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Imago Dei Honduras Missions Trip June 4 – 11, 2023

Overview:

We're preparing for another trip to Honduras to partner with Mercy International. Our time will be spent in our favorite community in La Esperanza connecting with families, building a house, and playing with the kids.

Questions:

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Important Milestones:

Feb 26	Applications Available
Mar 12	Trip Informational meeting after service
Mar 19	Application Deadline
Mar 26	Passport applications submitted (if needed)
Mar 26	\$400 Deposit Due
Apr 2	Support Letters Out
Apr/May	Immunizations as needed
May/June	Up to 3 team meetings (Dates TBD)
May 12	All Money Due
	[Unpaid Balance Results in Forfeiture of Trip]
June 4	Leave for Honduras
June 11	Return from Honduras
June 25	Team Report to Church

Applications:

All interested individuals will submit an online application that helps us understand the why's and how's of their interest in the trip. Imago will review the applications to determine the final team make-up, considering whether there are any spiritual/circumstantial barriers to the applicant's full participation in the trip. There is limited space available and consideration will be given first to members of the Imago Dei body. In order to get to know candidates better, individuals may be contacted by Imago.

COVID:

It's still an uncertain time to be planning an international trip. Flexibility will be key, but here are the protocols that we have planned now.

- 1. Every team member should have up-to-date COVID vaccines a minimum of 2 weeks prior to departure for Honduras. In 2022, most of the team contracted COVID during travel. Up-to-date vaccines helped to prevent severe illness as a result. But, most importantly, it reduces the likelihood that we will spread the disease to our friends in an already vulnerable community that do not have good access to healthcare.
- 2. Bring some masks. They may be required in public or during travel depending on the circumstances at the time.

Finances:

We will support team members in raising support for the trip, but it is the responsibility of each team member to raise the full amount for their part. Historically this has been around \$1800, but precise details for this trip will be provided during preparation of support letters.

- A \$400 deposit is required to secure your spot on the team (counts towards the trip total).
- Support donations may be used for the deposit
- All donations made to support the trip (from you and others) are tax deductible as donations to the missions ministry of Imago Dei Church
- To facilitate fundraising, a team members will submit a photo and a blurb about their trip. These will be posted on the Imago Missions website.

Team Info:

Documents and reminders throughout the trip preparation time will shared through email and text message. Team members be agree to share their contact info with the rest of the team

Imago Dei Honduras Missions Trip Code of Conduct



I commit to:

- Participate in all team meetings, prayer times, etc.
- Remember that I am working at the invitation of a local ministry. I will take
 the necessary steps to avoid offending my hosts (including but not limited
 to observing dress codes and trying food that is offered by host).
- Remember that I have come to learn, not to teach. I will resist the temptation to tell people "how we do things" and be open to learning new ways of accomplishing tasks.
- Respect the host's view of Christianity, even if it is different from what I
 am accustomed to. I will recognize that the purpose of this trip is to
 experience faith lived out in a new setting; it is not to change the people I
 meet.
- Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward nationals, missionaries, and my teammates.
- Fulfill all logistical requirements. I will comply with all requirements regarding passports, health insurance, finances, shots, etc.
- Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest or otherwise inappropriate behavior towards a national or team member.
- Abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco or illegal drugs while on the trip.
- Submit to the direction of the team leaders.
- Cover all costs associated with my trip by the dates stated. (If full trip cost is not submitted by the deadline, I forfeit my ability to go on the trip.)

Name (Please Print)	 	
Signature	 	
Date		