



Costa Rica Missions Trip 2024

Open to Ages 14-18 years old

Dates: June 25- July 2, 2024

Location: San Jose, Costa Rica

Ministry: Community Engagement, Evangelism, House Building

A country of 5 million people, Costa Rica has long been heralded as the adventure tourism capital of the world. It is no wonder their national slogan is “Pura Vida” – the pure life. The country is also bordered by Panama and Nicaragua but boasts greater economic stability and human development than neighbors in the region, making it a desirable safe haven for refugees from Nicaragua, Colombia, and other nearby countries. Within this breath-taking nation is also a beautiful people group in need of Jesus. With over 75% of the population identifying with Catholicism, this nation is still in need of a relationship with the Savior.

While with This Mission, you will have the chance to share the gospel in some of the poorest neighborhoods of San Jose. With a focus on the prevention and aftercare for those affected by trafficking, ministry opportunities will fit in this framework as well. Ministry will vary from befriending girls who were once trafficked, passing out Bibles and praying in neighborhoods, to playing soccer with kids. We will also be building a new house for a family in need. We are excited for you to see how God is using His people in Costa Rica!

Free Day

Spend your free day at the beach and shop for local souvenirs.

Trip Logistics

Requirements: Must be 14 years or older by Jan 1st, 2024

Trip Cost: \$2,500 (includes airfare, food, lodging, transportation, visa, etc.)

Additional Costs:

- Passport (\$110)- www.travel.state.gov
- Personal spending money for sightseeing and shopping

Fundraising:

You will be responsible to raise the money. Typically 80% of your funds will come from letter writing, online donation campaign and family.

We have seen incredible miracles happen in finances; so don't let the cost of the trip prevent you from coming on this life-changing trip! God will always make a way!

All accounting and funds will be sent to Victory Faith Fellowship.

Application Deadline: December 3, 2023

Trip Leaders

Travis and Veronica Neves

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Personal Information

Please enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport or birth certificate:

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Primary Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State or Province: _____

Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ OK to text? _____

E-mail Address: _____

Education and Experience (Fill out all applicable)

School Grade: _____

College/University name: _____

Degree/ Major: _____

Please explain your current work (student, employment, other): _____

Do you speak any language(s) other than English? Yes No

If so, list the language(s): _____

Please explain your proficiency: _____

Local Church Information

Home church: _____ Length of attendance: _____

Church Involvement:

Medical History/Confidential Information

If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, please include a thorough explanation below. Answering "yes" does NOT immediately disqualify you from participating in this trip.

Have you ever:

Been convicted of committing a crime? Yes No

Been involved with gang-related activities? Yes No

Served time in a detention center or jail? Yes No

Been involved in a cult? Yes No

Do you currently:

Use illegal drugs? Yes No

Use tobacco products? Yes No

Use alcohol? Yes No

Have back problems? Yes No

Use allergy medication? Yes No

Have breathing problems? Yes No

Have seizures? Yes No

Have diabetes or hypoglycemia? Yes No

Have fainting spells? Yes No

Take medications? Yes No

Do you have any health conditions, not listed above, that would pose significant risk to yourself or others in the group? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, please include a thorough explanation:

(Use an attached sheet if necessary.)

Travel Information

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If no, what is your citizenship? _____

Do you have a current passport? Yes No

Have you traveled overseas within the last 5 years? Yes No

If so, where, and for what purpose?

Please provide emergency contact information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Testimony

Share your testimony on how and when you committed your life to Christ:

Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit and what was your experience?

What are your thoughts and/or experience(s) with miracles and healing today?

Describe your personal strengths (skills, character):

Describe your personal weaknesses (skills, character):

Have you ever led praise and worship? Yes No

If so, when and where? _____

Do you have any musical talents that you can share on this trip? Yes No

If so, what? _____

What way(s) did you hear about this Trip?

Please circle all that apply:

Church Announcement Youth Group Friend

What are the top 3 reasons you want to go on this Trip?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Trip Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of each team member who participates in this trip. All of these rules will be upheld strictly with the purpose of keeping safety and accountability at the forefront of this trip. We expect full cooperation from member's if/when disciplinary decisions are made.

- No illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobaccos products allowed (use or possession)
- No secular music, secular reading materials or pornography
- No movies
- No magic tricks, reading materials, or illusions of any kind
- No fighting, bickering or provoking. Keep a patient, peaceful attitude
- No fireworks or weapons of any kind
- No profanity
- No loans or long-term borrowing (within or outside the ministry team)
- No cell phones are allowed on the trip. You can bring a digital or disposable camera.

Group Etiquette:

- Never be outside the Hotel complex alone
- When you are outside, you must be in a group
- Groups must stay together at all times day or night
- In the Hotel you must stay in a group of two at all times

Room Etiquette:

- No guys in girl's rooms and no girls in guy's rooms
- Rooms must be clean and orderly

Relationships:

- No romantic dating relationships or pairing off at any time

Attitude:

- Commit to maintaining a positive attitude regardless of circumstances

Health:

- Maintain responsible eating habits
- Report any illness to your Team Leader

If selected for this trip, I agree to abide by all of the Trip rules listed and to obey all staff and leaders. I understand that breaking any of the above rules may result in my departure from the trip and my immediate return home, at my or my family's expense.

Participant Signature

Date

Trip Involvement and Requirements

The Outreach Trip is a 9-month commitment. The following are requirements for participation on this trip:

- Attendance is required at all meetings listed on the Trip Calendar.
- You must meet all financial obligations in full according to the finance information below.
- Attendance at ministry training before the trip is mandatory and exceptions will not be made.

Finances

50% of trip cost is due on April 14th. If you do not have 50% of the trip cost by this date you forfeit all monies raised on your behalf and will be denied participation on the trip. This is non-negotiable.

100% of trip cost is due on June 2nd. If you do not have 100% of the trip cost by this date you forfeit all monies raised on your behalf and will be denied participation on the trip. This is non-negotiable.

All fundraising opportunities will be made available to me.

If for some reason you choose to not participate or are denied participation there will be no refunds of monies donated to Victory Faith Fellowship.

I agree to abide by these requirements for the Costa Rica 2024 Mission Trip:

Participant Signature

Date

Application Fee: \$20

Payment is due with this application. The application fee is a non-refundable donation to Victory Missions and is not credited toward your trip. Make checks out to "Victory Faith" and put "Costa Rica Trip Application" in the memo line.

Return the application to the Church Office.

Trip Calendar

December

12/3 **Applications Due**

January

1/14 Team Training #1

1/28 Team Training #2

February

2/11 Team Training #3 and **Passport Copy Due**

March

3/3 Team Training #4

April

4/14 **Half Money Due and Travel Release Form**

4/21 Team Training #5

May

5/5 Team Training #6

5/19 Team Training #7

June

6/2 **All Money Due**

6/9 Team Training #8

6/23 Ministry Training & Logistics

6/25 Leave for Costa Rica

July

7/2 Return from Costa Rica

7/7 Post Trip Meeting