

## Riverside Guatemala Trip 2012



Casas por Cristo  
short term missions

<http://www.casasporcristo.org>

### **Riverside Trip Costs (based upon a 20 person team)**

Airfare	\$800/person
Passport	\$125/person
Transportation, food, and lodging	\$125/person
Gas to Indy	\$7.50/person
Airport parking	\$9/person
Construction materials	\$400/person (\$8000 total)
Travel insurance	\$17.50/person
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### **Typical Schedule for Trip:**

#### *Sunday:*

- 9:15pm – Arrive in Guatemala City and get on bus to travel to San Raimundo
  - Simple sack dinner is given on the bus
- 11pm – Arrive at Morning Glory school. Short orientation given.
- 11:30pm – Bed

#### *Monday through Thursday:*

- 6am – Breakfast
- 7am – Go to worksite
- 3-5pm – Return from worksite
- 5:30pm – Dinner

#### *Friday:*

- Fun day in Antigua: leave after breakfast and return late afternoon
- Dinner is a Guatemalan fiesta at the school

#### *Saturday:*

- Depart for the airport in early morning

## **Important dates:**

January 22, 2012 – Official Riverside Guatemala Trip signup begins

February-March - Fundraising

**March 4, 2012** – Plane tickets purchased, no refunds

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April 2012 – Paired with Guatemalan family

May 3, 2012 – Full payment is due to Casas por Cristo

May 20, 2012 – Team meeting

May 27, 2012 – Team meeting

June 3, 2012 – Depart from Indy

June 9, 2012 – Return to Indy

## **Q & A**

### **Fundraising**

Do not let \$ stop you from going on the trip. We will help you raise the necessary funds. We will invite the Riverside congregation to raise the \$8000 for the construction costs. We will provide sample letters to write to family and friends asking for their financial support of your trip. We will then organize fundraisers in February and March. We already have a rummage sale planned for February 24-25.

### **Emergencies**

Each Casas por Cristo staff person will carry a cell phone and you will be given a 800 number to use for emergency contacts. If someone is hurt they will be taken to a Missionary Doctor in Guatemala and then to the hospital in Guatemala City and then flown out of the country if needed.

### **Cell Phones**

It is possible to have a cell phone (AT&T), but one is not needed and it is recommended that you plan to step away from normal life and invest fully in your team and Guatemala. Guatemala is Central time zone.

### **Team**

15-25 workers (over 13 yrs/old). 1 adult for every 3-4 students. Kids can go, but are not counted as workers and are the responsibility of the parent. Brian Russell and Dan Teefey will lead our team. Every team will have a Casas por Cristo staff missionary to lead the trip. They will be with us from the moment we land to the moment we return to the airport to return home.

### **What we will do**

Hard work. Pour the foundation (most of first day w/portable mixers), build the walls and roof, run electrical, and install siding. We will listen and follow the directions of our Casas por Cristo leaders even if we think we know of better methods. They know how to build in Guatemala and we will follow their lead. Everyone will get from the trip what you put into it. 4 full days are scheduled for building the

home and the 5<sup>th</sup> day is a flex day that can be used for fun or building if necessary. We will work each day from 7am to 3pm and eat lunch on the worksite.

### **Travel**

We will travel as a Team and there are no separate arrival/departure times for individuals. We will be picked up from the airport in Guatemala City between 8-9pm on Sunday, June 3, 2012. We will be returned to the airport in Guatemala City in the morning on Saturday, June 9, 2012. We will travel on buses to and from the airport. We will travel in cars to and from the worksite.

### **Where we stay**

We will stay in the Morning Glory Christian School. We will eat breakfast and dinner at the school. The facility is well equipped with 4 showers in the men's dorm area and 4 showers in the women's dorm area. The facility has ample bathrooms and we will sleep in bunk beds.

### **Luggage**

Each person will check one bag and be allowed one carry-on. You do not need bedding or towels. Pack light. If the weather is bad, your bags will be at your feet or in the aisles of the bus.

### **Money**

The U.S. Dollar is not usually accepted in Guatemala. The currency is the Quetzal. We will exchange all of our money together with one of the team members as the banker to save on exchange fees.

### **Passports**

Passports are required for all team members.

### **Shots**

No vaccinations are required by the Center for Disease Control. Suggested vaccinations are Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Tetanus and Rabies. Malaria is not present in the higher elevations of Guatemala where we will be.

### **The Family**

Guatemalan families are not required to participate in the construction of their home beyond preparing the site. Many families are eager to help though. Most times the family will be around the worksite and we will be able to interact with them. Casas por Cristo is an outreach tool used by pastors in Guatemala and thus not all families are Christians.

### **Language**

Spanish is the primary language in Guatemala. Brian Russell speaks Spanish and we hope others on our trip will as well, but it is certainly not necessary.