**NICARAGUA MISSIONS TRIP – 2016**

**General Information**

**Dates of Trip:** October 6-14, 2016

**Cost of Trip:** $1,600 (Includes airfare, lodging, trip insurance, 2 team t-shirts, in-country meals, in-country transportation, in-country activity day). Meals on travel days, souvenirs, $10 tourist visa, passport, and vaccinations, are not included.

**Team Meeting Schedule:**

* Sunday, June 5th, 1:00-1:30 pm in Welcome Center ($100 deposit and application due)
* Sunday, July 17th, 1:00-1:30 pm in Welcome Center (First $500 deposit due)
* Sunday, August 21st, 1:00-1:30 pm in Welcome Center (Second $500 deposit due)
* Sunday, September 18th, 1:00-1:30 pm in Welcome Center (Final $500 deposit due)
* Sunday, October 2nd, Team Commissioning in 11 am service

**Entry Airport:** Managua International Airport (MGA)

**Passports:** Passports are ***required*** to enter Nicaragua.

**Immigration Forms/Tourist Visa Stamp:** The address you need to use on the immigration forms you will receive on your flight is: **Las Asambleas de Dios, Carretera Vieja Leon Km. 10 ½ .** At airport immigration you will need to purchase a tourist visa stamp. The cost is $10. You will need to present a clean, crisp bill along with your passport and immigration form.

**Vaccinations:** A current tetanus shot is necessary and we recommend that you check with your primary care physician for his/her recommendation about other vaccinations.

**Dress:** The culture of Central America is more conservative than in many North American churches. Shorts for women are not accepted, except as athletic attire, sleepwear and at the beach. Earrings and extreme hairstyles on men are not acceptable in Central America. Body piercing is not accepted in their culture for Christians, so kindly take them out before you come or cover them so they can’t be seen.

**Men:** Wear blue jeans or casual pants (no tears or holes) and ministry t-shirts on ministry days. Modest shorts and/or swim trunks may be worn on the training day and free day.

**Women:** Wear long, **below the knee** skirts and ministry t-shirts for evening church services. Do not bring dresses since they will be too hot with a t-shirt over them. Slacks, jeans, skirts (below the knee) or capris may be worn during the day during ministry times. Slacks, jeans, capris or modest knee length shorts may be worn on the training day and free day. Tennis shoes are necessary during the day, but you are free to wear sandals or flip flops to evening services, it is not offensive in Nicaragua.

**Note:** You will be provided two team shirts (included in your trip cost) so that our team is easily recognized while ministering on the streets and in churches.

**What To Bring**

* A heart prepared for ministry. Please do not come if you are not saved. The spiritual warfare is too intense for those playing games. Ministry will begin within hours of your arrival in Nicaragua, so fast and pray prior to the trip.
* A body ready for the equivalent of 2 to 3 hours of aerobics a day
* Two team t-shirts. One will be washed while the other is worn. These shirts will be worn almost every day. Laundry of the shirts will be provided but not for other personal clothing.
* A water bottle with a lid. Clean drinking water is available, but we ask everyone to have his/her own bottle full when we leave the base each day. Refills during the day are available from 5 gallon containers of purified water on the bus.
* Must have personal items include a Bible, flashlight, sunglasses, sunscreen, a hat, bug spray and toiletries such as wet wipes, hand sanitizer, towels/wash cloths, and Imodium AD for an upset stomach. Earplugs may be a good idea for light sleepers so the roosters or snorers won’t wake you.
* Tennis shoes or other closed toe shoes for ministry and for walking
* A lightly packed suitcase. You will be wearing your team t-shirts on ministry/camp days. You will only need a couple of your own outfits for travel, a free day, and for training day. Bring plenty of clean undergarments and pants (guys)/skirts (gals) to go with ministry t-shirts.
* A modest swimsuit (no bikinis) and a cover up to/from water. Modest tankinis are okay for ladies as long as the stomach is covered. At the kid’s camp, come prepared with shorts and shirt/tank top to wear over your swimsuit because the kids don’t own swimsuits and they will swim in their clothes, so we do too.
* Cash for souvenirs. Traveler’s checks are **not** accepted. Currencies are the Nicaraguan cordoba and U.S. dollar.