



SERVING IN GUATEMALA



CITY OF JALAPA

During the week we will be working in the city of Jalapa. Jalapa is located 3 hours east of Guatemala City. It is a city of approximately 30,000 people. Mission Serve has been working in the city for over ten years. We are excited for you to meet our friends at the Central Missionary Baptist Church. This church has an incredible ministry in the city dump, the villages of Los Pinos, El Terrero, Los Laureles, as well as in the city.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



MEDICAL

This team will do wellness checks and some dental. They will see close to 1,300 people in four days.



CONSTRUCTION

This consists mainly of laying concrete block. We have been building on to the Central Church and the mission churches.



VBS/MINISTRY

This group will go out in the community making house visits and doing VBS in one of the villages.

FREE DAY OPTIONS

Antigua: If you have never been to Guatemala, you will not want to miss this beautiful city. It was the colonial capital of Central America until the early 1700s. Many buildings date back to the 1600s. It has markets for shopping and some great restaurants.

Picaya Volcano: For those who have been to Antigua, you may want to ride horses up an active volcano. It is a beautiful trip and something you don't get to do very often. We need at least 10 people in order to do this trip. The cost is \$25.

MEDICAL

We recommend getting shots for Hep A and B and Tetanus. Some people take malaria pills. That is at your discretion. The pills make some people sick. An alternative is to use a repellent that has a high Deet content (50% or higher). Jalapa is located a couple of hundred feet below the malaria line but it is also an urban center.

MONEY

The currency in Guatemala is in Quetzals or Qs. Generally the exchange is around 7.0Q to \$1. You can exchange the money at your bank for a rate of around 6.5Q. The airport will be 6.0Q. If you get your money to Joe Monk by July 1, we will wire it to Jalapa and have it exchanged there. You will get 6.8Q or better. Group leaders will need to send a check and the names of those who are exchanging money and how much they are getting. That way we can have it ready on arrival.

What will you need money for?

Most groups are coming in on Friday night so they will need breakfast and lunch on July 20. You will also buy your own lunch on Sunday. McDonald's type meals cost between \$6 and \$7. You will also be responsible for lunch and dinner on your free day. Antigua has McDonald's and Burger King and also has some nicer restaurants that will cost between \$10 and \$15.

Those going to the volcano will need lunch money plus \$25 for the volcano. If you bring a credit card, make sure you call your company before you leave to let them know where you will be. You may want to bring a wallet that will block skimmers. Cards with chips are generally okay. We recommend bringing a money pouch so you can keep your valuables close to you.

PASSPORTS

Anyone in your group that does not have a passport needs to begin the application process now. You will want to make sure you make two copies of your passport. Leave one at home and one in your suitcase. This will expedite things if your passport is lost or stolen.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bible
- Pen
- Notebook
- Light blanket
- Jacket
- Bed sheets and pillow
- Closed toed shoes
- Toiletries
- Jeans-You must wear long pants and sleeved shirts on the worksite. This includes VBS.
- Sleeved shirts (no tank tops or spaghetti straps)
- Nice shirt for Sunday morning and other services
- Work gloves
- Bug spray with high deet content
- Sunscreen
- Rain gear
- Camera
- Copy of insurance card

SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:30pm	Hotel Check-In
6pm	Dinner
7pm	Meet our Guatemalan Hosts
7:30pm	Meet with teams
11pm	In rooms

Sunday

8am	Breakfast
10am	Worship
12pm	Lunch on your own
1pm	Begin work
6pm	Dinner
7pm	Worship

Monday-Thursday

7am	Breakfast
8:30am	Head out
4:30pm	Back to Hotel
6pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Mission Serve Worship

Friday

6:30am	Load Up
7am	Light Breakfast
7:30am	Leave for Antigua
4:30pm	Head back to Guatemala City

This schedule is subject to change.