

## Summer Serve 2010 | Guatemala | Informational Meeting

- Purpose: To provide families enough basic information about the trip to make a decision about participation
- Where? Chimaltenango, Guatemala - GRACE Ministries Mission House via Detroit
- When? August 5 – 12, 2010 A Thursday to Thursday trip to minimize flight costs. We will leave Wednesday evening and stay overnight in Detroit, departing early Thursday morning.
- Why?
  - To show mercy and bring relief to the people of Guatemala. Acting on Christ's call to feed, clothe, and shelter the poor.
  - To bring the gospel through word and deed.
  - To grow in our relationship with the Lord and with each other by serving others.
- What?
  - Build simple homes and dedicate them with blanket, Bible, and plaque
  - Distribute food and clothing and share basic gospel message
  - Visit an orphanage
  - Other service work
  - Engage in daily group devotion time and personal devotions
- Who?
  - Maximum of 40 spots, leaders and students
  - Need a balance of guys and gals
  - Sign up priority – in order
    1. Essential leadership
    2. Adult leaders who have an ongoing investment in HSM at Georgetown
    3. Teens who are participants in Georgetown Youth Group or are members of Georgetown CRC
      1. Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores on a first come, first serve basis
      2. Freshman on a first come, first serve basis
    4. Parents of teens who are members of Georgetown CRC on first come, first serve basis
    5. Adult members of Georgetown CRC
    6. Area teens
- Sign up?
  - Sign ups will open for Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm before Youth Worship. Sign ups will open for Freshman at 5:00pm on November 22 if capacity for the trip has not been reached. Deposit and completed application must be submitted at that time in order to sign up.
- What is included in the trip package?
  - Food, lodging, materials for house building, food for distribution, two restaurant meals, all transportation, t-shirt, and a duffel bag.
- How much?
  - This, of course, depends on a number of factors including the final cost of trip components, the degree of giving from the church, and the result of fundraisers. Best efforts have been made to compose an accurate, yet conservative estimate.
  - Total trip cost is anticipated to be between \$850 and \$900 per participant. We expect the total student fee to be \$530. Should the costs be lower or fundraising more successful this fee could come down.
  - Deposit/Cancellation – Due to the nature of international travel, cancellations are especially

difficult to accommodate. We are requiring a deposit of \$350 at sign up which will be used to pay for airfare. Should a participant need to cancel there will be no refund, they will simply be given the rights to their ticket and allowed to work it out with the airline.

- The balance of the fee will be collected on Sunday June 27, 2010 after more accounting has been done and a final number established.
- Other items
  - Passport – Each participant is responsible for obtaining their own passport. Information will be provided about obtaining one, but each team member must get their own. A new adult (> 16) passport is \$120
  - Other costs - Participants will want some additional money for the marketplace in Antigua, food in the airports, pop at the mission house, coffee, offering at church, and refreshments in the bodegas when working. Leaders will help participants exchange money into Quetzales when we arrive.
- Preparations?
  - Passport – at least 6 weeks ahead of time, but please just do it right away. Passport information can be found online at: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)
  - Shots – Be sure to have standard immunizations, including Tetanus, up to schedule.
- Fundraisers – All participants are expected to work at the group fundraiser. We will be doing a Group Sale again this year.
- Account funds – if you have funds in your family church fundraising account, they can be applied to this trip. Please inquire with Deb Flietstra as to your balance.
- Accommodations – We stay in a beautiful mission house with all the conveniences of home. Plumbing, electric, and kitchen facilities are all like you would find right here in the States. There are 4 rooms (each with a bathroom) that house 5 people each on both floors (upstairs guys, downstairs girls). We will stay at a hotel in Detroit on Wednesday night.
- Safety – The mission house is very safe on the top of a large hill surrounded by friends of the ministry. While on work sites and in the market normal care should be taken: be aware of your surroundings, stay with the group, and protect your belongings.
- Emergencies – There is a very good hospital in Guatemala City about a 40 minute drive away. We also hope to have a nurse along on the trip.
- Questions? Eric and Jayme have been on this trip twice. Feel free to ask them any questions.