

# GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

## MI REFUGIO

Mi Refugio is a nondenominational Christian ministry, which responds to the needs of "at risk" children and their families living in and around the Guatemala City garbage dump and in the villages surrounding San Pedro, Sacatepequez, sharing the love of Jesus by providing free education (pre-school through high school), food, clothing and medical assistance to these children. Mi Refugio has been accredited by the Guatemalan government, and all of the teachers are graduates from Guatemalan schools with teaching credentials. Kari Engen is the Executive Director of the ministry, living full time in San Pedro Sacatepequez. Mi Refugio is a faith ministry, trusting God for every need that they have. For more information, visit: <http://www.mirefugio.org/>

## TRIP PROJECTS

The major need is for servants to work at the school and in outreaches to the surrounding villages and the Guatemala City garbage dump in the following areas. These are the areas in which our teams will be serving:

Medical: Physicians, Nurses, Dentists, Hygienists, Eye doctors

Evangelism: Prayer, mime and puppetry, clowning, arts/crafts/games, clothing distribution

Teaching at School: Baking, woodworking, computers, English, sewing

Building: masonry, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, laborer

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will be dormitory style bunk beds, separated by men and women. We also have seven cabins for couples, families, and overflow, but all may not be able to stay together. More than one team may be staying at the same time. All bedding is furnished. Bottled water is available for drinking and there is hot water for showers.

Electrical outlets and voltage are the same as in the U.S. **No toilet paper is to be flushed down the toilets.**

**Baskets are provided. Teams are expected to keep bathrooms clean!** Washing machines are for emergency use only.

## MEALS

All meals will be prepared by the school cooks (with assistance from our team). During the week, volunteers will eat breakfast and lunch with the children spread throughout our five dining rooms. Lunches will be taken to the villages. Snacks will be provided at the snack bar. Volunteers need to heat and serve evening and weekend meals, **as well as clean the kitchen and dining rooms. The kitchen and pantry will be closed after the evening meal.**

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday the volunteers will meet the children in the gymnasium at 7:00am for worship and Bible teaching. The volunteers will divide up by grade levels and then follow the children to their respective classrooms and dining rooms for breakfast. Work and teaching begins at approximately 8:30am. Lunch is 12:00-1:00pm. The children leave school at approximately 2:30pm. All work stops at 5:00pm. Cleanup, rest, and showers are between 5:00-6:30pm. Dinner is at 6:30pm. There is a worship/Bible teaching/share session each evening after the kitchen and dining rooms have been cleaned. The worship area will be open until quiet time, which begins at 10:00pm with everyone in their rooms and lights out by 10:30pm. On Sundays, we leave school at 7:00am for early church in Guatemala City, a visit to the garbage dump, and sightseeing and shopping in Antigua, returning to school by 8:00pm.

## TEAM MEETINGS

There will be at least 4-5 required meetings prior to the trip departure. You will be provided a meeting schedule in advance by your team leaders, so please make every effort to attend these meetings! These meetings are not so much for informational purposes (although that is also important!) but for the purpose of growing and bonding with your team.

**FINANCIAL GUIDELINES**

The trip cost (\$1,500) includes advance on-site arrangements and preparations, supplies for trip projects, transportation, flights, lodging, most meals (with the exception of 2-3 while en route), T-shirts, and various administrative expenses. Please bring spending money to cover meals while travelling and any souvenirs you may choose to purchase. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee any refunds of payments made although we will do our best to accommodate extenuating circumstances.

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