

THE WAREHOUSE PRESENTS



**El
Salvador**

2020
MISSION TRIP

9 - 12 GRADE

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JULY 18-26, 2020



General Information and Important Dates

WHO: 9th-12th grade students

WHEN: Saturday, July 18 – Sunday, July 26, 2020

WHERE: San Salvador, El Salvador

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Sunday, January 12, 2020 (or until the trip fills up at 35 students)

Please Note: Students who register and pay any portion of the cost of the trip but then cancel will not be given a refund. You must register and pay the **\$200 by Sunday, January 12**, and all **Mission Trip Paperwork is due on March 17**. However space is limited and the trip is first-come first-serve to the first 35 students who register. If the trip fills, additional students will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if a spot opens.

COST: \$1,300 per person.

- **Included in the price:** Airline ticket, lodging, all of our meals during our time at the mission site in El Salvador and a t-shirt.
- **Not included in price:** Meals and snacks while traveling to and from El Salvador, and cash for souvenirs.

IMPORTANT TENTATIVE DATES: (*All Team Meetings are **required** for students to attend)

Sunday, Nov. 17	12:30 pm	Student & Parent Informational Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 12	1:00 pm	Online Registration and Non-refundable \$200 Deposit Due <i>*Note that space is limited. First-come first-serve.</i>
Sunday, Jan 19	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & Parents Meeting <i>* Both parents (or legal guardians) should come to this meeting to sign a CFCI form in front of our notary</i>
Sunday, Mar. 1	12:30 pm	Team Meeting <i>*Payment of \$550 Due *Copy of Passport Due</i>
Sunday, Apr. 5	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday May 3	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, Jun. 7	12:30 pm	Team Meeting <i>*Remaining Trip Balance Due</i>
Sunday, June 14-19	TBD	Vertical Camp (Mission Trip Drama Team Rehearsals) <i>*Vertical Camp is only a requirement for Drama Team Members</i>

General Information and Important Dates

IMPORTANT TENTATIVE DATES CONTINUED: (*All Team Meetings are **required** for students to attend)

Sunday, July 12	12:30 pm	Team Meeting <i>*Bring Passport (Passports will be collected until students need them at the airport)</i>
Friday, July 17	5:30 pm	Team Meeting (Supplies Packing & Luggage Weigh-in) Bring: <i>Your pre-packed <u>large</u> suitcase to pack additional missions supplies. Please pre-pack only fill half your suitcase and leave the other half for mission supplies/donations.</i>
July 18- July 26	See FAQs	Mission Trip to El Salvador
Wednesday, July 29	7:00 pm	Team Celebration Party

Notes:

**Additional rehearsal meetings will likely be scheduled for those students on the drama team.*

El Salvador Mission Trip Tentative Schedule

July 18-26, 2020

Travel Day: Saturday, July 18 Arrive in San Salvador

Day 1: Sunday, July 19 La Calzada Island Worship Service

Day 2 Monday, July 20 Soccer at *Alta Vista* // English Classes // Work Projects (1 of 3)

- Programming at *Alta Vista* (X2: AM & PM Group)

Day 3 Tuesday, July 21 *La Calzada Island & Pedregal Youth Center* (1 of 2)

- *Half of the mission team goes to the island, the other half goes to the Pedregal Youth Center*

Day 4 Wednesday, July 22 Soccer at *Alta Vista* // English Classes // Work Projects (2 of 3)

- Programming at *Alta Vista* (X2: AM & PM Group)

Day 5 Thursday, July 23 *La Calzada Island & Pedregal Youth Center* (2 of 2)

Day 6 Friday, July 24 Soccer at *Alta Vista* // English Classes // Work Projects (3 of 3)

Day 7 Saturday, July 25 *Atlantis Water Park Day & Leave for Home*

Travel Day Sunday, July 26 Arrive in Pittsburgh

Frequently Asked Questions

Is El Salvador a safe place to go on a mission trip?

In an effort to understand the safety concerns, culture, and the mission organization we are partnering with called, "Christ For the City International" (CFCI) in El Salvador, Pastor JD and a team visited the country on a scouting trip before our first mission trip. At no time during their visit, nor during our mission trips with students has anyone felt unsafe. We have had very successful and safe experiences in the country. CFCI is a well-recognized and respected organization in the country and has a strong reputation for bringing effective ministries that help the communities they impact. While gang activity is present in the country, violence is almost always "gang vs. gang". In addition, our housing location is in a safe area and is gated, and we will have multiple CFCI staff with us at all times on the mission field.

Who is the mission organization Cornerstone Student Ministries is partnering with in El Salvador and what are they about?

The organization is called "Christ For the City International" (CFCI), which has over 20 years of experience in providing churches, teams and individuals with the greatest of all adventures; customized Mission Trips and Child Sponsorship opportunities that transform lives and cities for the Glory of God. The headquarters of CFCI is located in Omaha, Nebraska and now has bases and ministries in over 15 countries (including El Salvador) with over 500 staff; bringing the transforming love of Jesus Christ through a huge variety of ministries. They provide a wide variety of experiences and opportunities to explore each participant's potential calling.

Do we personally know the missionaries in El Salvador?

Yes! Jake Hjemvick, his wife Becky, and their kids, who are originally from the Pittsburgh area (Becky's parents are members of Cornerstone), are the base directors of CFCI El Salvador. They have a wonderful young family and have devoted their lives to God's work in El Salvador. In an effort to positively influence the communities they serve for Jesus, Jake and his team lead daily youth soccer programs, English as a Second Language classes, food and clothing programs and host short term mission teams to minister to people in these impoverished areas.

Will there be any Team Meetings prior to the mission trip or after we return?

Yes! We will have several team meetings leading up to the trip to prepare the team for our time in El Salvador. These meetings are REQUIRED for participants to attend. Please review the "Team Dates" section for dates. If you work or have a team practice for a sport, please notify your employer/coach of these dates. For work: Please request that you not be scheduled to work during the time of our team meetings. For sports: Please notify your coach that you will not be able to attend practices on these dates. There, will also be a team celebration party once we return from El Salvador, which is not required, but students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Other than attending Team Meetings, are there any other requirements of students?

Yes, students must attend 60% (at least 15 of 25) weekend services between Jan 19th and July 13th at The Warehouse or at their home church. If attending at a church other than The Warehouse, students will need to provide proof of attendance signed by a pastor.

Can students bring their cell phone?

Yes, although international rates apply. We cannot be responsible for any lost, stolen, broken, or damaged electronic personal equipment.

Is there financial aid available for the Mission Trip?

No. Unlike other student ministry camps, retreats, and events where scholarship funds are typically available, students are responsible to raise support to cover the entire \$1,300 cost of their trip. In an effort to help students raise support, the Cornerstone Trustees are considering a special offering to be received for the student ministry mission trips, but this has not been confirmed. Ultimately, the cost of the trip is the sole responsibility of the student and their family.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the students need extra spending money?

Yes, students will need money for any food, snacks, drinks, etc. during travel times to and from El Salvador. Students are also welcome to bring money for souvenirs while in San Salvador, El Salvador. We suggest no more than \$200 cash. We suggest \$50 minimum. We cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen cash/valuables.

What type of currency is used in El Salvador?

Conveniently, the American dollar is used in El Salvador, so students will not need to convert their spending money into a different currency.

What is the payment schedule?

The total mission trip cost is \$1,300. The payment schedule is above in the "IMPORTANT DATES" section. Please remember that all payments are non-refundable.

Do you have any suggestions on healthy ways to prepare for the trip?

Yes. We recommend you start a regimen of Source Naturals Wellness formula 2 weeks prior to departure. Also, take a probiotic and continue taking these during the trip.

Where do the students sleep?

All students will be grouped by gender in a mission guesthouse. The guesthouse is very clean and there are multiple showers on-site. The entire housing complex is gated and secure.

Do I need to bring a sleeping bag and/or pillow?

No, all bedding is provided. However, you may want to bring a neck pillow and/or small blanket for our flights.

Do I need to bring a shower towel?

No, shower towels are provided. However, you will want to bring one beach towel.

What is the student to leader ratio?

We anticipate the ratio will be approximately 6:1 plus the on-site staff missionaries.

How will the students be supervised?

All staff and volunteer adults leading the mission trip have been trained by our Student Ministry Staff, and have been through background screening.

What if a student has food allergies or dietary restrictions?

If a student has dietary needs such as gluten intolerance, allergies to dyes, or is vegan, CFCI will do their best to accommodate. Please write out any dietary requests and give them to Pastor JD as early as possible before departure, and he will communicate those requests to CFCI.

What if I have medications I need to bring?

Please bring all medications in their original container. Any medication not in its original container could possibly be confiscated at customs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need any additional vaccines?

No, only your routine vaccines are recommended although you are welcome and encouraged to visit www.cdc.gov to gather any additional information to help equip you to make an informed decision.

Do I need to bring a passport?

Yes - you must have a passport to enter another country! Your passport must be valid 6 months after the trip. Passports currently cost approximately \$115 to purchase. You can apply for a new passport, or renew your existing passport www.passportusa.org. Every participant MUST bring their passport to our Team Meeting on Sunday March 1 so that a copy can be made and sent to CFCI, as they require a copy for their files. Again on Sunday, July 12 everyone MUST bring their passports to our meeting to be collected. Pastor JD will maintain possession of all passports throughout the trip except while students are passing through customs and security.

What airline and flight # will the mission team be flying?

Airline and flight #'s are to be determined because the airline tickets have not yet been purchased. We will provide flight numbers and times prior to the trip so parents and families can track our progress.

How many pieces of luggage can/should I bring on the mission trip?

3 total pieces. 1 personal item (backpack) with any personal medications, 1 carry-on suitcase (for personal clothing/items), and 1 checked bag that weighs less than 50 lbs. Note: Half the space in your checked bag will be used for mission supplies/donations, the other half can be used for personal clothing/items. We will weigh everyone's checked bags at our final Team Meeting on Friday, July 17 at 5:30 pm to ensure they are under 50 lbs.

Will the mission team be taking donations to El Salvador to give away?

Yes! A full "Wish List" is included in this packet. Please see the wish list below for the full list of donations accepted.

How will the mission team get to the airport?

We will meet at The Warehouse and travel by shuttle as a team to the airport. Parents are encouraged to join our team for a prayer at The Warehouse before we leave to go to the airport.

How will the mission team get home from the airport?

Parents should meet at the Pittsburgh International Airport at 1000 Airport Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15231. Please park in the short-term parking lot and enter through the arrival doors to meet our team at baggage claim.



CFCI El Salvador Wish List - 2019

General Base:

- Spanish Bibles (or cash donation to purchase locally)
- Crafts & Kids Activities (foamies, stickers, beads, coloring books, etc)
- Desktop or laptop computers (in good condition)
- Used (or new) electronic tablets (Android or iOS)
- Theological or devotional books in Spanish

Speaking Hope (Teaching English):

- Bibles (English and Bilingual *English/Spanish*)
- Permanent markers
- Whiteboard markers
- Whiteboard eraser
- Notebooks
- Colored paper, 500 sheets/ream
- White paper, 500 sheets/ream
- Tape (Masking or Transparent/Scotch)
- Books in English (children's, Christian books, drama, adventure, etc)
- Dictionaries
- Flashcards with English vocabulary
- Board games
- Prizes/Incentives for students (bracelets, pencil sharpeners, erasers, puzzles, stickers, candy, coloring books, crayons, etc.)

Faro Project (Youth Centers):

- Art supplies
- Beads for jewelry making classes
- Cosmetology supplies
- Musical instruments

Proyexion (Community Development):

- School supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, etc)
- Books
 - Devotional books / materials for women, men and children/youth (*Spanish*)
 - Secular and Christian literature (*Spanish*)
 - Children's books (*English and Spanish*)
- Sports Equipment
 - Soccer (cleats, balls, scrimmage vests, goalie gloves, socks)
 - Softball (gloves, bats, balls, catcher's equipment)
 - T-shirts (all sizes, matching sets of 15 – used for sports teams)
- Equipment for Workshops
 - Jewelry supplies (beads, thread, jewelry plier kit, jewelry drill and drill bits)
 - Crochet and Knitting supplies and manuals
 - Carpentry supplies
 - Painting and art supplies

Soccer Ministry:

- Soccer cleats (*new or used, sizes 5-10*)
- Tennis shoes (*new or used, sizes 5-10*)
- Soccer socks
- Shinguards
- Uniforms
- Goalie gloves (*sizes 6-10*)
- Bags
- First aid kit and/or related items (*ben-gay/sports cream, band-aids, wraps, etc*)

Medical/Dental Clinic:

- Bandages & First-aid supplies
- Gloves
- Masks
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- Tylenol
- Allergy Relief medicine
- Vitamins (*for both kids and adults*)
- Extra-strength non-aspirin
- Any medical supplies or medications***

***** PLEASE CONTACT US BEFORE BRINGING MEDICATIONS OR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AS OUR NEEDS FREQUENTLY CHANGE AND THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY AND USED HERE**

Taller del Maestro (Prison Ministry):

- Sports equipment
- Books in Spanish
- Bibles (Spanish)
- Camera

Por Gracia (Child Sponsorship):

- School supplies

Communications:

- Semi-professional camera
- External hard drive
- USB/flash memory sticks
- Laptop computer
- Rechargeable batteries and charger
- UPS

Emergency Contact List

If you have an emergency while we are in El Salvador – please refer to the following contact numbers and try them in this order.

1) Pastor JD Lowry, Mission Team Leader

- U.S. Cell: 724-312-2692
- International Cell/FaceTime: 412-316-7675

2) CFCI Base Director: Jake Hjemvick

- Cell Phone/FaceTime: 011-503-7907-5823
- Email: hjemvick@gmail.com

3) CFCI Team Leader: Karen Mejia

- Cell Phone: 011-503-7559-9549
- Email/FaceTime: jesusf25k@gmail.com

4) Christ For the City International Central Office

- Office: (402) 592-8332
- Toll free: (888) 526-7551

5) Angie Busch, CFCI Mission Teams Director

- Cell: (402) 208-1825
- Email: angieb@cfc.org

6) Mary Beth Mascilli, Administrative Assistant

- Office: (724) 733-0070 Ext. 223
- Email: mmascilli@cornerstonelive.net

Packing List

****Please remember your checked bag must be under 50 lbs.***

Medications:

- All medications needed for the week.
 - Please bring all medications in their original container. Any medication not in its original container could possibly be confiscated at customs.

Pants/Shorts:

- Nice Jeans with no holes (1 pair – guys only)
- Bermuda Shorts (3 pairs – girls only)
- Nice Shorts (2 pairs - guys only)
- Sleeping pants/shorts
- Athletic shorts at **finger tip length** (3 pairs)

Shirts:

- Tee shirts – (1-2 per day) [No cut-offs or tank tops]
- Work t-shirt (2-3)
- Sleeping shirt
- Guys: Polo shirt (1)

Shoes:

- Athletic shoes
- Shower shoes
- Closed toed work shoes

Undergarments:

- Underwear
- Girls: Sports bras
- Socks

Other Clothing:

- Swimsuit, (*Girls: 1-piece style, or shirt for over 2-piece*)
- Hat
- Work gloves
- 2 plastic coat hangers (*to hang your towel & wash cloth*)
- Rain poncho

Shower stuff:

- Wash cloth (*Shower Towels are provided by CFCI*)
- Beach Towel
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Contact solution
- Other toiletries as needed

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Paperwork

- Passport (*must be valid for at least 6 months after trip*)
- Bible
- Pen
- Notebook

Other:

- Spending money (*\$200 max // \$50 minimum*)
- Cell Phone (*International data required*)
- Flash light or headlamp
- Water bottle
- Power Bar
- 8' Extension Cord
- Wet Wipes
- Netted laundry bag
- Lip balm
- Sun glasses
- Snacks (*please don't bring anything with nuts*)
 - Gatorade packets, lemonade packets, etc.
 - Crackers, pretzels, granola bars, etc.
 - Beef jerky, etc.
- Various sizes of zip lock baggies (*to organize things in you back pack, wet items, etc.*)
- Hand sanitizer (*travel size*)
- Bug repellent lotion (*no aerosol spray cans*)

Please don't bring:

- Sleeping bag/pillow (*provided by CFCI*)
- Shower Towel (*provided by CFCI*)
- Tank tops/cut-offs
- **Shorts that are less than finger tip length**
- Electronics
- Other valuables
- Too much cash. (*\$200 max. Cornerstone cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.*)

If you have any additional questions about the mission trip please contact us!

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Pastor JD Lowry, Mission Trip Director

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