

Youth Mission Adventure: Guatemala 2010

Steps to Mission Success

Step One: Delegate/Sponsor Commitment Form and Deposit

It is very important that you return the attached Delegate Commitment Form and your deposit of \$150 to our office right away. Most of you have already sent us an application form, but we want to be assured that your plans have not changed and that you are definitely going to be a part of this mission. If you are under 18 years of age, the parental consent must be signed and notarized. This can usually be done at your local bank, and we also do it here in the office. Here's where to send things:

UCC Youth Department—Mission Adventure
P.O. Box 19039
Spokane, WA 99219

Phone (509) 838-2761 Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions!
Fax (509) 838-4882

Step Two: Passport (A copy should be in our office by February 15.)

It's vital that every sponsor and delegate have their own, up-to-date passport. If you already have one, please check to make sure it's current (and will be until after the trip!). If you don't have a passport, you'll need to work on getting one immediately. You can get an application form from your local courthouse clerk, or the largest Post Office in your area. Follow their instructions. This passport should be useful for many years to come. Please start this process today! If you already have a birth certificate, this process should take about three weeks (with expedited service). Check the Web for more information at travel.state.gov. For passport-size photos, any photo development store will usually do them for less than a professional photographer, so do some research.

Step Three: Fundraising

As you know, it's each delegate's responsibility to raise \$1,400. Read the fundraising suggestions carefully. Remember that you're not just raising the money for yourself, but for the whole project. The funds will provide transportation, insurance, food, housing, and assistance with the development project we'll be involved in. The members of the local church simply don't have access to the same things we do here. While we are in Guatemala, our work will be demanding, but the long-lasting effects that the project will have on the local people will definitely make the hard work worth it. Your mission work begins now. Start praying for those who we'll meet and help. The church we will help build will be a way for people to experience God in a 'tangible' way, but pray that they'll also experience the love of Jesus in their hearts through the examples they see in us.

Step Four: Medical

Each sponsor and delegate must take certain medical precautions in order to make this experience a safe one. There are no government medical **requirements**, but some precautions may be well-worth considering. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does have a few recommended vaccinations and preventative medicines. A list is included at the end of this packet. We will, of course, have purified water, and will cook our meals as carefully as possible.

There are several different options as to how some of the medical requirements will be administered, so please contact your local physician or public health department for information and medications. If you would like more information, you can call the CDC at (404) 639-3311 or go to wwwn.cdc.gov/travel to get their recommendations. Your public health department may have all the information necessary, and should be able to acquire all the vaccinations you need. Do some comparative shopping on immunization costs, as prices can vary quite a bit.

Step Five: Spiritual Preparation

This adventure is a hands-on opportunity. You're not going to Guatemala to watch something happen, but to *make it happen*. Your life will affect not only the others in our group, but many of the native country. Plan to study up a little about the country so you can relate to the people a little better.

Spend time asking God to open your heart to ways you can help while you're on this trip. Take time each day to pray for the people of Guatemala, the people we'll come in contact with, and the different projects we'll be working on.