

# HIGH SCHOOL

*Summer mission trip 2010*

*El Salvador*

*June 6th-16th*

*"Therefore Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28: 19- 20*

*JESUS... To All the Nations!*

# Purpose

The purpose of this mission trip is two-fold:

1.) Obviously the main objective is to obey the great commission and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel to a distant country and share the gospel with those who may have never heard.

2) The second objective is to develop a passionate discipleship team. Since we are taking such a small number of students, there are certain criteria that you will have to meet in order to be selected.

A.) **Discipleship**– each participant will be required to make weekly team meetings. Along with trip planning these meetings will include intense Bible study, Scripture memory and evangelism training. We want to be adequately prepared to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to a spiritually dying world.

B.) **Ownership**– each participant will be counted on to take ownership in this trip. The basic principle behind ownership means you are willing to do whatever it takes to pray through and reach our goals. Ownership means knowing that you are being counted on for fundraising, prayer, and Bible study. This is an amazing opportunity, and a privilege to serve our God.

When you are prayerfully considering this trip, we ask that you seriously consider the commitment we are asking you to make.

# Questions

## ***Who Can Go?***

The trip is open to any high-schooler who is active in the WHPC Student Ministry. There will be a limit of 17 students that can attend. Spots are held on a first-come, first-serve basis when your deposit and consent forms are turned in.

## ***Who are we going with?***

We are going to El Salvador with a mission team called “La Casa De Mi Padre”. The President of that organization is a man named Kurt Ackerman. He and his family have been in San Salvador, El Salvador for over 10 years. He and his wife open their home to mission teams all year long. In 2008 the WHPC Senior mission trip was with this organization and we have continued a great relationship with them and are excited to serve with them again. This is a safe and wonderful place to serve in Central America.

## ***Where will we be staying?***

***We will be staying at the Ackerman’s mission home. It is in a gated and secure neighborhood in San Salvador. It has bunk beds and is a very cool place for a team to stay.***

## ***What Kind of Ministry will we be doing?***

Our goal for this trip is to provide our students with a hands-on intense discipleship mission experience. Our team will be going through pre-trip planning, discipleship and training. With this in mind, our focus for this trip is evangelism and relational ministry. The majority of our trip will be focused on sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through programs and outreach. We will have ample opportunities to do this by serving in orphanages, serving the homeless and going into poor villages and putting on Vacation Bible Schools.

# Questions Cont.

## ***Is it safe?***

Absolutely. The first thing we do before considering a location for a mission trip is make sure that the United States recommends traveling there. El Salvador is safe and is a wonderful place to spend time in ministry with such a warm people. As always, anytime we travel outside the U.S. we take many safety precautions to ensure the protection of your student. We are much more confident with the safety of this trip since we have sent a team there recently and know exactly what to expect.

## ***How much money should I bring?***

The trip cost will cover all lodging, meals, fees, etc. Each individual student will need personal money for snacks, drinks and the like. In addition each student may want to bring some money for gifts and souvenirs that they may want to bring home.

## ***How are we getting there?***

We will fly from Austin to San Salvador on June 6th and fly back on June 16th. We are currently making flight arrangements and will give more details as we learn them.

## ***Who can I contact with questions?***

Please feel free to contact Doug Congdon or Melissa Carter anytime with all of your questions or concerns with regards to this mission trip. Please call them at the church (512-327-6133) or e-mail them at [dougc@whpc.org](mailto:dougc@whpc.org) or [melissac@whpc.org](mailto:melissac@whpc.org). Thanks!

# Cost

Obviously a trip of this magnitude is not without its expenses. Part of our desire in taking this trip is to develop student ownership. It is our desire to teach our students that serving the Lord requires work and sacrifice. Under no circumstance do we desire or want parents to pay the entire portion of a student's mission trip. To encourage student ownership and responsibility our Student Ministry has adopted the following mission trip payment suggestions. These suggestions cover all of our mission trips and are very intentional in developing student ownership and responsibility.

Individual Student Cost: **\$1700.00**

## **Student Ministry Payment Suggestions**

**50%-** No more than 50% of a student's mission trip should be paid for by his/her parents. This is not to say that 50% of the payment has to come from the student's parents. This should be worked out by each individual family.

**25%-** Each student is expected to raise support for at least 25% of their mission trip cost. Support raising can come from relatives, friends, etc. Students will receive training in support-raising as part of their mission training.

**25%-** Each student is expected to work for at least 25% of their mission trip cost. Work can include a job, or miscellaneous jobs around the house or neighborhood.

\*While coming up with this much money seems like a daunting task, it actually is quite manageable. We have eight months before we leave and through prayer, hard work, and sacrifice these goals can be reached. Remember we serve a powerful God who will provide in ways that we can't understand or imagine. We need to step out on faith and realize that the God that calls us to go is the God that will provide.

\*\*Although at first glance these payment suggestions seem a little complicated they are actually quite simple, and are designed to teach our students ownership and sacrifice. However these are only suggestions. It is ultimately up to each family to determine how each student's trip is to be paid.

# Count Me In

We have read the packet and understand the commitment necessary for such an intensive trip, and as a family we have made the decision to send \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to El Salvador to tell the world about Jesus Christ. We are excited about this opportunity and will continue to pray over this trip and the team members. **I understand that by signing this agreement we are doing more than holding a spot, we are committing to the trip so that the necessary airfare and trip planning can begin because once airfare is purchased it is non-refundable.** This form is due with your **\$100.00 deposit. Space is Limited**, so the sooner the better!

Jesus to all the Nations!

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please include a \$100.00 deposit with this form. All checks can be payable to WPHC.

\*\*\*Please notice the underlined portion of this commitment sheet. Once you have signed this sheet and airfare has been purchased for your student, you are responsible for that cost.

We are so excited to serve alongside your student!!!

# Fun Facts about El Salvador!

## Full Name

Republic of El Salvador

## Capital City

San Salvador population 2.2 Million

## Area

8,124 square miles

## Population

6.9 million people

## Time Zone

Central

## Languages

Spanish

## Religion

Catholic

## Currency

United States Dollar

## Electricity

115 volts at 60 hertz

## Electric Plug Details

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## Country Dialing Code

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