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Mission Trip to Nicaragua - Overview



Duration of Trip: Sunday – Saturday (5 workdays)

Sponsored by: *drops of grace*®

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Cost: \$1500.00

Travel Plan: Itinerary: TBD

Destination: In and around the capital city of Managua, Nicaragua

Mission: We work shoulder-to-shoulder with our Nicaraguan neighbors to bring clean water, healthcare, education and economic opportunity to rural communities in need. It is our desire to raise hope alongside our in-country partner, Global CHE (Community Health Evangelism) Enterprises. Through this developmental work, we hope to fulfill a ministry of presence which may spark transformational growth in individuals who will become community leaders in their own community. We need all types of enthusiastic individuals who are willing to serve in whatever capacity is required... there is a job for everyone on *drops of grace*® mission trips!

The need in Nicaragua is great; it's the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Known as the 'Land of the lakes and volcanoes', Nicaragua has abundant sources of freshwater, but little of it is safe to drink or accessible. One third of the country does not have access to clean water. Over 50% of Nicaraguans are under the age of 25; **most** children don't finish the sixth grade. Improved health and family life is impossible to achieve alone, yet hope remains.

Trip Objectives:

- 💧 Cause some SMILES! Create & Lead recreational activities in community.
- 💧 Participate in drilling a freshwater well.
- 💧 Plan, prepare and deliver hands-on training in, but not limited to: Health & Hygiene, First Aid for Adults, Children, & Infants, Preventative Care, and Nutrition.
- 💧 Create & implement innovative, enthusiastic & energetic lessons to provide a VBS program with the children.
- 💧 Bring your own innovative ideas for the women in micro-finance opportunities. Lead workshops in sewing, jewelry making, cooking, etc.

Deposit Required: A \$300 non-refundable deposit and interest form reserves your spot today! Make your commitment by August 31, 2017.

How to make payments: Payments for your trip can be made in one of three ways:

- 1) **Telephone:** You may call *drops of grace*® Customer Service at (512) 784-0461 to complete a credit card donation.
- 2) **Mail:** You may mail checks made out to *drops of grace*® to the address below. They should include your name on the check to ensure it is applied to your account. *drops of grace*®, P.O. Box 2168, Round Rock, TX 78680
- 3) **Online:** You may make a payment using most major credit cards at the *drops of grace*® donations page on our website at www.dropsofgrace.org.

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FAQ:

Do I need a valid U.S. passport? Yes. If you do not already have a current U.S. passport, you may obtain one by picking up the forms at certain branches of your local U.S. Post Office or visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/apply.html>. It typically takes about six weeks to receive your passport and costs roughly \$135.

We highly recommend that you make a photocopy of your passport to bring with you and keep in a safe place separate from your original passport. It is also recommended that you leave another copy with someone at home with whom you can easily get in contact with while you are out of the country.

What does the cost of the trip include? The cost of the mission trip includes airfare, accommodations, ground transportation, a translator and meals during the trip.

What about my safety? Nicaragua is one of the safest countries in Latin America. Throughout your trip you will have a *drops of grace* team member as well as our in-country partner - Global CHE - with you at all times. We have never experienced any problems bringing groups to Nicaragua; however we do highly recommend that you leave all valuables at home and be discreet with the amount of money you choose to bring with you or publicly show.

What about prescriptions and vaccinations? There are no vaccinations required to enter Nicaragua. However the tetanus shot is recommended and you may want to request malaria tablets and Cipro (antibiotic) from your doctor before going on the trip. You will be responsible to bring any medications you may need during your stay.

Where will we stay? Our partners will secure comfortable and safe accommodations in/or around the capital city of Managua... it is dependent on where we are drilling the well. You will be double occupancy with your own shower and bed.

Where will we eat? Breakfast and Dinner will be either around hotel or at the hotel. Lunch will vary depending on community we are drilling in.

Filtered water will be available for your team throughout the trip by our *drops of grace* team lead. We recommend that each person bring his or her own water bottle and refill it as needed. You are also encouraged to bring your own snacks, provided they are stored in airtight containers.

What kind of transportation is provided? Throughout your trip, you will be transported in a clean, and comfortable van or truck, depending on the size of our group.

What should I pack? For transportation concerns, and to avoid delays at the airports, we strongly recommend that you pack one carry-on bag as well as one small bag or suitcase. Suggested packing list will be provided.

Is insurance provided? You are responsible to purchase any airfare/travel insurance you wish to have.

Medical Insurance: Outreach Group Travel Medical Insurance will be provided. Medical, Evacuation & Mortal Remains return included. This coverage is included in cost of trip and is secondary coverage while in country. Participant should contact primary care coverage to determine coverage out of country.

Funding: Team members are encouraged to request mission funds from their friends & family as well as participate in a Team fundraising event. A sample "appeal letter" is available by request that can be adapted and sent to family members and friends.

