SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Mission ID: MHN230622

INITIAL FACT SHEET – SUMMER II (YOUTH)

This mission is an exciting and life-changing opportunity! We come to serve, not receive – though the reality is that most of us receive more than we could ever give. It is most important to be flexible and offer humble service. Change is inevitable, especially in Honduras, so it is important to be ready to adapt to the needs of the mission at any given moment. We will serve in villages and local parishes around the Diocese of Comayagua. In the city of Comayagua, the Missioners of Christ have a community formation house and the Friars of the Renewal have a retreat center called Casa Guadalupe, which will be your base for the week. You will receive orientation, planning and preparation from our mission community members in Honduras, then we will go out in smaller teams as needed to serve during the week. This will be an unforgettable mission experience because Christ *lives* and wants you to come alive!

Individuals and groups need to secure their own flight arrangements. *Flight options:* Due to distance and limited resources (within Honduras), **all team members must arrive & depart on one of the flight options below**, on the same day. Other airlines are sometimes cheaper, but less reliable.		
Arrival to **Comayagua (XPL), Honduras**	**Thursday, June 22, 2023**	**American (via Miami, MIA or Dallas Fort Worth, DFW)** or **United Airlines (via Houston, IAH)** have flights that arrive roughly between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. If a flight with another carrier is secured, it must arrive no later than 1:00 pm
Departure from **Comayagua (XPL), Honduras**	**Monday, July 3, 2023**	**American (via Miami, MIA or Dallas Fort Worth, DFW)** or **United Airlines (via Houston, IAH)** have flights that depart roughly between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. If a flight with another carrier is secured, it must depart no earlier than 11:00 am.
Minimum Required Funds Raised	**$1123**/person	***Includes:*** Vehicle rental and in-country travel (including gas), missionary travel insurance, training, room and board. ***Does not include:*** Travel to Honduras (airline tickets or fees), meals while traveling to or from Honduras, medical insurance

You are being invited to participate in the ongoing missionary work of the Missioners of Christ. Though the following will be discussed more in-depth during the preparation process, there are a few non-negotiables that you need to know to discern your participation:
(1) We are a Catholic Christian mission working in collaboration with various religious orders and Catholic lay communities serving under the authority of the Diocese of Comayagua. In full humility, we fully support and promote all the teaching of the Church. If you have strong issues against Church Teaching this is probably not the mission for you.
(2) We participate in about 3½ hours of prayer daily (including Mass). All missionaries that serve with us are expected to participate in all aspects of the mission's prayer-life.
(3) These missions are evangelistic in nature and don't typically include manual labor projects as these are always secondary to our call to spread the Gospel and fulfill the Great Commission.
(4) These missions are physically (and at times emotionally) taxing. If you have health problems, it is important to share with your doctor where you are going, and the anticipated nature of the mission, assuring that you will be able to fully participate in this mission.

Required Pre-Mission Training: We view the preparation for the mission as critical to the overall effectiveness of what we do and see the entire process as one of discipleship. Our pre-mission training program includes catechesis, reflection, and logistical preparation. We encourage groups to engage in this process together, though it can be done individually. The initial preparation concludes with a day of intensive in-country training and team building in Honduras.

INITIAL REGISTRATION STEPS

- Review the **Missions Orientation Packet** & contact our Missions Coordinator, **Vanessa**, if you have any questions or concerns: **vanessa.carrillo@missioners.org**
- Apply online at *missions.missioners.org* and submit a $100 non-refundable deposit to the address below by **April 19, 2023**.
- Begin fundraising via our Flipcause page & complete all required forms (available on the webpage where you apply).
- 50% of mission cost due **May 3, 2023**
- 100% of mission cost due June 3**, 2023**

Email a scanned copy of all forms to your facilitator/group leader (he or she will contact you after you apply on-line).
All payments can be mailed to:

Missioners of Christ [ATTN: ST Missions], 5880 Oak Terrace Drive, Virginia Beach, VA, 23464