

Construction For Others

Mission Teams help with the construction of houses in El Mirador, new churches throughout Costa Rica from Panama to Nicaragua or local church schools.

Ministry Outreach

A natural part of establishing new churches and providing for the religious growth is the training and support of lay pastors and leaders in the local Costa Rican churches.

Prison Ministry

Gerardo, a local pastor, and the Rural Center hold weekly worship services in the local prison and are joined by the mission team members who are interested.

Vacation Bible School

"Let the little ones come unto me." VBS is done by other mission groups and Gerardo, the children of El Mirador and afar come to know the love of Jesus through these activities.

Medical Outreach

General medical and dental services are provided through special mission teams with qualified personnel.

Eyeglass Outreach

Working along with *Glasses for the Masses*, they provide free eye-screening and the appropriate glasses to people throughout Costa Rica with eyesight problems.

Costa Rica Mission Trip



**"Building Up Others
Through Christ"**

Where Do I Get More Information?

If you still have questions about the mission trip, you can visit us at our website, send an e-mail, or call David Moore.

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What Are The Details?

Where Do We Go?

We travel approximately 1627 miles by air and 175 miles by charter bus to El Centro Rural Metodista, a small farm located just outside of Ciudad Quesada, Costa Rica. There we stay with Rev. Marion & Mary Woods. The sleeping accommodations are dormitory type buildings with bunk beds. Hot showers are sometimes available; cold showers are always available. The water at the camp is safe for drinking. Food is good and plentiful.



What Do We Do?



The primary job is to live the love of Jesus Christ through our conduct with all we meet along the way and through the building houses for the people

of El Mirador, a village of Nicaraguan refugees. Their humble houses are simple and do not require a special knowledge of construction. What is required is a willingness to work, a willingness to follow instructions, and a willingness to be cooperative with team members and the local leadership.

This humble home was built by our mission team in December 2006.



Who May Go?

Members and friends of Athens First UMC. Persons under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them or must have the consent of the team leader.



Do I Need A Passport?

Yes. If you do not have one, apply for it now. If you already have a passport, it must not expire within three months of the date you will arrive in Costa Rica.

A few of the amazing children of El Mirador posing with their new gringo friends.



Any Other Requirements?

Each team member will be asked to sign a pledge stating that while you are on the trip you will abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, inappropriate clothing, and profanity. You will be asked to pray for your team members and the trip. You will be asked to participate with the team by leading a short devotion for the group and by attending one or more local worship services with the team. There will also be some team meetings and activities prior to the actual trip to prepare the team for sharing the love of Christ.

How Much Does It Cost?

The total cost of the trip is about \$1,100 per person. Members of Athens First UMC pay \$600 towards the cost; nonmembers pay \$800. If you are active in Athens First UMC, but are not an official member, please see David Moore about your cost.

What Else Should I know?

You will need spending money for a few meals you will be asked to buy on your own (about \$30 for this). You will have the opportunity to go on a canopy (zipline) tour through the rainforest; if you choose this option, the cost is \$25-30. You should allow money for souvenirs based on your own personal desires for souvenirs – wood products and coffee are Costa Rican specialties. American currency is accepted everywhere, and MasterCard and Visa are accepted in many places.



When Are Trips Scheduled?

We have a trip scheduled for March 10-17, 2007, followed by tentative trips scheduled for June/July and a trip in December after Christmas.

How Can You Help?

In addition to being a team member, financial assistance is always helpful, including the sponsorship of a team member. We also need individuals to volunteer driving the church bus with the team members and a truck with luggage to the Atlanta Airport. Prayer support is also needed. We will also be collecting certain items such as clothing, shoes, and craft supplies to take as donations. Please contact David Moore for more information on how you might be able to help.