

*Step out in faith.
See God at work in
Honduras.*

Honduras

This project is designed for those in our Body who want to experience short-term missions for the first time. The emphasis of this project is building relationships with believers of another culture and working alongside them as they reach out into their own community with the Gospel. It is an opportunity to see God at work, among the Hondurans and the team members.

Your team will join believers from a village on the north coast of Honduras for approximately a week, working together to build a small, simple church building with a tin roof and cement floor.



*Project Dates:
June 11-22, 2012*

A Short Term Mission Project for Families, Adults,
Senior High and College Students

Team members may help the Honduran believers dig the foundation, mix cement, lay cinder blocks, tie re-bar and build trusses. You may help the women of the village with cooking for the group. You will also assist them as they offer vacation Bible school to village children, participate in worship services and interact with adults and children in the village.

This team will serve under a leader from Beyond Partnership, an organization that brings U.S. churches together with churches in Majority World countries, to help fulfill the vision of the national Christian leaders.

Humberto del Arca, a Honduran missionary with whom Beyond Partnership has worked for about 17 years, directs an association of approximately 230 churches in this region. He will assign us to work under one of his regional directors and with a local congregation in need of a church building.

The majority of the people we will be working with are subsistence farmers, most of whom have never had the opportunity to talk to a North American. Rural Hondurans tend to be rather shy at first, but usually warm up to team members quickly.

Accommodations will be in a rustic hotel in a nearby town, with a daily drive to the work site. Meals will be cooked and eaten together with the local believers, or in a local cafeteria with limited food choices. Weather will be hot and humid, but ample clean drinking water will be available.

The Team

The team will consist of up to 18 individuals including families, adults, senior high and college students. Team members must be willing to learn from the national church and display a servant attitude (i.e., if bare arms and exposed legs offend my hosts, I'll cover them; if they offer me goat stew, I'll try it!) Physical labor in heat and humidity, while keeping a loving attitude, will also be required.

Flexibility, patience and persistent prayer will be required of team members, as well as an interest in modeling Christ's mission to the world. This project presents an opportunity to study the Scriptures and grow in your relationship with Christ while meeting the needs of others.

Application Process – Deadline December 19, 2011

If you are interested, **Pray!**

Ask questions!

Ask God questions, like: Should I be a “Goer” or a “Sender” this year?

Are you nudging me toward this particular project or another one?

Ask yourself and your family: Do I have enough time to fully commit to the training process?

Are the physical conditions too demanding for my health right now?

Talk to any member of the Short Term Mission Committee, or someone who has already been on a similar project.

Pick up at church (or download) the Short Term Missions Application and Reference Forms.

Complete the application, distribute the reference forms, and mail as instructed. A \$100 application fee must accompany the application. If this presents a hardship, contact Brian Grant, Cole Missions Pastor.

Applications must be received no later than December 19. However, applicants are encouraged to turn them in as soon as possible. Interviews will take place in January. Reference forms must be received prior to your interview.

Training Schedule

Team members selected for this project will be making a significant time commitment, comparable to the time required for a one-semester high school or college class, including live and online training, team meetings, team retreat, and one-time events. Each team will schedule its own team meetings (estimate 8), a local outreach project and a fundraiser. This team may also need to schedule work meetings to prepare VBS materials. Participation in all team activities is mandatory.

February 3 and 4, 2012, Friday evening and all day Saturday: Orientation

April 15, Sunday afternoon: Half-time Training

June 3, Sunday morning: Honduras team commissioned in both services

July 22, Honduras Team Vision Meeting report to the church



Cost: Approximately \$3100 per person

Much of the funding for this project comes from contributions. Team members will be raising funds through a support letter to family and friends and participating in a team fundraiser, as well as contributing personally.

Risk: Low

Rural Honduras is quite safe. Elements of risk include traffic and gastrointestinal challenges.

For More Information, contact Janet Schaufelberger (376-2083)

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