

FAQ - Mission Teams

1. Q: What do you believe about Short-Term Missions?

A: Faith At Work Missions desires short term teams to be an extension of the ministry to infuse energy, excitement and resources to bless the people.

2. Q: What is a good size for a team?

A: Teams as small as six and up to 12 work well for our method of ministry which integrates the US team members with the Hondurans they are serving.

3. Q: What city would we fly into & how far is the mission work from the airport?

A: All teams fly into Tegucigalpa airport (TGU) which is just an hour and a half away.

4. Q: How long of a trip should we plan?

A: Teams stay 6 to 7 nights with some flexibility possible. As we only plan to host about a half dozen teams a year priority will be given to groups that can stay for a whole week.

5. Q: What does the money paid through Equip International cover?

A: For the normal 7 night trip (arriving Sun and leaving Sun) the fee is \$650 per person and for teams staying 6 nights (arriving Sun and leaving Sat) the fee is \$600 per person.

Trip fee includes: Meals, housing, in country transportation, and project funds

Teams are responsible for their own airfare, immunizations, passports, travel insurance, souvenir expenses, and any other personal spending such as snacks.

6. Q: What are "Project Funds"?

A: "Project Funds" are the funds used for projects. That means it covers materials, equipment, books, and such. The project fee is set and should cover the project for your team as well as contribute to the ongoing ministry projects.

7. Q: How & when do I send money for my team?

A: An initial non-refundable team deposit of \$500 must be sent to Equip International in order to secure the dates for your team. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is due 3 months prior to arrival date. The balance of team fees and project money is due 30 days prior to arrival date. Make checks payable to "Equip International" and put your team/church name in the memo line with "Zells in Honduras". Mail all checks to:

Equip Inc.

PO Box 1126

Marion, NC 28752-1126

8. Q: Is there a refund policy if a team member cannot come?

A: If a team member has paid in full and needs to cancel for any reason more than 7 days prior to the trip then they will receive a refund of \$350. If canceling less than 7 days before the trip, no refund will be issued.

9. Q: What does a VBS, or school program, look like?

A: There is so much room for creativity! We just ask that whatever you do, you do with excellence. With the guidance of FAW missionaries, teams are responsible to make a plan for their program and come prepared. Generally speaking, children's programs are hosted at local schools for 2 to 3 hours, for 2 or 3 days in a row. Usually the children are divided into smaller groups, and teams use stations for children to rotate between. Everything from crafts, to music, to games and activities are all great hits!

For all teams participating in a VBS or school program, we ask them to complete and return our **"VBS Planning Sheet"** located at FAWmission.org in the Team Resource Links section. Please also consider meeting one of the most common and important needs for our schools – basic school supplies. If you can bring pencils, erasers, notebooks, scissors, crayons, etc. it would be a huge blessing for a school.

10. Q: How much 'spending cash' should I bring?

A: This depends on how much you like to shop! Team members need to cover all meals in the airport, including lunch in Honduras on travel day home. Spending cash is also for snacks and souvenirs in Honduras.

Team leaders may also consider bringing extra funds to cover a project or need that you encounter in the community while you are here, or treating your team to a treat like ice cream, as well as bringing funds for unexpected medical services. Use of credit cards is somewhat limited but available in the larger cities in Honduras.

11. Q: Can "downtime or tourist time" be worked into the schedule?

A: Yes – we can schedule some time off and tourist time for teams. Options include shopping in central park and visiting the cathedral, and visiting a waterfall.

12. Q: What kind of multi-media can we use for ministry?

A: Faith At Work Missions has a PA speaker, and microphones.

If you bring a project to share movies – make sure the spoken language is Spanish – sub-titles do not work well as it's too fast for the children to read, and even some of the adults are illiterate.

13. Q: I don't speak Spanish! Can I serve when I can't even speak to the people?

A: YES! Although it can feel incredibly intimidating to come to a place where you can't verbally communicate, your ministry can still be effective and worthwhile. Remember, actions can speak volumes. We also have translators that will help you connect with the local Hondurans. At the same time, we greatly encourage teams to learn as much Spanish as possible, even if just a little, before they come.

14. Q: I want to book a team to serve with Faith At Work Missions, what do I do?

A: Email us at teams@FAWmissions.org and let us know you want to serve with us! To book a team, you need to communicate with us about available dates and complete our Team Application (that we will send to you). Once your dates are approved, mail us a \$500 deposit to secure your dates.