

# Mission Trip Information



## Who's Going?

Our Young Adult and High School Ministry are both participating in this trip. Parents and small group leaders for HSM are welcome to apply.

\*\*\*Right now, there is a capacity of 45 people for this trip.

## Where are we going?

Our team will be flying into Managua, Nicaragua and working in one of the surrounding rural communities. Managua is the capital of Nicaragua. While it is a fairly modern and developed city, many of the surrounding communities still don't even have a consistent and readily available source of clean water.

We will be partnering with Amigos for Christ, a parachurch organization in Nicaragua. They are an awesome organization that exists to make Christ visible to each person they come in contact with. NorthRidge has partnered with this organization many times, and one of the missionary families there used to work on staff here at NorthRidge, leading out the young adult ministry!

## Passport

You will need a passport to go to Nicaragua. The routine processing time for a Passport is now 8-11 weeks. For more information on obtaining or renewing a Passport, go to [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport).

*\*NOTE: if your current passport is set to expire within 6 months of our arrival date back to the US – you should go ahead and renew it.*

## Vaccination

Vaccination against Covid-19 is strongly recommended, but not required to go on this trip.

We highly encourage updated Tetanus, Hepatitis A and B immunizations.

## What will we be doing?

Ultimately our mission in going to Nicaragua is the same (*hopefully*) as the rest of our lives: **waking people up to Jesus.**

On this mission trip we will be doing that through several types of activities:

- Personal Evangelism
- Prayer
- Manual Labor

We will be working "shoulder-to-shoulder" with Nicaraguans to bring opportunity to rural communities in need. Most of the time this looks like digging out and building sustainable water systems. By working together, we will help spark transformational growth in people, families, and communities!

In addition to the mission work, the team will have the opportunity to experience rich local culture and experiences Nicaragua has to offer!

## When will we be going?

We will be leaving Friday, July 5 and returning Sunday July 14. We are trying to minimize the number of days anyone has to take off, while also maximizing our time there.

## **How can I be a part of the trip?**

### **Pray!**

Even if you don't end up a part of this particular team, please pray. Pray for our team, for the Amigos team that is working there full-time, and for our neighbors we will encounter along the way. Pray that God will be glorified, that we will have a positive impact and be positively impacted because this.

### **Application Process**

There is an application to fill out in order to be considered for this team. You can find the application through [northridgechurch.com/nicaragua](http://northridgechurch.com/nicaragua). Please be sure to select the YA or HSM Nicaragua trip from the drop-down.

**All applications must be submitted by Wednesday, January 31 for consideration.**

After an application is submitted, each applicant will have a conversation about their application with a ministry leader. Not everyone that applies may end up as a part of the final team. We take these trips very seriously, so we must be diligent in putting together the best team for this trip.

### **Cost**

We are still determining the final fundraising goal of this trip – but we feel confident that it is going to be around \$1800, although it may be higher due to increased costs. That amount will cover everything on the trip except for souvenirs and meals in airports.

### **Fundraising**

While we are grateful to be able to offer this opportunity at a relatively-low cost, we do understand it is still a significant amount. Once an applicant has been approved for the trip, they will receive resources to help them raise funds to help offset the cost.

*\*Please do not start fundraising before you have been officially approved for the trip.*

### **Team Meetings**

There will be *mandatory* team meetings that will take place between March and departure. These will likely be on Saturday mornings at the Plymouth campus. The purpose of these meetings will be to build a cohesive **team** that is well informed and trained before we hit the ground!

*\*If you are truly unable to attend in-person, we will make virtual attendance possible.*