

Honduras Mission Trip



March 16-23, 2024

Presbytery of Arkansas and friends

as a Covenant Partners with the Presbytery of Honduras

Mission Trip Directors: Rev. Phil Butin and Leigh Woodruff,
Co-Chairs of the Presbytery of Arkansas Honduras Mission
Subcommittee.

Note Important Dates:

- ✧ Nov. 9, 2023 7pm Informational Zoom Meeting
Apply for Passport, if needed.
- ✧ Dec. 1, 2023 Application due
- ✧ Jan. 11, 2024 7pm Orientation Meeting (hybrid)
- ✧ Jan. 19, 2024 Final day for trip commitment. Purchase flights.
50% deposit due for in-country expenses.
Passport information due
- ✧ March 7, 2024 Final Pre-departure Meeting (hybrid)
- ✧ March 16, 2024 Leave for Honduras!

Mission Trip to Honduras Participant Form

Application Due Date: Friday Dec 1, 2023

Fill out Google Form online or email this to Leigh at
leighwoodruff83@gmail.com

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

School _____ Grade _____

Home Church _____

Emergency Contact Info _____

Do you speak Spanish (circle)? No Basic Elementary Advanced Bilingual

Are you experienced in mission work? Yes/No Explain.

Have you ever traveled outside the U.S.? Yes/No Where? _____

Do you or your family consider you a picky eater? _____

On a scale of 1-10, 1 = poor and 10 = great, what is your current level of your health? ____

A physical and/or discussion with your GP about your ability to participate in this trip is required.

Do you have any health conditions or allergies we should be aware of? _____

Briefly explain why you want to go on this Mission Trip.

Note that these costs will change. Also, personally please bring \$100 for your meals while traveling and you may also want about \$100-200 as spending money for any souvenirs and snacks.

IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION:

We rent vehicles and hire professional Honduran drivers known to the presbytery.

VILLA DE GRACIA:

Villa de Gracia is the camp and conference center owned by the Presbyterian Women of Honduras. They work and run it as a place for groups to stay near the capital of Tegucigalpa. There are rooms with 4-6 bunk beds along with a bathroom. Linens, pillows, and towels are provided. Hot water showers are available. Cell phone service is very spotty but there is a plan to install wifi .



We'll also eat breakfast and dinner here. Lunch will be bagged or purchased on the road.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PREPARATION FOR THE TRIP:

Once all applications and requests for scholarships are in, participants will receive more information about this specific trip as the itinerary and costs are more known. You will also be given more information on how to prepare yourself, and a packing list.

DEVOTIONAL:

Each participant is asked to prepare a 10 min. devotion to lead for our group at some point during our trip. We'll have a sign-up sheet of times.

MONEY/CASH/CARDS:

Contact your bank and credit card companies to inform them you will be out of the country, or they may freeze your finances flagging a security concern. Mostly, you will not need cash in-country. Cards are accepted most places and then you won't have to exchange money for Lempira. Also... if you do exchange any cash in-country, it needs to be the crispest, newest-looking bills. No tears or crumpled bills.

CELLPHONES:

Discuss a 1-week international plan with your carrier. Wifi and signal is spotty in certain parts of the country. Inexpensive plans often cover texting to the US, with limited calling and internet usage are normally available.

MORE ABOUT HONDURAS:

Participants are also encouraged to read more about the culture, history, and government of Honduras prior to our getting together. Be aware, online news outlets normally only cover the negative and shocking... so research with caution and understanding that safety regarding where we travel, sleep, work, and worship is the highest priority of the Hondurans who will be our hosts.

Honduras is a republic in Central America, bordered to the west by Guatemala, to the southwest by El Salvador, to the southeast by Nicaragua, to the south by the Pacific Ocean, and to the north by the Gulf of Honduras, an inlet of the Caribbean. The most notable indigenous cultures are the Maya and Lenca. The country was conquered by Spain in the 16th century. Honduras became independent in 1821. The major exports are minerals, coffee, tropical fruit, sugar cane, and clothing

Honduras has five registered political parties. The government has experienced instability in the last few decades as well as considerable hoarding of financial resources by those in leadership. Parts of Honduras have been caught up in the illegal drug trade and its coinciding violence. On the upside, Honduras is considered a biodiversity hotspot because of the numerous plant and animal species that can be found there. Much of the terrain is mountainous, but there are narrow plains along the coasts, a large undeveloped lowland jungle in the northeast, and the heavily populated lowland Sula valley in the northwest. In March, the mean temperature in Tegucigalpa is 74°F (maximum temperature is 85°F and minimum temperature is 61°F). The climate is enjoyable around Southwestern Honduras this time of year. March is not during the rainy season and weather should not be a problem throughout our trip.
