

# Guatemala 2017

JRCC Short Term Missions Application

#### Trip Date: Spring Break, 2017. Approximately Saturday, March 11th to Saturday, March 18th.

Jericho Ridge Community Church is planning our 10th team trip to Guatemala! The focus of the trip is to share our love of Jesus through actions, specifically to orphans, widows, the physically challenged and poor families.

Once again our team will be serving under the direction of Chris and Donna Mooney of Bethel Ministries International. Starting in Chimaltenango, we will work where needed.

The plan this year is to once again build 1 or 2 small homes and distribute food and clothing to families in need. As a member of the team you may have the opportunity to participate in a local church service and interact with physically challenged children such as those at Hermano Pedro Orphanage (in Antigua).

The main focus of our trip will be a wheelchair distribution. Since plans may change once we arrive, based on local circumstances, we will follow the leadership of our partners. Be prepared to be spiritually, mentally and physically stretched.

We invite people from JRCC to apply by October 30th, after that date we will extend invitations to others who are interested. Individual trip costs are anticipated to be between \$1700 and \$1900, depending on flight costs, in-country expenses and exchange rates. A \$100 deposit will be due by November 6th, then \$600 by Jan 15th and the final balance will be due by Feb 15th, 2017.

All applications will be reviewed and prayed through and applicants will be notified. Our aim is to have the team finalized by November 30.

We are looking forward to a fantastic trip. Past participants have been amazed at how God has worked in their lives as they stepped out in faith and served Him in Guatemala. This may be YOUR year!

The following answers will be held in confidence and only shared amongst the leadership team.

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### **Personal Information**

Legal Name:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile

# Preparing for the Trip

Please answer below – If needed use a separate piece of paper

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Guatemala short term missions trip?

2. Do you have any past ministry experience? If so please explain.

3. Do you have any previous cross-cultural experience? If so please explain.





- 4. ¿Usted habla español? ¿Como de bien? Do you speak Spanish? How well?
- 5. Have you ever worked with or cared for physically challenged children/adults? If so, in what capacity?
- 6. Do you have any expectations of what you may achieve by being part of this trip?
- 7. How do you hope to be changed because of this trip?

# Life and Faith

(Please answer below - If needed use a separate piece of paper)

Please explain the details surrounding when you came to faith in Christ.

List all important information – age, who helped you, the circumstances surrounding your decision, and anything else you want to mention.

8. How has your faith journey been since?

9. What are some things the Lord is speaking to you about right now?

10. Is there anything in your life right now that would hinder your effectiveness on this trip (sin, unforgiven relationships, etc.)?

#### About our Team

Please answer below – If needed use a separate piece of paper

11. How are you at working in a team setting? What can you bring to the team?

12. What are specific skills you can bring to the team for this trip?

13. What do you feel are your spiritual gifts? How do you feel you could use them in a team setting?

14. Describe a time you experienced conflict with someone. What was the issue and how was it resolved.

# About You

(Please answer below – If needed use a separate piece of paper.)15. What do you love to do and what issues are you passionate about?

16. What is your involvement within your church right now?



## Commitment

Working as a team is a critical component of serving in Guatemala. To grow as a team, to understand our mission and how to accomplish it takes time and commitment, even prior to stepping on the plane.

All team members will participate during meetings, tentatively scheduled for:

Dec 4, 6:30pm Team Meeting. Getting to know you and the mission.
Jan 8, 6:30pm Team Meeting. Forms and Fundraising.
Feb 12, 9:00am JRCC Bake Sale.
Feb 12, 6:30pm Team Meeting. Cultural / Spanish language Training.
Feb 26, 6:30pm Team Meeting. Wheelchair Fitment Training.
Mar 5, 10:15am JRCC Team Commissioning.
Mar 5, 6:30pm Team Meeting. Final Logistics.

Other dates re fundraising etc, tbd.

### Fundraising

There are two categories of fundraising: Personal and Group. Each team member must commit to raising funds towards our team projects ie wheelchairs, homes, food and clothing. Individual trip costs may either be paid in full by yourself or raised through personal fundraising. We recommend a combination of both.

#### Travel

Please be aware that a passport is required to travel, both through the USA, Mexico and Guatemala. Your passport must be valid for a minimum 6 months prior to date of entry. Along with passports, appropriate immunizations and medical preparation may be required.

Participant's Signature	Date
Parent's Signature (if under 19 yrs)	Date

Thank you for your time and interest in considering Guatemala this year. If you have any questions about the trip or application, please feel free to call Curtis or Susan Cottrell at 604-888-0838 or email at <u>cscottrell@telus.net</u> or contact Tammy at the church office: 604-629-7804.