



# EL SALVADOR 2018

MISSION TRIP

9-12 grade | July 7-15

## TRIP DETAILS:

**WHO:** For all students in grades 9-12

**WHERE:** San Salvador, El Salvador

**WHEN:** July 7-15

**COST:** \$1300/student

**For all the trip details & to register,**  
go to: [www.cornerstonelive.net/kids-students](http://www.cornerstonelive.net/kids-students)

Click on HS Mission Trip



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**Register by  
March 18**

# High School Mission Trip to El Salvador

**Who:**

All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When:**

Saturday, July 7 – Sunday, July 15, 2018

**Where:**

San Salvador, El Salvador

**Deadline to register:**

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

*Unfortunately, students who are confirmed to go on the Mission trip and then cancel will not be given a refund. Both a \$200 deposit and paperwork is due by March 18.*

**Cost:**

\$1,300 per person.

- **Included in the price:** Airline ticket, lodging, all of our meals during our time at the mission site in El Salvador and a t-shirt.
- **Not included in price:** Meals and snacks while traveling to and from El Salvador, and cash for souvenirs.

**Important Mission Team Dates:** *(\*All Team Meetings and Trash & Treasure are required for students to attend)*

Sunday, March 18	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & deadline to register with <b>paperwork &amp; non-refundable \$200 Deposit</b>
Fri.-Sat., March 23-24	TBD	Night of Survival <i>(Considered a Team Meeting)</i>
Wednesday, April 4	8:30-9:00 pm	Set-up Tables for Trash and Treasure Flea Market <i>(Following "Wednesday's at The Warehouse" Service)</i>
Saturday, April 7	6:30 am-1:30 pm	Trash and Treasure Flea Market <i>(Team Fundraiser)</i>
Sunday, April 15	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #2 due: \$500
Sunday, May 20	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #3 due: \$600
Sunday, June 10	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, July 1	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Friday, July 6	7:00 pm	Team Meeting <i>(Mission Supplies Packing)</i>
July 7- July 15	See FAQs	Mission Trip to El Salvador
Sunday, July 29	12:30 pm	Team Celebration Party

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Is El Salvador a safe place to go on a mission trip?**

In an effort to understand the safety concerns, culture, and the mission organization we are partnering with called, “Christ For the City International” (CFCI) in El Salvador, Pastor JD and a team visited the country on a scouting trip. At no time during their visit did they ever feel unsafe. CFCI is a well-recognized and respected organization in the country and has a strong reputation for bringing effective ministries that help the communities they impact. While gang activity is present in the country, violence is almost always “gang vs. gang”. In addition, our housing location is in a safe area and is gated, and we will have multiple CFCI staff with us at all times on the mission field.

## **Who is the mission organization Cornerstone Student Ministries is partnering with in El Salvador and what are they about?**

The organization is called “Christ For the City International” (CFCI), which has over 20 years of experience in providing churches, teams and individual Christians with the greatest of all adventures; customized Mission Trips and Child Sponsorship opportunities that transform lives and cities for the Glory of God. The headquarters of CFCI is located in Omaha, Nebraska and now has bases and ministries in over 15 countries (including El Salvador) with over 500 staff; bringing the transforming love of Jesus Christ through a huge variety of ministries. They provide a wide variety of experiences and opportunities to explore each participant’s potential calling and discover how, and where, God might be calling you.

## **Do we know the missionaries in El Salvador?**

Yes! Jake Hjermvick and his wife Becky, who are originally from the Pittsburgh area (Becky’s parents are members of Cornerstone), are the base directors of CFCI El Salvador. They have a wonderful young family and have devoted their lives to God’s work in El Salvador. In an effort to positively influence the communities they serve for Jesus, Jake and his team lead daily youth soccer programs, English as a Second Language classes, food and clothing programs and host short term mission teams to minister to people in these impoverished areas.

## **Will there be any meetings prior to the mission trip or after we return?**

Yes! We will have 7 team meetings leading up to the trip to prepare the team for our time in El Salvador, as well as a team fundraiser. These meetings are REQUIRED for participants to attend. Please review the “Team Dates” section for dates. There, will also be a team celebration party once we return from El Salvador, which is not required, but students are strongly encouraged to attend.

## **Can students bring their cell phone?**

Yes, although international rates apply. We cannot be responsible for any lost, stolen, broken, or damaged electronic personal equipment.

## **Is there financial aid available for the Mission Trip?**

No. Unlike other student ministry camps, retreats, and events where scholarship funds are typically available, students are responsible to raise support to cover the entire \$1,300 cost of their trip. In an effort to help students raise support, we will provide a fundraising opportunity called *Trash and Treasure*, which is a Flea Market (Saturday am, April 7) where students can sell items from home (or that friends and family have donated). Ultimately, the cost of the trip is the sole responsibility of the student and their family.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Will the students need extra spending money?**

Yes, students will need money for any food, snacks, drinks, etc. during travel times to and from El Salvador. Students are also welcome to bring money for souvenirs while in San Salvador. We suggest no more than \$200 cash. We suggest \$50 minimum. We cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen cash/valuables.

## **What is the payment schedule?**

The total mission trip cost is \$1,300. The payment schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 18	Down Payment #1: \$200 deposit and paperwork due
Sunday, April 15	Payment #2: \$500
Sunday, May 20	Payment #3: \$600
<i>*All payments are non-refundable</i>	

## **Do you have any suggestions on healthy ways to prepare for the trip?**

Yes. We recommend you start a regimen of Source Naturals Wellness formula 2 weeks prior to departure. Also, take a probiotic and continue taking these during the trip.

## **Where do the students sleep?**

All students will be grouped by gender in a mission guesthouse. The guest house is very clean and there are showers on-site. The entire housing complex is gated and secure.

## **Do I need to bring a sleeping bag and/or pillow?**

No, all bedding is provided.

## **What is the student to leader ratio?**

We anticipate the ratio will be approximately 6:1 plus the on-site staff missionaries.

## **How will the students be supervised?**

All staff and volunteer adults leading the mission trip have been trained by our Student Ministry Staff, and have been through background screening.

## **What if a student has food allergies or dietary restrictions?**

If a student has dietary needs such as gluten intolerance, allergies to dyes, or is vegan, CFCI will do their best to accommodate. Please make Pastor JD aware of these dietary needs in advance, and he will communicate those requests to CFCI.

## **What if I have medications I need to bring?**

Please bring all medications in their original container. Any medication not in its original container could possibly be confiscated at customs.

## **Do I need any additional vaccines?**

No, only your routine vaccines are recommended although you are welcome and encouraged to visit the CDC website to gather any additional information to help equip you to make an informed decision.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Do I need to bring my original passport?**

Yes! We will actually collect each students' passport at our last Team Meeting on Friday, July 6 and give them back at the airport when it is time to check-in. Your passport *must be valid 6 months after the trip* and we also suggest you make a copy to leave at home. Pastor JD will maintain possession of all passports throughout the trip except while students are passing through customs and security.

## **What airline and flight # will the mission team be flying?**

**To El Salvador - United Airlines #3459:** Depart Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 7 at 2:45 pm (meet at Pittsburgh International Airport at 11:30 am), and arrive in San Salvador at 12:05 am – Sunday.

**From El Salvador - United Airlines #3425:** Depart San Salvador on Saturday, July 14 at 10:55 pm, and arrive in Pittsburgh on Sunday, July 15 at 11:11 am (parent pick up at 11:20 pm)

## **How many pieces of luggage can/should I bring on the mission trip?**

3 total pieces. 1 personal item (backpack) with one change of clothes and any personal medications, 1 carry-on item (small luggage that we will use to carry mission supplies), and 1 checked bag (less than 50 lbs.) for your clothing.

## **On the day of departure and pick up, where should parents drop off and pick up their child?**

Everyone should meet at the Pittsburgh International Airport at *1000 Airport Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15231*. Parents should drop off their student on Saturday, July 7 at 11:30am at the United Departure gate and pick up their student on Sunday, July 15 at 11:20 am at the Delta Baggage Claim. Parents are invited to park in short-term parking on drop off day and join us in prayer before our team enters the security line.

# Tentative Mission Schedule in El Salvador

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**Travel Day:**    **Saturday, July 7**        **Arrive at San Salvador Airport at 12:05 am** (*Technically Sunday*)

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**Day 1:**            **Sunday, July 8**            **Church at *Siloe* & *La Linea* “The Tracks”** (*Partner with Texas Church*)

- Meet at *Siloe* (church name): Testimonies shared & lunch
- Walk around *La Linea* - give invitations to party & food baskets
- Party in open field
  - VBS style w/ organized games, music
  - Portable health & dental clinic

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**Day 2**            **Monday, July 9**            **Soccer at *Alta Vista* // English Classes // Work Projects**

- Evening Activity:
  - Possibility #1: Evangelism/food baskets
  - Possibility #2: Partner with Samaritan House doing a family event for parents of kids that play soccer at Alta Vista

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**Day 3**            **Tuesday, July 10**            ***La Calzada* Island Day**

- VBS: Pick up every kid on *La Calzada* (*Morning/Afternoon*)
  - VBS style w/ organized games, music
- **All Island Party:** Pick up every adult & take to VBS location (*Afternoon*)
  - Gospel shared
  - Games (physical and water)
  - Music/worship
  - Portable health & dental clinic
  - All Island cookout

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**Day 4**            **Wednesday, July 11**            **Soccer at *Alta Vista* // English Classes // Work Projects**

- Evening Activity:
  - Pupusas downtown & swimming night at *Ilopango* (*Volcano Lake*)

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**Day 5**            **Thursday, July 12**            **Youth Centers & Prisons & Work Projects**

- Youth Centers
- Male Youth Prison
- Female Youth Prison
- Work Project

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<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Friday, July 13</b>	<b>Atlantis Water Park Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Divide students/leaders to go pick up kids from every ministry location</li><li>▪ Evening Activity: Pupupsas down town with massive tree/sight-seeing</li></ul>
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<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Saturday, July 14</b>	<b>Morning/Afternoon Mission // Shower // Depart from San Salvador @ 10:55 pm</b>
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<b>Travel Day</b>	<b>Sunday, July 15</b>	<b>Arrive in Pittsburgh at 11:11 am // Sleep</b>
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# Packing List

***\*Please remember your checked bag must be under 50 lbs.***

## Medications:

- All medications needed for the week.
  - Please bring all medications in their original container. Any medication not in its original container could possibly be confiscated at customs.

## Pants/Shorts:

- Jeans (2 pairs)
- Shorts
- Sleeping pants/shorts
- Athletic shorts (2-3)

## Skirts

- Girls: Ankle length skirt/dress

## Shirts:

- Tee shirts – (1-2 per day) [No cut-offs/tanktops]
- Work t-shirt (2-3)
- Sleeping shirt
- Guys: Polo shirt (1)

## Shoes:

- Athletic shoes
- Shower shoes
- Closed toed work shoes

## Undergarments:

- Underwear
- Girls: Sports bras
- Socks

## Other Clothing:

- Swimsuit, (*Girls: 1-piece style, or shirt for over 2-piece*)
- Hat
- Work gloves
- 2 plastic coat hangers (*to hang your towel & wash cloth*)
- Rain poncho



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## **Shower stuff:**

- Shower towel /wash cloth
- Beach Towel
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Contact solution
- Other toiletries

## **Paperwork**

- Passport (*must be valid for at least 6 months after trip*)
- Bible
- Pen
- Notebook

## **Other:**

- Spending money (*\$200 max // \$50 minimum*)
- Cell Phone (*International data required*)
- Flash light or headlamp
- Camera
- Small battery operated fan & extra batteries
- Water bottle
- Lip balm
- Sun glasses
- Snacks (*please don't bring anything with nuts*)
  - Gatorade packets, lemonade packets, etc.
  - Crackers, pretzels, granola bars, etc.
  - Beef jerky, etc.
- Various sizes of zip lock baggies (*to organize things in you back pack, wet items, etc.*)
- Hand sanitizer (*travel size*)
- Bug repellent lotion (*no aerosol spray cans*)

## **Please don't bring:**

- Tank tops/cut-offs
- Electronics
- Other valuables
- Too much cash. (*\$200 max. Cornerstone cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.*)

## **Note:**

- All your personal belongings must fit into 1 personal item (*backpack*) and 1 checked bag (*less than 50 lbs.*)
- Your 1 carry on suitcase will be used to carry mission supplies

# Need More Information?

**If you have any additional questions about the mission trip please contact us!**

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