

Nicaragua Mission Trip 2012

Registration Packet

Information attached:

- 1) Registration letter*
- 2) Estimate of trip cost**
- 3) Preliminary Schedule
- 4) Trip Check List

*This along with your check for \$170 is required to secure a place on the team.

**Please note that you must pay for your trip yourself. The Board of Missions will not be supporting any team members with their individual expenses and you can not do fundraising for your expenses through St. John's.

You are welcome to solicit airline miles from people you know to help cover your airfare. The cost of the extra suitcase you will be expected to bring will be covered by the Board of Missions.

May 1, 2011

Dear St. John's Member,

Following is the information for the Nicaragua Mission Trip Team for 2012 along with the two sheets that are attached.

The dates are Saturday, February 4, 2012 (arrival by 1:00PM) to Saturday, February 11, 2012 (departure any time after noon). You will purchase your own airline tickets.

We will be staying at the El Convento Hotel in Leon Saturday, February 4 – checking out Saturday morning. The Las Mercedes Hotel in Managua is a good choice if you need to arrive Friday or stay overnight Saturday, February 11. The El Convento quoted \$73 (for 2011) complete including taxes and breakfast (not tips) and you can check online with Best Western for the Las Mercedes, Managua, for rates. If you let me know, we may be able to get a group rate at the Las Mercedes.

You must make a deposit of \$170 to hold a spot on the team of 12. This will pay for all your transportation by the van every day for the week. The truck transportation of our luggage and other items during our stay along with meals for our local contacts and van driver (two days) will cost each person \$50. Evacuation insurance for each member of the group is required and should run about \$20 each. (The exact amount will be determined by the insurance company once we turn in everyone's name and age.)

You will be able to pay for your hotel and hotel meals by credit card. Some lunches at local restaurants will require cash but most seem willing to exchange US Dollars.

Please note - for those of you who have traveled to Nicaragua before, air fares have gone up and United Airlines now shows Continental as their carrier to Nicaragua! We will require a copy of everyone's travel information by October 15.

Please send your trip deposit check **payable to St. John's Lutheran Church** (Memo Note: Nicaragua Mission Trip) to:

St. John's Lutheran Church	or	Sandra J Cain
215 S Lincoln St		2000 St. Regis Dr – 1C
Lombard, IL 60148		Lombard, IL 60148

Thank you so much for including Nicaragua in your mission trip plans. If you have any questions, please email me at sandracain1@comcast.net or call my cell phone anytime on the weekend – 630-432-7790.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please sign me up for the Nicaragua
Mission Trip February, 2012:

Signed _____

Estimate Nicaragua Mission Trip Cost

February 4 - 11, 2012

Airfare (example – Am Airlines 2 stops)	\$530
Hotel – 7 nights at \$75 (includes breakfast) (share a room - \$50 each)	\$525 or \$350
Ground transportation (airport to Leon & daily)	\$100
Emergency medical evacuation insurance	\$ 20
Local contacts - transportation & meals	\$ 50
Your meals – lunch & dinner - \$20/day?	<u>\$140</u>
Total estimated minimum per person	\$1365

Deposit for ground transport, insurance and local contacts is \$170. Please make your check payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and on the memo line write "Nicaragua Mission trip deposit." Give your deposit check to Sandra Cain.

Your \$170 deposit check is required to hold a place on the Mission Trip Team.
The first 12 people who register with their \$170 check will be on the 2012 team.

Do not purchase airline tickets until you receive an acknowledgement of your deposit.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lombard, IL
Nicaragua Mission Trip – February 2012 – Preliminary Schedule

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Arrive at Managua by 1:00 PM – van and Ricardo's truck needed to go to Leon Hotel – El Convento in Leon

Sunday, February 5

8:30AM - leave for church service in El Maranonal or La Cartonera
Leave from church (?) for seafood dinner on coast

Afternoon – prepare all packets for families (200) and children (200)

Separate out items for Bible classes and for elementary schools, etc.

6:00PM – dinner?

Monday, February 6

8:00AM – leave for Monte Redondo – puppet show/skit at school/present gifts

⇒ AM – order food packages & buy backboard, hoop & balls

11:30PM – return to hotel for lunch and rest

2:00PM – go to Leon “youth” center – deliver fabric and purchase purses
(money for computer classes?)

6:00PM – dinner at hotel – discuss any concerns/ideas from first day

Tuesday, February 7

8:00AM – leave for worksite – paint “blackboards,” put up backboard, etc.

11:30PM – return for lunch and rest

2:00PM – purchase beverages, cookies & cups for afternoon “fiestas”

3:00PM – go to Monte Redondo for fiesta

Distribute family & children packets & food packages – “fiesta”

6:00PM – dinner at _____? - discuss any concerns/ideas from the day

Wednesday, February 8

8:00AM – leave for El Maranonal school - puppet show/skit at school/present gifts

11:30PM – return for lunch and rest

2:00PM – go to El Maranonal to paint black boards, etc.

6:00PM – dinner at _____? – discuss any concerns/ideas from the day

Thursday, February 9

8:00AM – leave for El Pastal - - puppet show/skit

Distribute family & children packets & food packages – “fiesta”

11:30AM – return to hotel - Afternoon – free time in Leon

7:00PM - Dinner at _____? - discuss any concerns/ideas from the day

Friday, February 10

8:00AM – leave for Matagalpa

10:00AM – Visit coffee plantation 11:00AM – lunch @ plantation

1:00PM – Matagalpa - Distribute family & children packets & food packages – “fiesta”
Puppet show/skit

6:00PM – Dinner at hotel – check out & pack

Saturday, February 11

8:00AM – leave Leon for Managua – flights home

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Nicaragua Mission Trip 2012
Preliminary Trip Check List**

1. **Passport – DO IT NOW - check expiration date – must be 6 months beyond February 11, 2012. Also be sure to comply with the new TSA requirements for international flights and supply their required info more than 72 hours before – i.e. February 1. Make 2 copies of your passport ID page (1 for your suitcase and 1 for your travel info packet).**
2. **Visa – none is needed for travel to Nicaragua – you'll need \$10 cash as we enter.**
3. **Medical – be sure to check with your doctor NOW about what is recommended for you for Nicaragua. Usually tetanus (should be within 5 years) and malaria pills are mentioned for everyone.**
4. **Suitcases – you need to have a large one to leave in Nicaragua or travel back inside another suitcase or be ready to pay the \$50 extra bag for the return trip yourself.**
5. **Credit card – must use this to pay for hotel. Be sure to notify your credit card company at least by February 1 that the card will be used in Nicaragua.**
6. **Clothing – shoes – for your health and safety be sure to have completely enclosed shoes. Sandals are OK in the hotel and perhaps during the day in Leon. Since we will be painting, be sure to bring old clothes since you will probably discard them. Otherwise be mindful that it will be hot! A skirt and/or dress is not required for church on Sunday morning. Also ladies are not required to have a head covering.**
7. **Money - You will need some cash for the occasional lunch out of the hotel and to pay for meals that we all eat together out of hotel. Dividing the bill is not possible at these events. We usually come up with a couple of prices depending on the price variations the group selects. You will also have a free afternoon Thursday and shopping opportunity Friday morning - most of these vendors do not take credit cards although I have found that USA money is easily accepted. I would suggest that you get your bank to give you newer bills that are not marked up (\$200?).**
8. **Trip insurance will be purchased for everyone as a group and you will be given an ID card. A copy of that, your passport and other information should be in an envelope. Put together family emergency contact information and a list of all pertinent health info along with all prescription info. This packet will be returned to you when we are back in the USA – unopened.**

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