress shoes

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL NEEDS

- Passport and copy of passport
- Flight information
- Intended address in foreign country
- Medical information and insurance card

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Medications
- Pepto-Bismol and Imodium
- Bug spray
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer
- Sunscreen/sun block
- Sunburn medication and lotion
- Bath towel and/or beach towel
- Washcloth
- Laundry bag (*pillow cases work great*)
- Wet wipes
- Personal Snacks
- Spending money/travel meal money
- Comb/brush
- Contacts/contact solution and case
- Glasses/glasses case
- Toiletries
- Razor/shaving cream
- Soap and shampoo
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/floss

MUST-HAVES

- Bible
- Pen
- PPM Handbook/Journal/Pelican Guide
- Water bottle with large opening
- Backpack or small duffel bag

- Hat or baseball cap
- Sunglasses
- Inexpensive watch
- Flashlight
- Ear plugs
- Ziploc baggies (*some gallon & sandwich sizes*)

OTHER ITEMS

- Ministry supplies
- Donated supplies
- Work Gloves
- Safety Goggles

FLOOR SLEEPING NEEDS

- Air mattress and pump
- Sheets
- Pillow
- Personal battery-operated fan with batteries
- Mosquito net



APPLYING FOR A NEW PASSPORT

If this is your first passport application...

COMPLETE FORM DS-11

- You can pick up an application at some USPS locations
- You can complete online then print or download a form online at <http://travel.state.gov/>

YOU'LL NEED PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

- Birth certificate or naturalization documents

YOU'LL NEED PROOF OF IDENTITY

- Like a drivers license

YOU'LL NEED RECENT COLOR PHOTOGRAPH

- Full front view of the face. You can do this at places like Walgreens/CVS

COST - first passport \$25 application fee plus \$110 dollars. (Add \$60 to expedite)

DO NOT SIGN FORM UNTIL YOU ARE WITH THE PASSPORT CLERK.

CALL AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE PASSPORT AGENCY

- o **Pasco County Court House:** Dade City, 14236 6th St Room 201
- o **The Passport Office:** details below
- o **Regional Agency:** Call and ask for our regional agency (1-877-487-2778)
- o **Land O Lakes Post Offices**
- o **USPS.com/passport**

WHAT TO BRING AT YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Appointment confirmation number
- Completed forms
- All required supporting documents
- A major Credit Card, Debit/Check card (not ATM cards), Check, Bank Draft, Cash (Exact Change), or Money Order to cover the application fees

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

ROUTINE PASSPORT SERVICES: The usual waiting time in Land O' Lakes to get your passport is four (8) to eight (11) weeks for routine applications, and two (5) to four (7) weeks for expedited application standard passport or Post Offices. Processing times begin the day application is received at a passport agency or center, not the day it is mailed or applied for at a local acceptance facility. Mail times vary across the country. Plan ahead and apply early. **When sending pay for trackable mail:** Send your application to us via USPS Priority Mail Express and pay an extra \$18.32 for 1-2 day delivery of your completed passport. These services provide the fastest turnaround and protect your important documents.

EXPEDITED PASSPORT SERVICE: The Passport Office offers faster expedited passport service than the standard above process. They provided more direct options but will cost more than what's stated above. You can obtain your passport in under 3-4 weeks following their process. For more information, check out <https://www.thepassportoffice.com/tampa-passport-services.php>. Their physical address in Tampa, FL as follows: 2202 N Westshore Blvd Suite 294, Tampa, FL 33607. You will be required to call and schedule an appointment to begin the process. Their phone number is 813-527-3677. Don't delay.

NEW PASSPORT

TYPICAL SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY TRIP MEETINGS

WHAT TO BRING TO THIS MEETING?

Your lunch, binder, Bible, pen and your good attitude!

1:30 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Worship/Prayer
2:15 PM	Teaching
2:30 PM	Completed Reports
2:45 PM	Destination Study – Team Presentation
3:20 PM	Drama Practice/Team Activity
3:35 PM	Dismissal



TENTATIVE TIMELINE

APPLY FOR PASSPORT ASAP!

March 25	Registration Opens
May 10	Application Deposit and Deadline
May 17	Orientation / Weekly Trip Meeting Destination Study: Culture & Foods
May 24	Weekly Trip Meeting Destination Study: Sports
May 31	Weekly Trip Meeting Destination Study: Economy
June 7	Weekly Trip Meeting Destination Study: Spirituality & Religion
June 14	Weekly Trip Meeting Destination Study: Festivals & Music
June 18	Bootcamp (<i>Details to come</i>) Unique Weekly Trip Meeting Destination Study: Continued
June 21	No Meeting
June 28	Weekly Trip Meeting Destination Study: Politics
July 5	No Meeting
July 6	Special Parent & Student Meeting Monday Night / Food provided
July 11	Departure to Nicaragua
July 17	Return to the USA



TIMELINE

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 25TH

A MINISTRY OF BRIDGEWAY CHURCH



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THEREFORE AND
MAKE **DISCIPLES** OF
ALL THE **NATIONS...**

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