



## EXTENDED-TERM MISSIONS

### INITIAL FACT SHEET

#### Extended-Term Mission

Are you looking for a rare opportunity to spend two years in uncomfortable surroundings, away from family and friends, eating a basic and rarely changing diet, taking cold showers, making daily sacrifices...and earning nothing while doing all of this? (...and that's the Good News!) *On the flip side...* are you looking for a dynamic Catholic Christian mission opportunity, seeking to grow in your faith and experience the presence of God in a community that challenges you to self-abandonment and holiness? Then this missionary community is for you! The Missioners of Christ are offering a **two-year missionary program** to a few good men and women which focuses on serving the poorest of the poor of Honduras, both tangibly and spiritually, as well as providing these individuals with formation and spiritual development. The missionary-in-training who serves Christ always receives inestimable benefits from giving their gift of self, *but this is by no means a self-focused program!*

***"If you want to be my disciple, deny yourself, pick up your cross daily and follow me." -Luke 9:23***

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	The volunteer must be a Confirmed Catholic, submitted to the full teachings of the Catholic Faith, and at least 19 years old (with 2 years of post-high school education or full time work experience, including at least 1 year of living away from home)
DURATION	Beginning <b>August 2024</b> , the volunteer needs to be open to committing at least two years to the mission. The initial 3 - 5 months, however, is a discernment period in which the missionary and the Missioners mutually discern if they are called to serve longer-term in this mission.
COST	The volunteer needs to raise a minimum of <b>\$13,600.00</b> for up to a two year stay. <u>Includes:</u> Two round-trip flights to Honduras, room & board, missionary insurance, in-country transportation, and other general expenses. <u>Does not include:</u> Language school fees (varies depending on how many weeks of intensive study you need) and additional flights. Missioners can assist with fundraising ideas and sample letters. * <i>Note on missionary travel insurance:</i> In the case of making a medical claim, you would need to pay up to \$250.00 to reimburse the Missioners for the deductible. If the insurance company denies the claim for any reason, you would be responsible to reimburse the Missioners in full.

### INITIAL REGISTRATION STEPS

- Review the **Pre-Discernment Document** and the **Missions Orientation Packet**. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your MT/XT Coordinator at [Kenneth.hayman@missioners.org](mailto:Kenneth.hayman@missioners.org)
- Full Application due by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024** (it will be emailed to you after registering), however, the due date is flexible, and we accept rolling applications throughout the year.
- More information on fundraising will be provided once you are invited to serve with us. \$4000 of your total mission cost is due **July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**; \$400/monthly needs to be secured of your mission cost one month before your mission date or mission can be paid in full.

*Note: If the missionary is unable to turn in the amount required, the missionary may be asked to consider coming at a different time. If the missionary fundraises more than the required amount, all extra will be used towards the general funds of the Missioners of Christ.*

- Mail all payments to:

**Missioners of Christ  
ATTN: XT Missions  
5880 Oak Terrace Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23464**