

St. Michael's Guatemala Project
St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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APPLICATION – SUMMER 2017 TEAMS

Name _____ Age ____ date of birth _____
Address _____ height _____ weight _____
blood pressure _____ / _____ date _____
telephone(s) _____ e-mail _____

Passport number _____ expiration date _____ country _____

Emergency contact(s) in the United States:

Name / relationship _____

Telephone(s) with area code _____

e-mail _____

Contact's mailing address _____

Preferred dates for team participation _____

Level of Spanish (circle one): zero beginner advanced beginner functional fluent bilingual

Highest formal education _____ Present occupation _____

If you are a health professional, what is your field?

TELEPHONE INTERACTION – For out-of-town applicants, we are requesting one substantial telephone conversation, which will help refine your and our knowledge of one another and your decision about joining a team. PLEASE LIST BEST CONTACT TIMES AND BEST TELEPHONE NUMBER(S).

TUCSON APPLICANTS: Will you commit to two group hikes, two planning sessions, and a review of potential training materials for use in the communities? What days of the week are best for you?

GENERAL *[Brief is fine. If necessary, add notes and queries on reverse or at the end of this form.]*

1. Have you spent time in a developing country? with Indigenous peoples? in rural areas? If so, when and where?
2. What other past experiences have prepared you for this type of work? Have you ever participated with a small team or delegation, working closely with others?
3. How do you handle physical, emotional, and mental stress? loss of privacy?

4. Please write and attach a short paragraph about why you would like to participate with a team.
5. Would you be interested in remaining with 2 or 3 others in a few targeted communities for a longer period? Spanish and prior international experience recommended.
6. How can you serve the Project when you return to the U.S.?
7. Are you comfortable working within a faith-based, non-proselytizing group?

HEALTH

1. Are you in reasonably good physical and emotional health? Do you exercise vigorously, regularly? If so, what type(s) of exercise?

[People attempting the most rigorous giras, (up to 8 hours of mountain walking daily) are advised to seek a doctor's approval.]

2. Any ongoing medications, physical restrictions, chronic medical, mental, or other problems? For medications, please list name and dose.

3. Medical insurance carrier and policy number: _____
Does this insurance cover you when you are out of the United States?

4. Are you vegetarian? _____ Any other special dietary needs and considerations? *[In the communities, we eat whatever is provided – typically greens and tortillas, sometimes augmented with beans, an egg, or meat]*



SCHEDULING

Coordinator will be in Guatemala in June and July, with initial and final dates dependent in part upon others' scheduling needs. Most team members come for shorter periods.

Please think carefully about the level of physical activity you enjoy or can tolerate. You **MUST** be active for any circuit. Scheduling is worked out jointly with CPR leaders, but plans sometimes change due to developing needs within the communities, or to accommodate the CPR health leaders' other activities.

Area Xeputul, mountains of Chajul, Ixil Area – 3 small communities, moderately strenuous mountain walking with steep uphill climbs, streams to cross. To be combined with visits to other, more accessible communities.

Areas Cabá / Santa Clara – 7 Chajul communities, strenuous mountain walking between several – 3 or more weeks for this gira unless we divide into two groups, each doing half.

Four communities in Nebaj area, some high altitude, mostly on or near roads. One steep uphill walk.

Zona Reina (31 de Mayo), Uspantán, el Quiché. Largest resettlement, now divided into 4 communities. Temperate to warm. May be combined with other loops. Limited vehicle access on bad roads.

Tesorito, Patulul, Suchitepequez and Union Victoria, San Miguel Pochuta, Chimaltenango. Tesorito is in "la Boca Costa," tropical but more temperate than El Triunfo. Union Victoria is a mountain coffee plantation, approached from the Boca Costa. Both accessible by rural roads, and relatively close to one another.

El Triunfo, Champerico, Retalhuleu, large resettlement, Pacific Coastal plain. Malaria protection a must. Accessible by road. Hot and humid. People visit the clinic from neighboring communities.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

REQUIRED – Please initial each statement and sign and date at the bottom. This statement should accompany your final application, with original signatures and the \$20 processing fee. If you courier up to 30 pounds of our supplies, the \$20 will be applied toward your in-country donation of \$50.

_____ I understand that, while many decisions are made by consensus, there may be times when decisions are made by the team leaders. I agree to accept the authority of the CPR-Sierra leaders and Project Coordinator if they must make a decision for the group.

_____ If I do not stay with the group, I am fully responsible for whatever conditions or consequences ensue.

_____ I understand that I must pay my international travel and in-country expenses, including lodging in cities and in-country transportation. Estimated in-country expenses are up to \$150 per week. I understand that we will receive free hospitality within most rural communities of the CPR-Sierra, at the level community members live.

_____ I am including a non-refundable processing fee of \$20, made out to St. Michael's Guatemala Project, which will be applied toward my in-country donation (next line) if I courier Project supplies.

_____ If I am selected for a team, I will make a tax-deductible donation of \$50 to the Project after arrival in Guatemala, for unexpected in-country group expenses and medicines for the communities.

_____ I understand that, should I wish to obtain travelers' or emergency medical insurance apart from my usual health insurance, I will do so at my own expense prior to travel.

_____ I have made an independent, voluntary decision to join a Guatemala Project team and accept the team conditions stated above. I understand that levels of violence in post-war Guatemala are high and that, while the Project will make reasonable efforts to keep me out of harm's way, my safety is not assured. I understand that sanitation, diet, housing, public transportation, and medical attention are markedly different from what I experience in the United States, and that the Project works in isolated, impoverished communities where access to services is even more limited than in other areas of Guatemala. Particularly, I understand that, on the Cabá, Santa Clara, and Area Xeputul *giras* I will be without access to conventional medical treatment. I, and my heirs and assigns, agree not to hold liable Guatemala Project, its volunteer staff, or any of its affiliates for any negative outcomes or injury I experience during the course of this volunteer work.

Date _____

Signature of Applicant

Adults 18 to 21 years of age.

We recognize that families of young adults may wish to be involved in the applicant's decision. We ask that the family member(s) or person legally responsible for, or most closely related to, the applicant read the above and sign the following statement:

I have reviewed and discussed this Statement of Understanding with _____ and support his / her decision to participate in a Guatemala Project team, according to the conditions listed above.

Name and relationship (please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Youth younger than 18 accepted only under special circumstances and if accompanied by a parent.