

**FBCM Guatemala Mission Trip
July 7 -14, 2023**

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OBJECTIVES:

To MINISTER to people. TO MAKE a lifetime IMPACT. To SHARE the love of Christ through relationships. To DISPLAY AND DECLARE the gospel.

PASSPORTS:

Begin the process now if you don't have a passport. If you do have a passport, check the expiration date immediately. Make sure your passport does not expire within 6 months of the trip.

STEP REGISTRATION:

Go online to step.state.gov to enroll in STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program) to be registered with the U.S, Embassy in Guatemala.

POSSIBLE FLIGHTS:

DELTA FLIGHT:

Delta 2593 – Leaving HSV at 5:35 am and arriving in GUA at 11:36 am on July 7

Delta 1831 Leaving GUA at 1:10 pm and arriving in HSV at 10:55 pm on July 14

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Delta 2637 from Nashville at 6:30 am July 7 arriving in GUA at 11:36

Delta 1831 leaving GUA at 1:10 pm and arriving in BNA at 9:02 pm

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UNITED FLIGHT:

United 4299 Leaving HSV at 6:30 am and arriving in GUA at 11:30 am on July 7

United 1903 Leaving GUA at 12:35 pm and arriving in HSV at 9:47 pm on July 14.

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United 740 from Nashville at 6:40 am and arriving in GUA at 11:29 am on July 7

United 1903 leaving GUA at 12:35 pm and arriving in BNA at 8:42 pm on July 14

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HOTELS:

Mission Firefly House (10-12 people)

Additional houses/hotels can be rented as needed.

COSTS:

Flight: (See above)

Hotel/Trip Costs: \$ 350 per person to be paid by June 1 to reserve your spot for the trip.

This will be used to pay your hotel cost, translator, transportation in country , trip insurance, Covid tests in Guatemala, etc.. Make checks payable to Mission Firefly and give to David or Kim or mail to:

Mission Firefly
P.O. Box 793
Hazel Green, AL 35750

Baggage Fees: Depending on the airlines, baggage fees for personal luggage and supply suitcases to be carried by group members.

Money for Food & Shopping/Tours – Bring cash to exchange there or credit/debit cards (approve international travel with your credit cards and banks before travel).

SHOTS/MEDICAL:

Current Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid, Tetanus, MMR, Polio Vaccines. These can be given by Dr. Laura Lee Taylor's office in Hazel Green at a time we set up.

Malaria medication – prescription can also be given by Dr. Taylor if you want it.

Covid Test or Proof of Vaccine – No longer required

CLOTHING/PERSONAL ITEMS

Bring comfortable walking shoes and clothes. You can wear shorts but the people in the village do not wear them – especially the women. Bring a raincoat/light jacket. It might be cool in the mornings and possible rainy in the afternoon. Bring sunscreen, hats, sunglasses – the sun is bright. Bring gloves and small tools needed for water projects. Bring insect repellent. Bring pain reliever and Immodium or Pepto Bismol (also Cipro or Phenegan if you have a prescription. Bring other personal medications in their original containers.

CELL PHONES

You will need to add an international plan with your cell phone carrier. There is internet at the hotel. Be sure to bring your charger.

DRINKING WATER/FOOD:

In Guatemala we only drink bottled water and use bottled water supplied at the hotel for brushing our teeth. We do not eat raw vegetables or fruit that is not peeled. The hotel provides breakfast each morning. We are in the villages for lunch and we eat out for dinner. You can bring snacks with you or buy them there – we usually go to the grocery store each morning.

MEETINGS: We will meet at FBCM at 4:00 on these dates to pray and prepare for our trip: Jan. 29, Feb.26, March 26, April 30. Also On July 5 at 6:00 to pack supplies.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS: VBS, Sponsorship Program and Lunches in San Antonio, Water system installations

LUGGAGE:

We will need each person to take one suitcase with supplies. Please bring an empty suitcase to the church for supplies that need to be packed here on July 5. It can be a personal suitcase or thrift store suitcase – but remember that you will be carrying it. You can leave old suitcases there if you don't want to carry them back. Check the baggage fees for the airline you are traveling on. You will need to pay the baggage fees for the supply suitcase and any personal luggage you take. You can also take carry on items. Be sure to check the TSA restrictions.