



TRIP DETAILS

July 3-10, 2010

Location: Leon, Nicaragua

Type: International—Unmet Human Needs

Grades: 11-12 (Must have completed 11th grade by May 2010.)

Cost: \$1,250 (Cost includes transportation via American Airlines, lodging at El Ayundante, most meals, camp materials & t-shirt)

Valid Passport Required: Please apply before January 10, 2010.

Adult volunteers needed: TBD

PAYMENT DEADLINES

\$150 Deposit	Due December 15, 2009
\$550 Payment	Due March 1, 2010
\$550 Final Balance	Due June 10, 2010

Spaces are limited. First-come, first-served.

Mandatory Missions Retreat is March 19-21, 2010

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

Alison Bocking, Director of Student Ministries
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www.germantownstudents.org

The story of **El Ayudante** begins not too far from us. In 1999, a group of missionaries from Brownsville, Tennessee took a trip to Nicaragua to assess the need after feeling God's call to help the children following a trip to Honduras. The team was heartbroken over the plight of the children and returned home with a vision to construct a protection center to serve children most at-risk. In 2001, El Ayudante purchased 31 beautiful acres in Leon and began construction of a base of operations to facilitate mission teams which would play a vital role in the mission to Nicaragua. They hosted their first team in 2002, and since have coordinated 7,500 international missionaries to Nicaragua.

El Ayudante is an interdenominational, Christian ministry whose hope is to bring change to lives and communities by providing humanitarian and spiritual aid. The overall mission of El Ayundante is in partnerships with the



Nicaraguan people serving closely with and under the authority of local and national government.

Located in León, El Ayudante is acknowledged as one of the most effective, respected and influential mission organizations serving Nicaragua. Their on-campus child protection center, Hogar Cristiano Nicaragüense, is recognized as a model for child development while their El Ayudante Clinic provides free General Practitioner and OB/GYN services to families who have very few resources.

Off-campus their holistic approach to ministry is bringing life change to thousands and, according to León Mayor Tránsito Téllez as he presented the Key to the City to El Ayudante representatives, has "won the hearts of the people!"

For more information on El Ayundante, visit www.nicamissions.com.

Registration

El Ayudante

You may also register and pay online at www.germantownumc.org

Student's name _____

Gender _____

School _____

T-shirt size _____

Grade (Completing) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Student's Email _____

Parents' names _____

Parent's Email _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Please check all that apply.

___ My deposit of \$150 is enclosed
(due by December 1.)

___ Please use my Germantown Bucks to cover
\$___ of my deposit (due by December 1.)

___ I will attend the Mandatory Missions Retreat
March 19-21.

___ Scholarship Assistance Needed

___ Youth Information/Medical Release Form

Please complete and return to:

GUMC - Student Ministries
Attn: Pam Moore
2331 S. Germantown Rd.
Germantown, TN 38138

Why serve in Nicaragua?

- The great need—Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere with over 50% of Nicaraguans living below the poverty level.
- A frontier for ministry due to internal conflicts in the late 70s, throughout the 80s and into the 90s
- Today, statistically the safest country in Central America with León the safest city
- Its warm and gracious people, diverse culture and stunning landscapes
- Only 3 hours of flight time from Houston, Atlanta and Miami
- Historically, a nation which has determined the stability of our Hemisphere

Why serve with El Ayudante?

- Our holistic approach to ministry which allows teams to serve in their areas of passion meeting medical, facility, educational, spiritual, and other humanitarian needs through our on-campus ministries and in our target communities
- Our strategic partnerships/relationships with the Ministry of the Family, MINSA (Ministry of Health), Community Movement, Ministry of Education, National Police, City of León and community leaders which facilitate a more effective week of ministry
- Our beautiful, secure facility located on 31 acres near León and professional staff of 60 nationals including administrators, accountants, cooks, an architect, gardeners, drivers, legal counsel, security personnel, and translators
- Our legal standing, 501(c)3 in the US and NGO status in Nicaragua with a contract through its Foreign Relations Department
- Our low team fees, among the lowest considering organizations serving in Nicaragua
- Our experience in hosting/coordinating mission teams since 2002—in 2008 alone, 75 teams with 1500 members



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Student Ministry Missions



*"Partnering with the Nicaraguan people
to transform a nation"*

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Junior/Senior Trip

