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SHARING THE HOPE, HANDS AND HEART OF JESUS THROUGH SPORTS

## INTERNATIONAL VISION TRIP GUIDE



# WHO ARE WE?



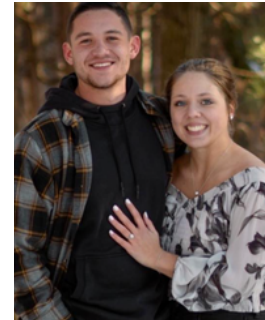
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FRIENDSHIP SPORTS INTERNATIONAL IS DEDICATED TO SPREADING THE GOSPEL AND NURTURING DISCIPLES, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND ABROAD. IN HONDURAS, WE'VE UNDERTAKEN NUMEROUS PROJECTS OVER THE YEARS, COLLABORATING WITH SEVERAL MINISTRY PARTNERS. OUR MAIN FOCUS LIES IN THE VILLAGE OF LA VENTA, HOME TO FEWER THAN 1,000 PEOPLE. INSPIRED BY JESUS' EMPHASIS ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND MENTORING, WE'VE PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ESTABLISHING CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, AND CAMP MONTE DE SANTIDAD IN HONDURAS. OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS COMMUNITY PERSISTS, ALONGSIDE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH INSPIRITA FOUNDATION IN TEGUCIGALPA.

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# HONDURAS MINISTRY



KATIE AND MARIO LEAD THE FSI MINISTRY IN HONDURAS. THEY WORK WITH AND THROUGH THEIR CHURCH PLANT, AND THROUGH THEIR COFFEE SHOP. KATIE AND MARIO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE LOCAL YOUTH.



IN HONDURAS, YOU WILL GET A CHANCE TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE BOTH URBAN AND VILLAGE MINISTRY AND HOW THE LIVES AND EXPERIENCES IN THESE PLACES ARE DIFFERENT.





# OTHER INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



IN GUATEMALA - WE WORK WITH HANDS OF GRACE GUATEMALA  
ALSO IN HONDURAS WE WORK WITH INSPIRATA FOUNDATION



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# PARTNERSHIPS CONT.



WE COULDN'T EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF THESE TRIPS WITHOUT OUR KEY, LONGTIME PARTNERS WHO MAKE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY POSSIBLE. THROUGH THESE RELATIONSHIPS, WE WITNESS THE TRANSFORMATIVE WORK OF THE GOSPEL IN HONDURAS AND BEYOND. WE ARE HONORED TO COLLABORATE WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPORTING THEIR VISION BY ENSURING SAFETY AND LOGISTICS, PROVIDING HOUSING AND FOOD, FOSTERING SPORTS CONNECTIONS, AND OFFERING AN IMMERSIVE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE. WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR SCOTT AND MIMI CROOK AND THEIR FAMILY, WHO RUN THE HUMUYA INN AND FOUNDED THE INSPIRATA FOUNDATION. FOR OVER 25 YEARS, THEY HAVE PARTNERED WITH FSI, NOT ONLY BY HOSTING US AT THEIR HOTEL BUT ALSO BY LAUNCHING THE INSPIRATA FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AFFILIATED WITH POINT MINISTRIES, HELPING THEM THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AND POST-SECONDARY TRAINING. ADDITIONALLY, DR. IVAN AND POINT MINISTRIES SERVE OVER 800 CHILDREN IN THE PROJECTS OF TEGUCIGALPA, SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND PROVIDING NUTRITION, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND MORE.

IN ADDITION TO OUR WORK IN HONDURAS, WE ARE BLESSED TO PARTNER WITH HANDS OF GRACE GUATEMALA, AN INCREDIBLE MINISTRY SERVING INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS THROUGH EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND FAMILY MINISTRY. THIS PARTNERSHIP ALLOWS US TO WALK ALONGSIDE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, EMPOWERING FAMILIES AND EQUIPPING FUTURE GENERATIONS THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THESE PARTNERSHIPS, WHICH EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY—WORKING TOGETHER TO FURTHER GOD'S KINGDOM AND BRING LASTING IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.



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# A VISION TRIP IS ...



**NOT A “MISSION TRIP”:** UNLIKE A TRADITIONAL MISSION TRIP THAT FOCUSES ON CONVERSION OR SERVICE, AN INTERNATIONAL VISION TRIP INVITES PARTICIPANTS TO EXPLORE ONE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION: HOW IS GOD AT WORK IN THIS PLACE? THIS TRANSFORMATIVE PERSPECTIVE ALLOWS US TO REIMAGINE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, OURSELVES, AND OTHERS, UNLOCKING NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL GROWTH.

**TRANSFORMATIONAL PROCESS:** AN INTERNATIONAL VISION TRIP CELEBRATES A POWERFUL JOURNEY OF CHANGE, MOVING FROM WHAT'S KNOWN TO FEELING LOST AND FINALLY FINDING A NEW DIRECTION. IT'S ABOUT EXPLORING THE SPACE BETWEEN WHAT'S FAMILIAR AND WHAT'S NEW. INSPIRED BY SIMONE WEIL'S INSIGHT THAT BEAUTY AND HARDSHIP CAN LEAD US CLOSER TO GOD, PEOPLE ON THIS TRIP DIVE INTO THE CONTRASTS OF BEAUTY AND STRUGGLE. THEY CONFRONT BIG DIFFERENCES, SUCH AS RICH AND POOR, STRONG AND WEAK. ALONG THE WAY, THEY FIND UNEXPECTED BEAUTY IN CHALLENGING SITUATIONS AND BECOME MORE OPEN TO HEARING MESSAGES FROM GOD IN FRESH AND MEANINGFUL WAYS.

**HURT, HOPE, HEART:** A VISION TRIP OPERATES ON THE PREMISE THAT GOD IS PRESENT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN AMIDST CHALLENGES. WE BELIEVE EACH COMMUNITY CAN EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS. BY MAPPING A COMMUNITY'S HURT, HOPE, AND HEART, WE GO BEYOND JUST WATCHING—WE BECOME ALLIES STANDING WITH THE PEOPLE WE VISIT. THIS HELPS US SEE A COMMUNITY'S PAIN AND STRENGTH, ALLOWING FOR DEEP PERSONAL CHANGE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED.



# WHAT IS A VISION TRIP?



## A DEVOTIONAL

MARK 10:46-52

46 THEN THEY CAME TO JERICH0. AS JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES, TOGETHER WITH A LARGE CROWD, WERE LEAVING THE CITY, A BLIND MAN, BARTIMAEUS (WHICH MEANS “SON OF TIMAEUS”), WAS SITTING BY THE ROADSIDE BEGGING. 47 WHEN HE HEARD THAT IT WAS JESUS OF NAZARETH, HE BEGAN TO SHOUT, “JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME!”

48 MANY REBUKED HIM AND TOLD HIM TO BE QUIET, BUT HE SHOUTED ALL THE MORE, “SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME!”

49 JESUS STOPPED AND SAID, “CALL HIM.”

SO THEY CALLED TO THE BLIND MAN, “CHEER UP! ON YOUR FEET! HE’S CALLING YOU.” 50 THROWING HIS CLOAK ASIDE, HE JUMPED TO HIS FEET AND CAME TO JESUS.

51 “WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?” JESUS ASKED HIM.

THE BLIND MAN SAID, “RABBI, I WANT TO SEE.”

52 “GO,” SAID JESUS, “YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU.”

# WHAT IS A VISION TRIP?



## SEEING AND CELEBRATING GOOD NEWS IN HARD PLACES

THE TEXT FROM MARK INVITES US INTO ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES IN THE ART OF DISCERNMENT — KNOWING HOW TO SEE. AND IT'S NO ACCIDENT THAT THE SCRIPTURES USE A BLIND MAN TO TEACH US THIS LESSON.

IN BETWEEN THESE TWO MIRACLES, JESUS HOPES TO OPEN HIS DISCIPLES' EYES TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS IMPENDING DEATH AND RESURRECTION, BUT THEY STRUGGLE TO SEE THE HEART OF THE MATTER.

WE ARE INTRODUCED TO BARTIMAEUS, A BLIND MAN SITTING BY A ROADSIDE BEGGING. HE'S FRONT AND CENTER FOR A GREAT RELIGIOUS PARADE OF PILGRIMS ON THEIR WAY TO JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER FEAST. BARTIMAEUS CANNOT PHYSICALLY SEE ANYTHING AS THE CROWD FILES BY HIM, BUT HE DISCERNS SOMETHING WITH HIS HEART — SOMETHING THAT SEIZES HIS ATTENTION. HE ASKS THOSE AROUND HIM WHAT IS OCCURRING AND LEARNS THAT JESUS OF NAZARETH IS PASSING BY.

TO THE EMBARRASSMENT OF THOSE AROUND HIM, THE BLIND BEGGAR YELLS AND SCREAMS UNTIL JESUS DECIDES TO STOP, INVITING BARTIMEAUS TO A PUBLIC MEETING WITH HIM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET. THOSE AROUND BARTIMAEUS HAD TRIED DESPERATELY TO SHUT HIM UP IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIM FROM IMPENDING SHAME. BARTIMAEUS, HOWEVER, SEES (DISCERNS) SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THIS MOMENT AND REFUSES TO LET JESUS PASS HIM BY.





# WHAT IS A VISION TRIP?



## TO GO MEANS TO SEE - "I WANT TO SEE."

BARTIMEAUS' ACT EMBODIES THE AUTHOR WILLIAM WHARTON'S WORDS, "PERHAPS SOMETIMES IT IS BEST TO BE BLIND, SO ONE CAN SEE THE WAY THINGS REALLY ARE, AND NOT BE BLINDED BY THE WAY THEY LOOK."

IN HIS BOOK ENTITLED SUMMONED TO LEAD, LEONARD SWEET DESCRIBED A 1999 PANASONIC AD CAMPAIGN CALLED "LEONARDO DA VINCI: THE ART OF SEEING." IT CENTERED ON DA VINCI'S PHILOSOPHY, SUMMED UP IN TWO WORDS: SAPER VEDERE, OR "KNOWING HOW TO SEE." AS A SCIENTIST, PHILOSOPHER, INVENTOR, AND ARTIST, DA VINCI ENLISTED THE CONCEPT OF SAPER VEDERE TO ENGAGE THE WORLD AROUND HIM. TO HIM, LIFE WAS MEASURED BY ONE'S ABILITY TO SEE THE DEEPER PICTURE. HE DESCRIBED THE ALMOST MYSTICAL PROCESS OF ARTISTS AS NOT SIMPLY PAINTING WHAT THEY SEE, BUT THEIR ABILITY TO SEE WHAT THEY PAINT.

THE TEMPTATION IN LIFE IS TO MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO PRACTICE SAPER VEDERE. WHEN WE CAVE INTO THAT TEMPTATION, WE CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS THAN WE SOLVE. NEVER IN MY LIFETIME HAS SAPER VEDERE SEEMED MORE IMPORTANT THAN IT IS TODAY IN THE BLINDNESS CAUSED BY A POLARIZING WORLD.

WHILE SOME FOLKS IN THE RELIGIOUS PARADE ON A ROAD TO JERICO WERE BLIND AND OBLIVIOUS TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING AROUND THEM, BLIND BARTIMAEUS — ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE SIDEWALK — WAS ABLE TO SEE "THE THIRD" BY USING THE EYES OF HIS HEART. THE ENSUING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHANGED EVERYTHING.

LORD, HELP US TO SEE.

DURING THIS ENCOUNTER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET, JESUS ASKS A BEAUTIFUL QUESTION OF BARTIMAEUS: "WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?" THIS BEAUTIFUL QUESTION INVERTS THE EXISTING POWER DYNAMIC BETWEEN JESUS AND THE BLIND BEGGAR.

**IF JESUS WERE TO ASK YOU THIS QUESTION TODAY, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IN RESPONSE?**

THIS IS THE INVITATION TO GO ON A VISION TRIP.

# WHAT IS A VISION TRIP?



## TO GO MEANS TO SEE - "I WANT TO SEE."

INVITATION TO SEE A THIRD-WORLD CITY CRAMMED FULL OF HEAVEN, FILLED WITH MORE BEAUTY AND GOODNESS

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# WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

**SEE A NEW PERSPECTIVE:** GET READY FOR A WHOLE NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THINGS — A TRANSFORMATIONAL SHIFT IN HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD. INSTEAD OF JUST SEEING SCARCITY, YOU'LL START NOTICING THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS EVERYWHERE. WHEN WE VIEW THINGS FROM A WORLDLY PERSPECTIVE, WE GET TRAPPED IN THE IDEA THAT THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH. THAT CHAOS. BUT WHEN WE SEE THROUGH THE LENS OF LOVE, WE'RE LIBERATED BY THE ENDLESS RICHNESS OF GOD'S GIFTS. AND THAT

**A NEW APPROACH TO DOING:** GET READY FOR A WHOLE NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS—A TRANSFORMATIVE WAY OF ACTING. YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF EMPOWERED TO CARRY OUT ACTIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS WITH COURAGE, CREATIVITY, AND COMPASSION. WHETHER YOU WORSHIP, BUILD, SERVE, SHARE MEALS, GIVE AND RECEIVE HOSPITALITY, OR SIMPLY BE PART OF A COMMUNITY, EACH ACTIVITY BECOMES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT.

**A NEW STATE OF BEING:** GET READY FOR A PROFOUND SHIFT IN HOW YOU EXIST—A TRANSFORMATIONAL WAY OF BEING. YOU'LL START RECOGNIZING AREAS OF CONFLICT IN YOUR LIFE AND MOVING TOWARDS A STANCE OF PEACEMAKING. INSPIRED BY THOSE WE ENCOUNTER, WE LEARN TO EMBRACE TENSIONS THAT OTHERS SHY AWAY FROM AND MAKE SPACE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT.

**FREEDOM TO LOVE AND SERVE:** PREPARE TO FEEL THE LIBERATING POWER OF BELONGING TO A MISSION-DRIVEN COMMUNITY. YOU'LL DISCOVER A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FREEDOM FOUND IN CHRIST, ENABLING YOU TO ACHIEVE THINGS YOU ONCE DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE. WITNESSING GOD'S PRESENCE IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE, YOU'LL TRANSFORM VISION INTO TANGIBLE ACTION.



# A VISION TRIP IS ...



- **LOCAL LEADERSHIP:** A VISION TRIP IS A VULNERABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THAT'S WHY WE RELY ON LOCAL LEADERS WHO UNDERSTAND THEIR COMMUNITIES INSIDE OUT. THESE LEADERS ACT AS BRIDGES BETWEEN VISITORS AND LOCALS. THEY'VE EARNED THE TRUST NEEDED FOR EVERYONE TO OPEN UP SAFELY AND WITH CLEAR BOUNDARIES. THAT'S WHY WE ALWAYS HAVE LOCAL LEADERS GUIDING OUR VISION TRIPS.
- **COMMUNITY:** WE SIMPLY CAN'T SEE ALONE. WE NEED OTHERS TO HELP US SEE. THIS IS WHY VISION TRIPS ARE NEVER SOLO TRIPS. THEY ARE ALWAYS A COMMUNAL EXPERIENCE.
- **A SACRED JOURNEY:** ON YOUR TRIP, YOU ARE GOING TO A SACRED PLACE FROM A SACRED PLACE, AND EACH PARTICIPANT IS ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY A PARTICULAR BURDEN OR HOPE THAT THEY WILL CARRY WITH THEM. WE DESIRE YOU TO BE INSPIRED, BUILD MEMORIES, AND LEARN TO CARRY THE CALLING OF GOD WHEREVER YOU GO, AND WE DESIRE YOU TO SEE THAT YOU ARE A PART OF THE GLOBAL CHURCH, LIVING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION TOGETHER FOR HIS GLORY. (MATTHEW 28:16-20 & REVELATION 7:9)





# WHAT WILL WE DO?



FSI WILL BUILD YOUR TRIP WITH YOU! POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES MAY INCLUDE...

- URBAN MINISTRY EXPERIENCE
- VISIT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES
- SPORTS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES WITH CLINIC AND/OR COMPETITION
- MINISTRY IN THE VILLAGE OF LA VENTA WITH CHURCH PLANT AND COFFEE SHOP
- CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT TIED TO PARTNER MINISTRIES

# WHAT WILL IT COST?

COSTS: APPROX \$2000-\$2500 - COST MAY VARY BASED ON AIRFARE AND PROJECTS

- THREE MEALS A DAY
- HOUSING
- BASIC GROUND TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES WHILE ON YOUR TRIP – (COSTS CAN VARY DEPENDING ON YOUR TEAM'S SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES).
- OVERSIGHT BY FSI STAFF AND PARTNER MINISTRY LEADERS
- INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE
- AIRFARE

NOT INCLUDED IN THE ESTIMATE

- CASH FOR SHOPPING FOR SOUVENIRS
- THE COST OF A PASSPORT OR PASSPORT RENEWAL

# CAN I FUNDRAISE?



## How We Can Help...

WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT EACH TEAM MEMBER WILL BE GUIDED IN CREATING THEIR OWN PERSONALIZED ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM THROUGH THE FSI WEBSITE. THIS PLATFORM ALLOWS DONORS TO CONTRIBUTE TO INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS' TRIP EXPENSES WITHOUT ANY FEES.

OUR STAFF WILL HELP IN CREATING THESE PLATFORMS. ADDITIONALLY, WE'VE INCLUDED A SAMPLE FUNDRAISING LETTER TO HELP KICKSTART YOUR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT YOU IN REACHING OUT TO POTENTIAL DONORS. BELOW IS WHAT OUR ONLINE DONATION PLATFORMS LOOK LIKE WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.FRIENDSHIPSPORTS.NET/DONATE](https://www.friendshipsports.net/donate)

### FSI Wyoming/Honduras

#### Your donation

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# CAN I FUNDRAISE? - SAMPLE LETTER



DEAR [RECIPIENT'S NAME],

I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL. I AM WRITING TO SHARE AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY THAT I AM THRILLED TO BE A PART OF THIS UPCOMING [DATE].

AS A STUDENT AT CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY, I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF TRAVELING TO HONDURAS ALONGSIDE FACULTY AND FELLOW STUDENTS THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY FRIENDSHIP SPORTS INTERNATIONAL. FRIENDSHIP SPORTS IS A TRUSTED ORGANIZATION ROOTED IN YEARS LEADING TEAMS AND GROUPS ON HONDURAS' VISION TRIPS. THIS JOURNEY IS NOT MERELY ABOUT EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS, IT IS ABOUT EXPERIENCING THE PROFOUND IMPACT OF GOD'S WORK IN HONDURAS THROUGH THE WORK OF EDUCATION. YOUR SUPPORT WILL DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO MY FUTURE CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR, ENRICHED BY THIS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

DURING OUR TIME IN HONDURAS, WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH A VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN TEGUCIGALPA, INCLUDING MINISTRY-BASED SCHOOLS, INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, AND A STATE-RUN ORPHANAGE/SCHOOL CATERING TO THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. OUR OBJECTIVES EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE CONFINES OF TRADITIONAL CLASSROOMS; WE AIM TO GRASP THE VISION THAT GOD HAS INSTILLED WITHIN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WORKING TIRELESSLY IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION IN HONDURAS.

THROUGH THIS TRIP, WE AIM TO NOT ONLY DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF EDUCATION IN A DIFFERENT CULTURAL CONTEXT BUT ALSO TO CULTIVATE EMPATHY AND A BROADER PERSPECTIVE AS FUTURE EDUCATORS. THIS TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE WILL SHAPE US INDIVIDUALLY AND HELP SHAPE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM. YOUR SUPPORT WILL DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH JOURNEY.

FURTHERMORE, THIS JOURNEY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DISCERNMENT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT GOD WILL USE THIS EXPERIENCE TO MOLD US INTO MORE COMPASSIONATE, EMPATHETIC, AND CULTURALLY AWARE TEACHERS, READY TO SERVE WHEREVER HE MAY LEAD US.

TO MAKE THIS TRIP A REALITY, I AM REACHING OUT TO YOU FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THE TOTAL COST FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE IS \$1800, COVERING TRAVEL EXPENSES, ACCOMMODATIONS, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL NEEDS.

YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT, WILL DIRECTLY SUPPORT MY COSTS AND ENABLE ME TO EMBARK ON THIS LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY. I AM PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN PROVIDE. I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MY EXPERIENCE WITH YOU UPON MY RETURN.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING MY REQUEST. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME. YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT ARE INVALUABLE TO ME, AND I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR CONSIDERATION.

WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE,  
[YOUR NAME]

# WHAT SHOULD I PACK?



## Luggage Policy

### EACH TEAM MEMBER IS ALLOWED

- ONE CHECK-IN SUITCASE/PERSON OR PER 2 PERSONS
- ONE CARRY-ON

ALTHOUGH A CHECK-IN BAG IS ALLOWED, CONSIDER A ROLL-ON CARRY-ON BAG. THIS WILL SAVE THE TEAM MONEY AND MAKE IT EASIER TO TRAVEL TO HONDURAS. ANOTHER IDEA IS TO SHARE A CHECK ON A SUITCASE WITH ANOTHER TEAM MEMBER AND THEN ALSO SHARE A CARRY-ON.

### IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE...

- IF YOU WEAR CONTACTS OR GLASSES AND NEED THEM, BRING BACKUPS IF YOU CAN.
- LABEL ALL YOUR ESSENTIAL BELONGINGS.
- NO LITHIUM BATTERIES.
- PACK AT LEAST ONE CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND SOME ESSENTIALS IN YOUR CARRY-ON. YOU WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR CHECKED BAG UNTIL YOU REACH THE HOTEL IN HONDURAS.
- FOLLOW ALL AIRLINE'S PROTOCOLS FOR CARRY-ONS.

WE WILL WEIGH AND LABEL ALL CHECK-IN LUGGAGE BEFORE LEAVING CAMPUS





# WHAT SHOULD I PACK?



## Essential Items List

- BIBLE
- PEN/JOURNAL
- PASSPORT (KEEP WITH YOU ALWAYS--NOT IN SUITCASE)
- LG. GARBAGE BAGS (FOR WET DIRTY CLOTHES ON RETURN TRIP)
- BUG REPELLENT & SUNSCREEN (CHECK IN BAG)
- WET WIPES/ HAND SANITIZER
- SOAP, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO AND OTHER TOILETRY ITEMS
- CLEAN CLOTHES FOR 6 FULL DAYS.
  - THIS WOULD INCLUDE UNDERWEAR, SHORTS, ONE OR TWO PAIRS OF JEANS, SHIRTS, ONE OR MORE WORK DAY CLOTHES, SHOES, SOCKS, HAT, AND CLOTHES FOR SOCCER
  - LIGHT RAIN JACKET
- PHONE AND CHARGER
- WATER BOTTLE
- HAT/ BANDANNA
- TYLENOL/IBUPROFEN
- PERSONAL SNACKS FOR YOU (CHECK IN BAG)

## Important Notes

UP TO DATE, TETANUS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. TEMPERATURES CAN VARY AND WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR HEAT, RAIN AND COOL NIGHTS.

- SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS CAN BE WORN MOST OF THE TIME. JEANS OR PANTS FOR CHURCH AND SOME WORKING WOULD BE GOOD. SHOES ARE GOOD FOR WORKING AND WALKING (TENNIS SHOES).
- MINIMAL LAUNDRY SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A PRICE. IF NOT NEEDED, GO HOME WITH STINKY CLOTHES. YOUR MOM WILL STILL LOVE YOU.
- YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO BRING A LITTLE MONEY. ONLY WHAT YOU ANTICIPATE NEEDING TO PURCHASE FOOD/DRINKS IN THE US OR GIFTS WHILE ON THE TRIP. ALL OTHER EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED.



# QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRIP?

**DOES AN FSI TRIP HAVE TO BE A SPORTS TEAM?** NO, WHILE WE OFTEN WORK WITH SPORTS TEAMS, WE CAN ALSO ACCOMMODATE OTHER GROUPS.

**WHAT DOES FSI DO TO HELP US PLAN THE TRIP?** FSI WILL WORK WITH YOUR GROUP TO SET UP ANY/ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: AIRFARE, LODGING, FOOD, TRAVEL INSURANCE, LOGISTICS, FUNDRAISING, AND TRIP ITINERARY

FOR OTHER QUESTIONS GENERAL TO FSI OR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HONDURAS TRIP, CONTACT;

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