# FBCM Guatemala Mission Trip July 7-13, 2025

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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 FLIGHTS: Delta 3020/1830 from HSV Delta 3001/1830 from Nashville Delta 1618/1830 from Birmingham UNITED FLIGHTS: United 4299/1751 from HSV United 4746/1751 from Nashville United 6083/1751 from Birmingham

HOTEL: Casa Santa Margarita 1 Colonia, Carretera Ciudad Vieja Alameda Sta. Margarita Antigua Guatemala

### COSTS:

Flight: (See above)

Hotel/Trip Costs: \$ 250 per person to - This will be used to pay your hotel cost, translator, transportation in country, trip insurance, and other administrative costs. We will have a fundraiser (lunch after church) on March 23 if you would like to help with that it will offset your cost. The balance will need to be paid no later than May 1 to reserve your spot for the trip. You can us the FBCM Church Center app or make checks payable to FBC Meridianville and give to David or Kim or mail to:

FBC Meridianville 175 Monroe Rd. Meridianville, AL 35759 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. Malaria medication – you can get this from your doctor if you choose to take it.

# 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 repellant. Bring pain reliever and Imodium or Pepto Bismol (also Cipro or Phenergan 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 on these dates to prepare for our trip: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 30, April 27, June 1 and on July 2 to pack supplies.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS: VBS, Sponsorship Program, Medical visits, 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 June 1. 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.

# ABOVE ALL:

Pray for yourself and all who will go on this trip. Pray for all of those we will come in contact with. Pray for God's will to be done and His Light to be shone in ALL that we say and do.