



VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION //trips

Each year Aldersgate UMC furnishes the leadership, team members and financial support for mission trips both in the USA and foreign countries. Normally, there are construction activities and Christian activities such as Bible study for Adults and Vacation Bible School for children. Other activities such as Medical Clinics and eyeglasses fittings are done when we have qualified team members and local conditions permit.

Our teams are sponsored by The Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church and/or Aldersgate UMC. We normally send the following teams each year:

CENTRAL AMERICA //costa rica + honduras

We help the missionaries expand their outreach by working on various construction projects. Opportunities abound to do medical work in this area.

A valid passport is required. Anyone can go who has a desire to share the love of Jesus Christ and follow the Missioners Covenant. Youth must be accompanied by a parent and have completed the 8th grade.

DISASTER RELIEF TEAMS

We send teams to do construction and general clean-up where we find a need we can fill. These projects normally last for an extended time, so it is important that several teams are scheduled so that the project can be completed. We normally work through the Methodist Church's disaster co-coordinator to accomplish this and ensure the continuity of the work.

OTHER MISSION EFFORTS

We support our church members who join other teams which do mission work in places such as: Guatemala, Mexico and the Congo.

COST

Missionaries pay part of the cost of the trips. For domestic trips the cost is nominal. Usually this is about \$100 - \$200, which will be the cost of meals. Cooking is usually done by team members. Overseas trips cost about \$1000 which is due to airfare. The Task Force pays part of the cost for Aldersgate Church members, the amount depends on the availability of funds. Individuals also make contributions for this mission effort.

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose as a team is to radiate the love the Jesus Christ while serving Him. We do not go just to complete a task such as building a Church, providing medical care, holding a Bible study or responding to a disaster. Worthy as those tasks may be, we have a higher purpose which is to honor God and share Christian love and enjoy God's wonderful people.

We urge you to join one of these teams and/or support them with your contribution to our "Faith Promise" funds.