

GUATEMALA 2019

LAKWOOD STUDENT MINISTRY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Project Location/Travel:

Our destination is Guatemala City, Guatemala. We will fly out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on Saturday morning (**March 30**) and return to Atlanta Saturday afternoon (**April 6**). We will fly into La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City. Flight details (flight numbers and exact times) will be given out later once the team has been formed.

Trip Cost:

Total cost of trip is \$1800/person. This covers plane fare, lodging, meals in Guatemala, t-shirt, and all supplies/materials for the trip. Deposit of \$100 is due by November 28, 2018. \$500 is due by January 30, 2019. The remaining balance of \$1200 is due by March 17, 2019. All payments are non-refundable.

Project Description:

Our team will love on the children and adults that live in and rummage through the city landfill. These people are in such desperate need of hope and love and the message of Jesus is their only rescue and escape. Our team will also work with a local school (close to the landfill) that our Church has supported for several years. We will sing songs, make crafts, and teach Bible stories to these children during school hours. The children are dismissed from school at lunchtime, which will give us the opportunity to do several afternoon projects in Guatemala City and other local towns. Trips like these create a unique bond among our team members but also with our Guatemalan brothers and sisters. Everything about this trip changes the way adults and students alike view the world and other people. Local translators will assist us as we communicate with the Spanish-speaking population.

Project Preparation:

There will be training sessions to prepare you for your responsibilities prior to leaving the States. You will be held accountable in order to show that you are committed and faithful to this mission trip. Active participation in these training sessions and the student ministry is expected to participate in this mission trip.

Eligibility:

All students currently involved in the high school ministry (9-12th grade) of Lakewood Baptist Church are eligible to apply. Students will be approved for the team on a first come, first serve basis (once their deposit and application are received) depending on the application, interview (for first-time mission trip students only) and current involvement in the Student Ministry.

Team Member Requirements:

1. Complete and submit all forms and deposits on time.
2. Be actively involved in the student ministry (minimum of 80% attendance).
3. Actively participate in all team trainings (dates are listed below) unless there is an unavoidable conflict (in which case other meetings may be scheduled).

4. Be a good team-player and pursue unity with others on the team.
5. Actively participate in any fundraisers we plan.
6. Recruit at least 5 prayer partners (other than your parents or team members).
7. Send out at least 20 financial/prayer support letters.

PHASE 1: Application/Registration Process (November)

1. Spend some time in prayer about this trip and discuss it with your parents.
2. Turn in a deposit of \$100.00 with your application and passport copy by Nov. 28, 2018. Space is limited so apply and turn in your deposit ASAP!
3. Submit the Team Member & Financial Commitment forms by Nov. 28, 2018.
4. First-time mission trip applicants need to schedule a brief interview with the student pastor.

PHASE 2: Mission Support Development (November – March)

The Mission Support Team is made up of people who will support your effort through prayer and financial giving. You will be asked to develop a **prayer base of at least 5 people** committed as prayer partners for your trip. You will be asked to find **at least 10 financial supporters**, other than yourself or your parents. The purpose of this is varied. First, it teaches you humility, and dependence upon God and the body of Christ to accomplish His purposes. Secondly, it allows more people to participate in the kingdom work of missions. Thirdly, it will teach you about people, their circumstances, their faith, and the power of prayer! You will be required to sign a contract by November 28, 2018 that will hold you responsible for the airline ticket in the event that you change your mind and drop out after the date on the contract. This contract will also require that you cover the full remaining balance with your own money in the event support letters do not cover your costs by March 17, 2019. Any money you have turned in up to that point will be applied towards the trip.

1. Your mission support letters may be mailed to family members, personal friends and others you know well in the community. NOTE: You can send these letters to close friends at Lakewood but not to any Lakewood Staff members.
2. You need to participate in all fundraisers designated specifically for the trip.
3. You need to personally explore any avenues and opportunities you have to raise your own part of the support (i.e. small jobs, birthday money, etc.).
4. Any money that comes in from your support letter above and beyond the required amount goes to support other team members and mission trip costs!

PHASE 3: Training (January – March)

You will be expected to participate in the following areas of training which will happen during our scheduled meeting times:

1. Personal Discipleship including personal quiet times, prayer, and corporate worship.
2. Evangelism Training: We'll spend some time talking about how to share your faith, both in Guatemala and right here in Gainesville.
3. Cultural Education: This training will help you understand the culture and background of the people we will be targeting for ministry in Guatemala.
4. Church Involvement: To help you continue growing in your own relationship with Christ, all team members are expected to be actively involved on a weekly basis (at least 80% of the time) in the ministry here at LBC through Fusion/Fusion Groups.

5. Written/Verbal Testimony: You must be able to describe in written form and verbally share your testimony of coming to faith in Christ, including:
 - a. What your life was like without Christ
 - b. How you accepted Christ, what events or people led you to a personal relationship with Jesus, and
 - c. To be able to describe how your life is different as a result of that relationship with Him and how He is working in your life now.

PHASE 4: Final Trip Preparations (March)

These meeting times will focus on the travel aspects and logistics of the project (i.e. day-by-day itinerary, packing instructions, etc.)

PHASE 5: Mission Trip to Guatemala (March 30 – April 6)

PHASE 6: Share Service (April 10)

PHASE 7: Follow-Up Letters

Be sure to mail follow-up letters to your prayer and financial supporters within 2 weeks of your return from the trip.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:

- November 28 - \$100 deposit due along with application, passport copy and commitment forms
- November/December - Send out fundraising letters
- January 20 - Team Training 1 (12:15-2:00 in The Lodge)
- January 30 - \$500 payment is due
- February 10 - Team Training 2 (12:15-2:30 in The Lodge)
- March 17 - The remaining balance is due (\$1200)
- March 17 - Team Training 3 (12:15-2:30 in The Lodge)
- March 24 - Commissioning in Worship Services at 9:15 and 11:00
- March 27 - Final Team Meeting at 8:00 pm (following Fusion)
- March 30-April 6 - Mission Trip
- April 10 - Share Service