

Methodist Mission Partnership with
Western Hills United Methodist El Paso / First United Methodist Big Spring

Yes, I would like to be member of the Mission Trip to Matagalpa, Nicaragua, 2012.
I wish to attend the medical team, February 25—March 3, 2012, First United Methodist Church Big Spring, Murray and Diane Murphy, team leaders m 432-816-3477, murraymurphy@att.net
I wish to attend the education/construction team, March 3—10, 2012, Western Hills United Methodist Church El Paso, Rick Snow, Team Leader, 915-329-5868, rick@ricksnow.com.
I wish to attend the education/construction/youth team, March 10-17, 2012, Western Hills United Methodist Church El Paso, Andi Wallace, Team Leader, 915-845-8171. mseditor2@alo.com

Please clip and send to one of the above (must be received on or before September 15, 2011).

Enclosed is my non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 made payable to the church listed above for the week you chose.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____ Number _____
More information will be sent to you after your deposit is received.

WHAT: The teams' primary involvement is to explore an established partnership with a village outside of Matagalpa. We will work with leaders of the village during the trip for a long term relationship in teaching, construction, and medical. We will also be available for other needs that utilize the skills of our teams.

WHERE: We will lodge at the Puentes de Esperanza (Bridges of Hope) team house in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, a city located two hours north of the capital city of Managua. Our focus will be a small village, San Jose.

WHO: Any individual who feels he or she can effectively serve Jesus Christ. A person who can plan, work, and give to this mission and build a vision to future mission to Nicaragua. Western Hills United Methodist Church, El Paso and First United Methodist, Big Spring and are looking to vision a long-term plan. We seek individuals who wish to serve the global mission concept through Volunteers in Mission (VIM). This is an opportunity for you to serve Jesus Christ and make a Christian difference with your life.

COST: The total cost is \$1800. To reserve your spot on one of these teams, a deposit of \$250 is due by September 15, 2011; a final payment of \$1550 is due on January 3, 2012. You may make payments at any time prior to September 15, 2011. Please make all payments payable to the church leading the team. The first week team will be to First United Methodist Church Big Spring; the last two weeks teams will be to Western Hills United Methodist Church El Paso. These may be turned into your church or the team leaders. The fee includes expenses for airfare, transfers, country entrance and exit fees, land transportation, meals, lodging and a VIM insurance policy. Personal spending funds are recommended.

Our Task

Our task is different from our purpose. The task is what we are to do with our abilities such as teaching, construction or providing for medical needs. Partnership and exploration of possibilities is a primary goal of this trip. Our task must always be secondary to our purpose of sharing Christ's love in ways that make a Christian difference. However, task and purpose are closely related, and both should be accomplished so that Jesus Christ will be lifted up by all we do as volunteers and servants.



Puentes de Esperanza

What to expect as a Volunteer Mission Team Member

Volunteers in Mission traditionally seeks to radiate the love of Jesus Christ, while serving Him in short term mission experiences where the tasks might be to build a much needed building, provide medical care, or bring a Bible School to the children of the village. All these are worthy efforts on behalf of Jesus Christ to extend His Kingdom and do good in His name.

However, God has stirred our hearts with a vision much more far reaching. God is asking us to take Volunteers in Mission in a new direction by making a long term commitment to one village in the Matagalpa area known as San Jose. Such a commitment has the potential to bring the Gospel to a village with no economy, no hope and no Christian presence. Such a commitment has the potential to permanently change the economy, the living conditions, and to bring about sustainable spiritual and social transformation to one area over the course of many years. Long term commitment allows us to develop personal and lasting relationships with some of the families God is impacting through faithfulness.

As Volunteers in Mission we will maintain the integrity of our team with prayer and daily devotional times. We will still make mission trips to the area, but this new vision means we will return to the same village to further our relationships with people who already know us, to build on overarching dreams and goals over a period of time. We will learn the language of the people, Spanish, to converse with the people we serve. We will be able to communicate. Expect to listen to God's leading, to give of yourselves deeply and to be the vessel through which God continues to make His Dream for the people of the Matagalpa region.

Medical Team

February 25-March 3, 2012

This team will minister to the health of the adults and children of the surrounding areas of Matagalpa.

Education and Construction Team

March 3-10, 2012

This team will complete a construction project and work with adults and children in the village to strengthen their relationships within the families in San Jose.

Education and Construction Team (Spring Break)

March 10-17, 2012

This team will complete a construction project and work with the youth in the village to strengthen our relationship with the families in San Jose. Youth encouraged to participate. Minimum age is 16.



Puentes de Esperanza

Bridges of Hope

*A Mission in Medical,
Construction, Education
and Partnership*



Our Commission

1. Radiate Christ's love.
2. Share Christ's great spirit of kindness, acceptance and unity.
3. Serve Christ and his people.
4. Lift up God in all we do.
5. Have a healthy prayer life.
6. Think team, not self.
7. Be flexible, patient, and relaxed.
8. Realize that people are more important than work results.
9. Understand that cultures are different, not superior or inferior.
10. Be open to God's Blessing.

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