

Granada, Nicaragua 2009 Church Construction Project

Dates: Flexible – teams can discuss potential dates with LHM. Optimal time is approx 7-8 days. Teams must arrive in Managua by 3PM at the latest.

Individual Budget: Based on 7 days approx. \$530 – This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, translators and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include international flights and is based on a team of 10 people.

Materials for Project: \$4,500. This includes materials, tools and paint for the project, administration costs, and the cost of hiring a local construction worker to help coordinate the project.



Church Work Project

The LHM ministry center in Nicaragua – Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN) or Christ for All Nations, shares words of comfort and hope in Christ with people who have been battered by natural disasters, that endure difficult economic circumstances and that currently have a high unemployment problem. Providing a message of hope with people in these times allows the spread of the Gospel in Nicaragua.



A team is needed to install new windows and doors in a church in Granada, Nicaragua. The local Lutheran pastor has asked for our help in finishing the church building. The congregation has had to stop construction due to lack of funds but is still using the building for worship and community activities. Adding windows and doors and doing some painting will help finish the building and allow items to be locked in the church safely.

The team will complete this project with help of a professional construction worker and some local church volunteers.

Sample Itinerary

Day 1. Arrival, orientation and rest
Day 2. Workday
Day 3. Worship and sightseeing
Day 4. Workday

Day 5. Workday
Day 6. Workday
Day 7. Outreach activity

A detailed itinerary will be customized and provided to you by LHM according your travel days and team size.

Travel Documentation

- A visa is not required for entry into Nicaragua for stay up to three months
- U.S. Passport must be valid 6 months beyond arrival date
- Tickets and Documents for return or onward travel

Vaccinations

CDC recommends:

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
<u>Routine</u>	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, etc.
<u>Hepatitis A</u> or immune globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection (see map) where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
<u>Hepatitis B</u>	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission (see map) and who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment, such as for an accident, and for all adults requesting protection from HBV infection.
<u>Typhoid</u>	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Mexico and Central America, especially if visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas and staying with friends or relatives where exposure might occur through food or water.

This is based on current information from CDC and often depends on where the team travels in Nicaragua. Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made. <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationNicaragua.aspx>

Lodging & Meals

The team will be staying at the Alhambra Hotel in Granada, Nicaragua. Granada is Nicaragua's fourth most populous city and capital of the Granada Department. Granada is historically one of Nicaragua's most important cities both economically and politically. It is situated on the northwestern shore of Lake Cocibolca and was founded by Francisco Hernández de Córdoba on December 8, 1524. It has a rich colonial heritage, seen in its architecture and layout. Granada is commonly nicknamed the "Gran Sultana del Gran Lago" - the Great Sultan of the Great Lake.



All hotels are air-conditioned and provide clean sheets and towels. The team will eat their meals at a choice of local restaurants.

Sightseeing

The team can visit Lago De Nicaragua (Lake Nicaragua) which is the largest of several freshwater lakes in southwestern Nicaragua and the dominant physical feature of the country; it is also the largest lake in Central America. The lake is also apparently one of the only freshwater lakes that contain sharks. Taking a boat trip is not included in the budget but can be arranged.

Budget

Costs for Global Work & Witness teams are split into 'Individual Costs', which is your food, lodging, transportation, etc., and your 'Project Costs', which is the cost of the materials for the actual project you participate on. Whether it is a VBS or a construction project we ask that your team cover these costs as a group.

Sample budget of **Individual Costs** based on 10 people traveling 7/8 days:

	Based on team of 10 people	
Insurance	8 days @ \$2.75	\$22.00
Lodging	7 nights @ \$40 (based on double occupancy – includes buffet breakfast)	\$280.00
Meals	7 days @ \$12	\$84.00
Entry tax		\$5.00
Bottled Water	Approx \$5 per day	\$35.00
Transportation	Daily use of bus - incl. Gas and driver	\$84.00
Translators		\$20.00
Total		\$530.00

You must also budget for your international flights, sightseeing, and souvenirs.

The budget is estimated and your team may choose to eat a little more expensive or a little cheaper meals, which would obviously affect your budget. We tend to try and over budget as much as possible so you do not run short of funds but it never hurts to have some extra funds available. It would also be wise to carry a small amount of additional contingency funds for any medical emergencies that may occur or unexpected costs.

Project Costs for this project is \$4,500. This includes materials and paint for the project, administration costs, and the cost of hiring a local construction worker to help coordinate the project.

Insurance Coverage

Medical evacuation for all team members is mandatory and LHM provide insurance from AIG at the cost of \$2.75 a day. We will provide you with an insurance card with a policy number on it and a contact number in cases of extreme emergency – i.e. something that requires evacuation. The person you talk with will advise you on what to do in those circumstances. For all other claims please pay any bills that you incur and make a claim directly to the insurance company when you return.

LHM Ministry Center

Though young, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) —Nicaragua has made significant progress in using outreach programs to connect with people on a personal basis. Locally known as **Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (Christ for all Nations or CPTLN)**, this ministry center has invested themselves in the **Project JOEL** ministry, and put their own spin on the **Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)**.

The majority of the Nicaraguan population is categorized as "youth," making **Project JOEL** a valuable tool in reaching the public. LHM—Nicaragua staff and volunteers visit schools, and other outreach arenas to talk to young people about life situations. **Project JOEL** provides Nicaraguan youth with guidance on how to approach choices in life through a biblical perspective

Another ministry in which LHM—Nicaragua has personalized a ministry program is **Bible Correspondence Courses**. Many countries use the mail system to provide people with Bible lessons that are completed independently. Instead, LHM—Nicaragua sends volunteers to give interactive lessons to participants. These volunteers are able to answer any questions people have concerning the lessons, and tailor the discussions to the specific needs of **BCC** students.

LHM—Nicaragua has multiple offices within the country. The original office is located in Chinandega, while a more recent office was opened in León. Furthermore, LHM—Nicaragua has plans to open an office in Managua. Having several offices in the larger cities of Nicaragua helps LHM reach the most people possible.

Challenges

The economy is reliant on agriculture, with coffee as the number one export and corn as the main crop grown for domestic consumption. Unfortunately, Nicaragua is still considered one of poorest countries in Central America due to years of corrupt dictatorship, natural disasters, revolution, and civil war.

About 40 percent of the population is under the age of 15, largely due to a birth rate that greatly exceeds the death rate. As the population continues to grow, the levels of poverty become a bigger problem. It is estimated that 45 percent of Nicaraguans survive on less than a dollar a day, the majority of whom live in rural areas.

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