

Mission Trip to Villa San Antonio, Honduras

When: January 4-11, 2020

Where: Linaje Escogido Church, "La Villa," Comayagua, Honduras

Why: To experience the love and justice of Jesus by working with the Linaje Escogido Church in carrying out its many missions: meal centers for seniors and youth, day care, schooling, medical help.

Who: You. Youth and adults are invited to attend. We have a limit of 15 people.

Hosts: Peter and Martita Hearne, senior co-pastors of Linaje Escogido Church. (Peter is the brother of David Hearne.) Linaje Escogido is a dynamic close-knit Church founded in 2003 by Peter and Martha Hearne, in Villa San Antonio ("La Villa"), Honduras. The Church has a heart for the poor and the unchurched. A second Linaje Escogido Church was opened in 2018 in the nearby City of Comayagua. The Vision and Mission of Linaje Escogido Church is to transform lives and bring families together through Bible-based discipleship, worship and dedicated community service.

Interested? Dave and Libby Hearne will be making a presentation about their experiences working with Linaje Escogido Church in worship services on Sunday, March 24. After worship, we will meet in parish hall to discuss the trip in detail.

Questions and Answers

Planning for the Trip

Q: Where is Villa San Antonio, Comayagua, Honduras?

A: Villa San Antonio (La Villa) is located in the central part of the country. It was founded in 1576.

Q: What does the trip cost?

A: \$1500 per person. That includes air fare, in-country transportation, food and lodging.

Q: Will WCC help pay for trip?

A: The church will provide some funding. We also will have fundraisers to raise money for supplies, and to offset some of the costs. We will set up a schedule of payments, so you may pay for the trip in four or five tranches.

We currently sell fair trade coffee, and the profits will help our Honduras mission.

Q: Do I have to know Spanish?

A: No. Our hosts provide translators for us. However, it is always good to know some Spanish. So, WCC will offer conversational Spanish lessons 1-2 months before we leave.

Q: Do I need a passport?

A: Yes, but no other visas are required. Please make sure your passport has a minimum of 6 months validity (standard international regulations).

Q: Do I need any immunizations?

A: The CDC recommends that you are up to date on routine vaccinations (such as tetanus and flu), and hepatitis A and typhoid. Be sure to ask your medical provider. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/honduras>

Q: Will we be bringing anything with us?

A: Yes! Our hosts will let us know what to pack along with our clothes. School supplies, craft supplies and medical items.

Q: What is the weather in January?

A: Anywhere from 65-80 degrees. No snow.

Q: What clothes should I bring?

A: We will provide a suggested list of clothing 2-3 months out.

Q: How will we get there?

A: We will fly from Boston to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. (Depending on carrier, we will fly through Atlanta, Miami or Houston.) From San Pedro Sula, we will take a van (a three-hour ride) to La Villa.

We strongly suggest you get a known traveler number so you can receive TSA precheck.

Once There

Q: Where will we stay?

A: We will be staying at the Mission House, owned by Pastors Peter and Martita and rented out to Amazing Comfort Ministries, a ministry based in Missouri. Amazing Comfort has been going to Honduras on missions trips for the past seven years. There are five bedrooms with four bunks in each room. There are five bathrooms with hot water.

The Mission House is located across the street from Linaje Escogido Church and two blocks from the Senior Center.

Q: Where will we eat?

A: At the Senior Center. All meals are prepared using bottled water. On days when we are ministering in the villages, we will have prepared lunches. We will drink bottled water. There will be an opportunity to eat out 1-2 times.

Q: How do we get around?

A: Our hosts will arrange to have a van pick us up at the airport. There also will be transportation once we are in La Villa when we visit the villages. Other times, we will walk as feeding centers are close by.

Safety and Insurance

Q: Is it safe?

A: Yes. We will review and discuss safety issues at our mission trip kickoff. We also will review and discuss common sense safety guidelines 2-3 weeks prior to the trip.

Q: Does my medical insurance cover me in Honduras if I get sick?

A: Check your policy. It is also a good idea to let your PCP know you will be traveling.

Q: Can I buy insurance?

A: Insurance for medical emergencies is available for \$30 a week, per person. It covers cost of emergency flights from Honduras to USA. More information on what exactly this insurance covers will be provided at a later date. Flight insurance may be available through the carriers.

Sample Itinerary

Day 1, Saturday: Fly from Boston to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. We will be picked up at the airport by a van, have a quick lunch, and make the three-hour trip to La Villa. Once there, we will have dinner and settle in for the evening.

Day 2, Sunday: Church services, 10AM-12PM. After lunch, walk to the picturesque town plaza, and take a tour of town. In evening, return to church for a Personal Encounter Activity with pizza. (We will divide into small groups and share stories, testimonies, and fun games with Honduran church members.)

Day 3, Monday: Drive to Children's Feeding Center. After helping serve food, we will present a skit, or hold a Vacation-Bible School, sing songs, or play games with children. Later in the afternoon, we will visit with people in their homes.

Day 4, Tuesday: Visit the Senior Center where we will serve food, and lead a craft activity with seniors. Some of us will help deliver meals to shut-ins. In the afternoon we might participate in a work project (painting, etc.) in the church or community, or make more home visits.

Day 5, Wednesday: Visit the second Children's Feeding Center in nearby San Nicolas village. After helping serve food, we can present a skit, or hold a Vacation-Bible School, sing songs, or play games with children, and visit the adjoining Kindergarten where we will distribute school supplies that we brought with us. In the afternoon we will visit nearby Comayagua city, where everyone can buy souvenirs, and visit the famous Cathedral which has the oldest clock in the American Continent. We will have a quick early dinner at a restaurant in Comayagua, and then attend the Worship Service at Linaje Escogido Church in Comayagua, which is pastored by Peter and Martita's son, Peter Isaac and his wife Kathy.

Day 6, Thursday: Visit the Medical Clinic and the Library. In the evening we will share a Farewell Dinner with many members of the Church.

Day 7, Friday: Return to Boston