

Guatemala mission trips - 2024

Since 2010, we have partnered with Food for the Hungry as they work in the north central mountains of Guatemala. Our focus has been on two communities, Cambalam and Xepiun. We have seen positive change as we have sponsored children, supported projects, prayed, and sent work/ministry teams from Bridgewater.

Dates (give or take a day)

Cambalam Saturday, July 13 - Monday, July 22

Xepiun: Saturday, July 20 – Monday, July 29

General Information:

- Teams are facilitated through Food for the Hungry International, a world-renowned relief and development agency. (www.fh.org)
- The team will help and encourage both the Food for the Hungry staff and the village children and adults. Although we will be working on physical development projects, our main emphasis is on building relationships. We will spend time with the children at their school, and those who sponsor children will be able to visit them and their families in their homes.
- Estimated cost per person: \$1,900 - \$2,100 (All flights, in-country travel, food, and lodging are included.)

First time team members may consider raising support within Bridgewater Church from its members and attenders.

- Team size – up to 12 persons per trip.
- Participants must be at least 15 years of age and accompanied by a parent if under 18.
- A valid passport is needed to travel to Guatemala.

Pre- Trip Details:

- A **Missions Trip Application** must be submitted by Feb. 10th, along with a \$95.00 deposit.
- There will be 5 **required** pre-trip training sessions and 2 post-trip sessions of about 1 ½ - 2 hours in length. The first meeting will be held Feb.18 at 1:30 -Montrose campus.

Travel:

- Flights are usually out of Newark, NJ to Guatemala city.
- A private bus will take the team from Guatemala City to Nebaj, a trip of relatively 7 hours.
- The team will stay in a hotel in Nebaj, and travel to their village each day. Cambalam is ½ hour away. Xepiun, 1 hour.

- Hotel accommodations are clean with private bathrooms. Mostly double occupancy.
- Food for the Hungry supplies trip chaperones and several translators for our team. Spanish is spoken generally in Guatemala, but Ixil, a Mayan Indian language is spoken in Nebaj and the surrounding villages.
- There will be an opportunity for the team to do some sight-seeing and shopping near the end of the trip.

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