

General Information

Saturday May 27th – Saturday, June 3rd

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Itinerary:

Saturday, May 27th	Fly down to Guatemala
Sunday, May 28th	Antigua, Guatemala
Monday, May 29th-Friday, June 2nd	Work days
Saturday, June 3rd	Fly home to Jersey

Cost:

*\$500 for the expenses of the houses we are building/donation

*\$250/week for accommodations

\$500-\$600 Flight

\$250 meals, gifts, personal

TOTAL: \$1,500-\$1,600 out of pocket (*without fundraising*)

\$750-\$850 out of pocket (*with bare minimum fundraising*)

**Hopefully minimized/eliminated with fundraising*

What we are doing:

Building concrete block houses with a cement floor, corrugated metal roof, a skylight, metal door with lock and a metal-framed window with glass. The house will be painting, color chosen by the family. The family whose house we are working on will be there.

Details for Trip

Work Site: Transportation is provided to the site. Bottled water is provided by *From Houses to Homes*. Sunscreen, small bags and lunch is to be brought. We will each receive a name-tag that we are to wear.

Hotel: Hotel Posada Placida Antigua
Private bathrooms, closets, and cable TV all in rooms.
Kitchen for storage and dining area for breakfast, etc.



Food for the week: Buying food beginning of the week, make lunches at hotel kitchen. At least twice, we will all eat together as a group

Extra Expenses: Time on Saturday at the end of the week to walk around and see Antigua as well as in the evening after dinner and reflection.

Currency Exchange: Can be done at the airport in Guatemala City, or there are ATMs up the block from the hotel, in Central Park, which you can take out Qs (Quetzals)
\$1 = 8Qs (ex. \$50 = about 400Q)

Expense for week: **Around \$250+**, I think would be a good estimate to bring, however based on our fundraising, the food for lunch and at least one of the dinners will be a treat.

Week Agenda



Saturday:

Arrive at hotel, unpack, take a walk to central park so you can see what's around and then it's on your own.

Sunday:

On own. Will touch base more when we arrive on Saturday and get situated with where we are.



Monday – Friday:

8:45AM

Pick up at central park
(wake up is up to you as long as you are on time)

12:00PM-1:00PM

Lunchtime
(workers decide when we break to eat)

3:30PM-4:00PM

Get picked up to head back to hotel

5:30PM

Evening Reflection
(you may shower before or after reflection once back)

6:00PM-10:00PM

Dinner and free time

10:00PM

NO LATER BACK AT THE HOTEL



Saturday:

TIME TBD

Pickup to head to airport
(wake up is on own as to how much time is needed)

REASON FOR TRIP

The reason for this trip is to help those less fortunate.

During the week, we will have the opportunity to work together as a faith community and learn about our brothers and sisters in Guatemala.

My hope is that you leave this experience with a greater sense of self and a better understanding of how we are all called to be disciples of Jesus.

Please do not make this decision lightly. Take the time, and even pray on it, to see where you best fit into such a service trip.

Perhaps Archbishop Oscar Romero said it best:

“We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.”

Things to Pack

One suitcase

Old t-shirts

Old Jeans/Pants

Shorts

Work boots

Socks/underwear

Hat/bandana

Sunglasses

Rain gear

Comfy Clothes for night

Sweatshirt

Comfy shoes for walking

Pajamas

Toiletries

SUNBLOCK!

Small bag to carry to worksite

One carry on (optional)

Old clothes

Toys

Games

Room for items purchased
while in Antigua being
brought home