



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

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At North Metro Church, our mission is simple: We help people find and follow Jesus. We also want to BE MISSED, to live in such a way that our absence would be felt because of the love and hope we share.

God's heart beats for the nations, and He invites us to join Him in His mission. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands us to 'Go and make disciples of all nations.' We have the opportunity to step into that calling together.

Throughout the year, NMC will serve alongside our international ministry, Casa del Redentor (Redeemer's House), in Panajachel, Guatemala. You can learn more about Casa del Redentor at casadelredentor.org.

Whether you've traveled internationally before or this will be your first time, we believe God will use this trip to grow your faith, expand your perspective, and deepen your relationship with Him.

WHAT IS A SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP?

A short-term mission trip is an amazing opportunity to serve alongside our global partners. These trips allow us to encourage the long-term missionaries and local ministries already at work and to share the love of Jesus through service, relationships, and prayer.

WHY DO WE GO?

We go because God calls us to. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.' When we go, we join in what God is already doing around the world. Experiencing and serving the global church is transformative for any follower of Jesus — it changes the way we see God, ourselves, and others.

HOW LONG IS THE TRIP?

Most trips will be between 6–14 days, with multiple trip dates throughout the year.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The total trip cost usually range between \$1,600–\$1,800, which includes airfare, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR THE TRIP MYSELF?

No, you are encouraged to raise financial and prayer support. Support raising is an opportunity to invite others to partner with you in what God is doing. Many people will be eager to pray for you and invest financially in your mission. As the Apostle Paul wrote, 'And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.' – Philippians 4:19. Trust God to provide — He is faithful!

HOW MANY PEOPLE GO ON A TEAM?

Each team typically has 8–16 people, allowing for meaningful relationships, team unity, and flexibility in ministry.

HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR THE TRIP?

Preparation is a key part of every NMC mission trip! Teams meet about seven times over three months leading up to departure. During these meetings, you'll build community, learn about Guatemalan culture, discuss travel logistics, pray together, and participate in team-building activities.

WHERE WILL WE STAY?

Our team will stay in the community of Panajachel in a comfortable house with bunk-style rooms. Each room accommodates about four people, separated by gender. The home has running water and excellent food, and we can accommodate dietary needs if we know in advance.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

We'll partner with the Guatemalan Casa del Redentor staff to support their ongoing ministry in several nearby villages. The work may include leading programs and activities for children, helping local families, and participating in light service projects. Our goal is to come alongside their ministry — to serve, encourage, and share the love of Jesus in tangible ways.

DO I NEED TO HAVE TRAVELED OUTSIDE THE U.S. BEFORE?

No previous international experience is required! We'll provide training to help you understand Guatemalan culture, language basics, and travel expectations. You will need a valid passport, but everything else you'll learn through team preparation meetings.

WHAT CAN I LEARN ON A SHORT-TERM TRIP?

So much! You'll learn about new cultures, languages, and ways of life — and you may even pick up new skills as you serve. But most importantly, you'll grow spiritually. Many people find that God uses mission trips to teach them to rely on Him more fully. When we're outside of our comfort zone, we're often reminded of how much we depend on God's presence and strength.

WHO SHOULD GO ON A TRIP?

Anyone with a willing heart! College students, adults, couples, and families can all be part of God's work. Whether you've been walking with Jesus for years or are just beginning your journey of faith, this trip is an incredible way to grow. It's easy to stay comfortable where we are — but stepping out to serve globally helps us see the world (and God's people) in new ways.

WHY ARE SHORT-TERM CHRISTIAN MISSION TRIPS ESSENTIAL?

Because missions are important to God. The Great Commission is for every believer — to share the gospel and make disciples of all nations. Even if you don't feel called to long-term missions, short-term trips help you understand God's heart for the world and the needs of others. As missionary William Carey once said: 'I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the ropes.' When we go, we support those who serve long-term. When we send, we 'hold the ropes' through prayer, encouragement, and giving. Every believer has a part to play in God's mission to reach the nations.

READY TO JOIN US?

Trips are available throughout the year. Learn more about our upcoming trips at northmetro.org/serve.

Let's go together, helping people find and follow Jesus in Panajachel, Guatemala and beyond.

