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Please clip and mail to Chad Detwiler

___ Yes, I would like to be a member of the Construction/Outreach mission to _____, Belize, February 6-13, 2021

___ Enclosed is my deposit of \$500.00 made payable to Chapel Hill UMC to reserve my place. (Due Oct 1)

* Balance of \$1,000.00 due December 6, 2019

Name _____ Phone _____ / _____ - _____ Mobile _____ / _____ - _____

Official Passport Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

WHAT

The team will work on the repair of the Albert Street District Office on the John and Charles Wesley Building.

WHERE

The mission site will be in Belize City, Belize.

WHEN

The team will leave Saturday, February 6, and return on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

WHO

You are invited to be members of a construction team to Belize if you believe that God can use you to share Christ's love in ways that make a Christian difference.

COST & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The cost for the entire eight-day mission to Belize is \$1,500.00, which includes your airfare, land transportation, food in Belize, lodging, t-shirt, excursion, secondary insurance, and VIM administration fee.

*** Due December 15**

Please note airline tickets will not be purchased for any individuals with outstanding account balances. Please make checks payable to Chapel Hill UMC noted for Belize.

INSURANCE

Secondary medical insurance coverage is provided as a part of your team fee through Insurica.

PASSPORT

A Passport is required. Be sure you have 6 months remaining on the expiration date beyond the return date of the mission. If you do not have a passport please apply for one immediately.

LANGUAGE

English is the official language in Belize but others are spoken to include Creole, Garifuna, Mandarin, Spanish, and Mayan.

INOCULATIONS

Check with your physician for any inoculations he/she may recommend, as none are required by the government for entry into Belize.

CLOTHING FOR THE MISSION

The weather will be warm and humid during the day (85°F), but may be cool at night (76°F) with 82% average humidity. You will need four days of work clothing (long pants, boots/closed toed shoes...) and leisure clothes for after work hours (shorts, t-shirt...). Formal clothing is not necessary as worship attire is nice casual. Excursion clothing should include a swimming suit.

LIVING CONDITIONS

You will stay at a local lodge which has air-conditioning in each room. Rooms will be shared with others on the team. Meals will be provided by the lodge served with local flavor.

The policy of VIM is to refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and vulgarity while on the mission from the time you leave until you return home.

WHAT TO TAKE

Bible, writing materials, camera, personal hygiene items, appropriate clothing for a cool to warm climate, positive and cooperative spirit and a willingness to honor Jesus Christ by serving Him.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You can expect an opportunity to serve and make a Christian difference with your life by serving as a team member who will touch lives with the love of Jesus Christ. You will have the privilege of working, living, fellowshiping, and worshipping with the wonderful people of Belize. You can expect to experience the beauty of Belize as you serve on the mission team.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of Oklahoma Volunteers In Mission is to share the love of Christ in ways that make a Christian difference.

OUR TASK

The task of Oklahoma Volunteers in Mission is to share our abilities in partnership with our team members and those who host our teams. As servants we participate in accomplishing particular goals set by and in cooperation with our hosts – in their time and in their way. Some examples of Oklahoma Volunteers in Mission task opportunities are: offering Bible schools, construction, medical services and faith sharing, at home and around the world.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR PURPOSE AND TASK

It is most important that we be constantly mindful of the primary nature of our purpose. The task is important but is always to be secondary to realizing our true mission as Christians together...to share Christ's love. When we are faithful in our purpose – the difference that Christ intends will be made.

OUR COMMISSION

1. Radiate Christ's love
2. Share Christ's great spirit of kindness, acceptance and unity
3. Serve Christ and His people
4. Lift up God in all we do
5. Have a healthy prayer life
6. Think TEAM not SELF
7. Be flexible, patient, and relaxed
8. Realize that people are more important than work results
9. Understand that cultures are different not superior or inferior
10. Be open to God's Blessings

WHY BELIZE

While Belize does have the 2nd longest barrier reef in the world and offers some extraordinary God made sights, there is a bigger reason.

Of the approximate 390,000 people in Belize 41% live below the poverty line. Approximately 50% of the population is under 18 years of age with 49% living in poverty.

Unemployment is around 12%. One of the major attractions for many youth to find work and make money is in the drug traffic between South and North America.

Belize operates a very unique Church / State school system – the majority of schools are run and funded through the churches, with the Government paying teachers' salaries and some development costs. The Methodist Church (Belize/Honduras District) is responsible for 32 Methodist Schools in Belize and Honduras. With all the church and public schools in Belize there is only enough space for about half the children to attend high school. Education is also not free in Belize and past primary level becomes very costly.

The Belize Methodist churches rely heavily on sponsorships and volunteer teams to help them build and maintain the schools. Education is one of the ways Belize has focused to move their people out of poverty.



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