



Guatemala

Floor Installation/ Computer Lab/VBS

Dates: June 24-July 1, 2012

Individual Budget: \$450

This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, translators, visa, and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include international flights and is based on a team of 10 people for 11/12 days.

Materials for Project: \$5,000-This includes the supplies needed for the floor construction as well as 6 laptop computers



Project

There are three areas of ministry involved in this unique project-construction, technology, and interaction with local children and their families through a VBS. The construction portion of the project involves the team helping to install the floor at local church, entitled Lutheran World's Redeemer's Temple. For the technology portion, the team has been asked to provide between 4 and 6 computers to be distributed between the LHM-Guatemala Internet Café and Redeemer Lutheran School's Computer Laboratory. Lastly, a VBS will be held for the children of Santiago Zamora Village between the ages of 6 and 15.

Project Location

The Lutheran School "World's Redeemer" is located in a small Mayan village called Santiago Zamora. Their language is cakchiquel but they also speak Spanish. The village is located 25 minutes from Antigua Guatemala. The villages' major focus is agriculture for the men and typical handicrafts for the women. The population is around 5,000. The major denominations are catholic, Presbyterian and Pentecostal. There is also a church attached to the school which started 20 years ago and currently has 60 members.



LHM-Guatemala Internet Cafe



Lutheran World's Redeemer's Temple



VBS Outreach

Itinerary

- Day 1. Arrival and rest.
- Day 2. Orientation, visit project site and planning
- Day 3. Worship and free time
- Day 4. Workday
- Day 5. Workday
- Day 6. Workday
- Day 7. Workday
- Day 8. Workday
- Day 9. Wrap up of project
- Day 10. Worship and free time/sightseeing
- Day 11. Sightseeing
- Day 12. Departure



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

Travel Documentation

- No visa is required for entry into Guatemala
- U.S. Passport must be valid 6 months beyond intended stay
- Tickets and Documents for return or onward travel

For travel by minors and general information, contact:

The Embassy of Guatemala,
 2220 R St., NW, Washington,
 DC 20008-4081
 (202/745-4952)
 Website: <http://www.guatemala-embassy.org/>

Travel Insurance

Medical evacuation for all team members is mandatory and LHM provides insurance from Gallagher Charitable International Insurance Services at the cost of \$3.30 a day (see budget). We will provide you with an insurance card with a policy number on it and a contact number in cases of extreme emergency – usually something that requires medical 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.

Vaccinations

Vaccine recommendations are based on the best available risk information. Please note that the level of risk for vaccine-preventable diseases can change at any time.

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, poliovirus vaccine, etc.

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
Hepatitis A 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.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission (see map), especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).
Typhoid	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Mexico and Central America, especially if staying with friends or relatives or visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water.
Rabies	Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, or hiking. Also recommended for travelers with significant occupational risks (such as veterinarians), for long-term travelers and expatriates living in areas with a significant risk of exposure, and for travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals. Children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals, may receive more severe bites, or may not report bites.

This is based on current information from CDC. Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/cambodia.aspx>

Lodging and Meals

The team will be staying at the Lutheran Center in Antigua, Guatemala located 25 minutes from the work site. Breakfast is included in the lodging costs, while lunch and dinner are separate. See the budget below for specific cost amounts.



Sightseeing

There will be the opportunity to sightsee in beautiful Antigua and experience the adventure of visiting Pacaya Volcano. From Antigua to Pacaya Volcano takes around one hour. The cost is between \$150-\$200 per person. These costs are not included in the individual budget.



Budget

Costs for international volunteer 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.

Individual Costs based on 12 people for eight nights and nine days:

	Divided over a team of 12 people	
Insurance	9 days @ \$3.30	\$29.70
Lodging (includes breakfast)	\$22.50 per person for eight nights	\$180
Food	\$16 per day @ 9 days	\$144
Transportation	\$300 divided by 10 team members	\$25
Bottled Water	\$5 per day	\$45
Total		\$450

You must also budget for your international flights and souvenirs.

You must also budget for your international flights, miscellaneous cost with visas, sightseeing and souvenirs. Check with your flight agency whether the departure tax of \$25.00 is included in your ticket purchase or if you have to pay that separately.

The budget is an estimated and your team may choose to eat more or less expensive meals, which would 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 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 are \$5,000 and whatever the costs of the VBS are.

LHM Ministry Center

The Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) ministry center in Guatemala City uses a wide range of community-based programs to spread the Gospel. Though it does have an effective Web site offering information about all the services, programs and activities of the Ministry, it is the work performed by the staff and volunteers of this ministry center with the people that is the most effective. The **Project JOEL** program reaches out to thousands of children and teens throughout the country. It is based on solid Christian teachings and has grown in public elementary and high schools throughout the country. In 2006, three Lutheran schools were added. They also reach out to children through visits to hospitals and orphanages.

LHM-Guatemala offers seven adult and two children's **Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)**. **Equipping the Saints (ETS)** training is given to lay Lutheran people concerning evangelism, and it is equipping them with evangelistic materials and other resources to help the ministry reach the lost. The ministry center teaches God's Word through a young theater group, called "Kerigma," organizes broadcasts of LHM TV specials on secular channels during Easter and Christmas.

The "Friend to Friend" program is Christian people reaching non-Christians by distributing booklets. The "Woman to Woman" program is Lutheran lay woman who open their houses for Bible courses reaching friends, family members, and neighbors. LHM-Guatemala often conducts dental, medical and eye clinics in cooperation with local Lutheran Churches, and LCMS Mission groups. LHM-Guatemala's staff and volunteers also provide spiritual counseling by phone, e-mail, and with the assistance of local Lutheran lay people and pastors.

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