

High School Mission Trip: Sumpango, Guatemala Sunday, July 28 - Saturday, August 3, 2018

Dear all High School Students (9th - 12th) and parents,

Oxygen will be returning to **Sumpango, Guatemala in 2019 for our High School Mission Trip!** Two years ago, we partnered with NextStep Ministries and a local missionary named Betty. Together, we made additions to a church building, built a home for a family and ministered in the neighborhood. We will continue this partnership as we return to serve in Sumpango. For more information on NextStep, please visit <u>www.nextstepministries.com</u>.

Here is what our students said about our previous trip to Guatemala in 2017:

"At first I was just looking at this trip as a building project. Then I saw the family crying when we finished their house and realized it was so much more than that."

"We had a truly amazing team! I felt like I got closer with these people, and I couldn't ask for better teamwork."

The bottom line is this: students will experience the Lord and have encounters with Jesus as they serve in a cross-cultural environment!

The **trip cost is \$1,100.** <u>\$200 deposit due by December 2 to secure spot.</u>

How to register for the trip:

- 1. Fill out the Oxygen Mission Trip Student/Parent Covenant.
- 2. Make a **\$200 deposit by December 2** to secure your spot.

Following registration, please be aware of these FOUR important items:

1. **PASSPORTS** - All students must have a valid US Passport for identification for this trip. Passports must be valid through at least six months past our return date. **You must apply for your passport NO LATER than February 3, 2019**. *Please see the following link for information on how to apply:* <u>http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html</u>



MEETINGS - Meetings are MANDATORY: they help build unity and teamwork.
 Sunday, January 27, 2019 - Info-Video (At home for students & parents)

Emailed info-video, to be viewed within 48 hours Sunday, March 3, 2019 - Students & Leaders Only 12:45pm - 2:30pm in room 308 (lunch provided) Sunday, May 5, 2019 - Students & Leaders Only 12:45pm - 2:30pm in room 308 (lunch provided) Sunday, June 9, 2019 - Students, Parents & Leaders 6:00pm - 7:30pm in chapel for Call to Prayer Sunday, July 21, 2019 - Info-Video (At home for students & parents) Emailed info-video, to be viewed within 48 hours

- PAYMENTS \$200 installments (payable online or by check) due on following dates:
 \$200 Initial Payment Sunday, December 2
 \$200 Payments January 6, February 17, March 17, April 14 and May 19, 2019 (\$100 final payment)
- 4. TRIP FINANCING The trip costs \$1,600 per student/leader. After grants from Faith Promise (\$250) and the Oxygen Budget (\$250), the price drops to \$1,100. This covers airfare, camp costs, food, etc. For Fundraising Options, please see the "Mission Trip Fundraising Options" form for list of suggestions.

Next Steps: What do I need to do now?

- A. Pray about going on this trip!
- B. Ready to sign up? Complete the Student/Parent Covenant,
- C. Make your first payment. Spots fill up fast. Don't miss out.
- D. Prepare for our meetings and the payment dates, as listed above.

In 2007, I served in a cross-cultural environment in Kenya. It opened my eyes to world poverty and it helped me grow deeper with Jesus. I believe this trip to Guatemala will do the same for students. **Your student will remember this trip forever.** I am so excited for what the Lord will do on this trip! Please contact me with any questions.

Blessings,

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