

PANAMA 2024

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEESBURG

STUDENTS

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WHY DO WE GO ON SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS?

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

The heartbeat of First Leesburg is to be a lighthouse to our community and a launching pad to the nations. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is literally the best news that man could receive, and as believers in Jesus it is our primary job to spread this message to anyone, anywhere – no matter what the cost.

When Jesus commissioned the disciples, He told them in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." In an effort to be obedient to this command, we at First Leesburg have sought to develop strategic partnerships in each of these four areas.

To that end, we engage our Jerusalem through the eight ministries of the [Christian Care Center](#) right here in Leesburg.

We seek to reach our Judea in partnerships throughout the United States, including a short term trip for families to Helen, GA, as well as a trip to Miami, FL geared toward Middle School Students.

Our attempts to reach our Samaria is seen through our partnerships in Latin America, including a trip to Panama geared toward High School Students.

Our efforts to engage the remotest parts of the earth are carried out through our partnerships in East Asia and Southeast Asia.

We must work diligently to complete this unfinished task given to us by the Lord, as there are so many who are waiting to hear the news of Jesus. Will you join us?



EL VALLE, PANAMA?

WHY DO WE GO TO

HISTORY & LOCATION

For the last several years, FBC has partnered with Go In The Name missionaries in Panama to host students for a week-long international missions experience. It is a strong partnership that has enabled us to do meaningful work alongside a small local church that needs the help each summer.

Panama is located just a 3-hour flight from Florida and their primary language is Spanish. Local currency is the US dollar and Panama is an excellent first exposure to international missions. Students will have an incredible opportunity to work with communities who are desperate to know the gospel.

STATS

Panama is home to nearly 4.28M people.
El Valle is home to nearly 8,000 people.
The church partner has 40 members.



99% OF PEOPLE IN
EL VALLE,
PANAMA
ARE LOST



HOW TO REGISTER

July 13-20, 2024
\$1400 per team member



1 Scan the QR code to get started! Complete your registration by 12/03/23!

Use the QR code or go to <https://firstleesburg.org/studenttrips>

Registration Deadline: Dec. 3, 2023
Final Balance Due: May 19, 2024
Trip Departure: July 13, 2024

2 Fill out your application online and pay your \$250 deposit.

You'll have time to fundraise or save up for this valuable experience! Set goals, be proactive, and get creative as you fundraise!

3 Save or fundraise to reach your goal!

Finances should never be something that keeps a willing student from participating in missions! We can help you write a simple fundraising letter to send to anyone who wants to support you! After you register, donors can use your specific link and you can watch your funding in real time!

4 Invite a friend to join you on mission!

Be the best friend ever and invite a friend to come! Work together to raise funds and get excited about how God will use you in Panama!

ALL ABOUT FUNDRAISING

While FBC doesn't offer team fundraisers, there is plenty of time and opportunity for you to take initiative and raise your funds. Think of the fundraising process as practice for sharing the gospel. Each time you share your heart to go on mission, you are sharing your testimony of what God has done in your life and how His love has changed you!

Whether you earn the money through extra work or through donations, each small amount adds up!

- **Budget:** As soon as you decide to join the trip, start setting aside allowance or job earnings. [7 months at \$200 per month gets you there!]
- **Ask:** There are plenty of church members (and family members!) who would gladly sponsor your trip for a little or a lot. Don't be afraid to ask! We can help you with printed letters or digital links to make donations smooth.
- **Believe:** God's desire is always for His name to be known! If you have it in your heart to say YES to going, God will provide the means through his people! We have never had a willing student fail to raise the funds they need to go on mission!

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Earn!

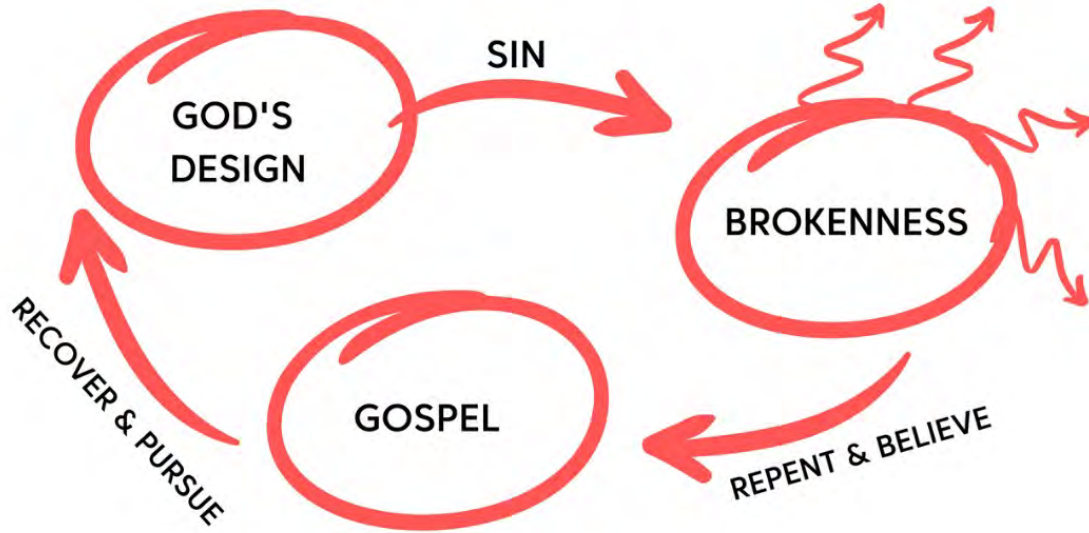
Work extra hours; sell items you no longer use; use your skills to start a side business; save money by cutting back on extra expenses. [Tip: physically putting money in a jar can help you visualize your progress!]

Ask!

Parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins
Friends of your family; Work colleagues of your family
Other church members or spiritual mentors

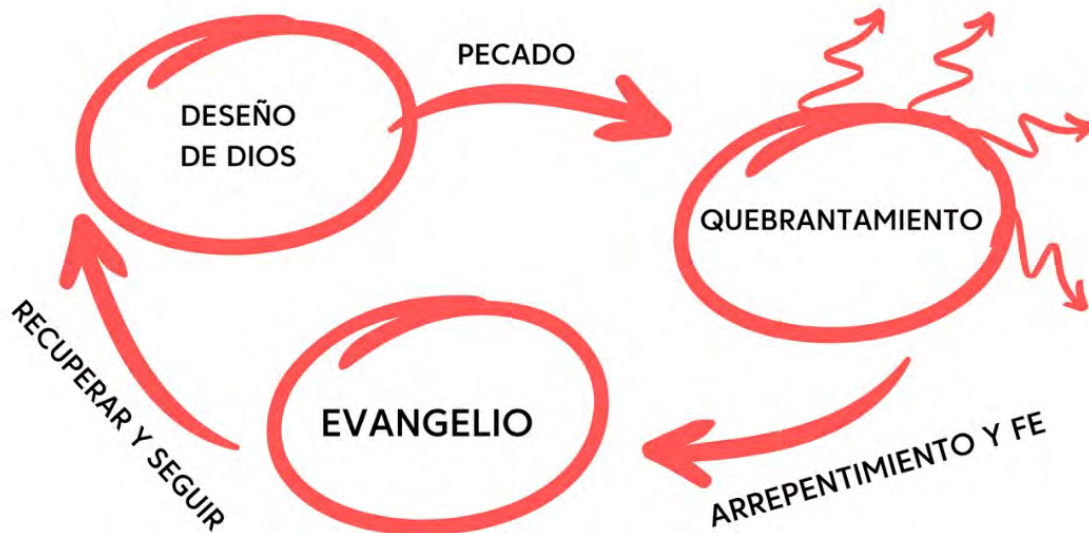
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BASIC ITINERARY

A more detailed itinerary will be provided before departure. Team members will participate in a variety of projects. Our goal is to serve our church partners while in Panama, so prepare to be put to work!

Saturday (07/13)

Travel Day

Sunday (07/14)

AM - Lead Worship Service in El Valle (opportunities for preaching, testimonies, and singing)

PM - Facilities work at partner church

Monday - Tuesday (07/15 - 07/16)

AM - Community Evangelism (using 3 Circles)

PM - Community Evangelism (using 3 Circles)

Wednesday (07/17)

AM - Ministry at Mechano School (VBS-style games, crafts, lesson)

PM - Ministry at El Valle School (VBS-style games, crafts, lesson)

PM - Lead Worship Service in El Valle (opportunities for preaching, testimonies, and singing)

Thursday (07/18)

AM - Facilities work at Mechano School

PM - Facilities work at El Valle School

PM - Bus to Panama City

Friday (07/19)

AM/PM - Fun day touring Monkey Island and Panama City

Saturday (07/29)

Travel Day

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What are the deadlines for registering and payments?**
 - Registration Deadline: 12/03/2023
 - Final Balance Due: 05/19/2024
 - Trip Departure: 07/13/2024
- **How will my student be traveling to and around Panama?** We will travel by air out of Orlando International Airport (MCO) to Panama City Airport (PTY). From there, we will travel with our mission partner by van to El Valle. We will also be walking between 3-5 miles per day around the small villages.
- **Who is leading the trip? Where will my student stay?** Garrett Haywood is leading the Panama Mission Team, which consists of students from our church and other adult chaperones. Parents are welcome to be on the team! Our lodging will be in hotels in El Valle and Panama City.
- **What will my student be doing?** Check out the schedule on page 10 for a general itinerary!





INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION BY SPONSORING A STUDENT!



A donation of any amount is valuable to us, and if you're looking to make the biggest impact, consider a half (\$700) or full sponsorship (\$1400). Scan the QR code or visit <http://firstleesburg.org/studenttrips> and select "Can't Go? Give!" Want to direct the funds to a particular student? Make use of the special instructions box as you donate.

we will tell the
NEXT GENERATION
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power,
AND THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE.
PSALM 78:4