

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

ECUADOR 2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Covenant Merge Ministry:

When you embark on a MERGE trip, you are part of a larger mission. You are continuing the work of those who went before you as well as preparing the way for those who follow. With more than twenty years of experience, MERGE coordinates the trip to share our unique gifts and abilities to further the kingdom of God and enhance what your hosts are doing in their community. MERGE Ministry is directed by Dale and Sarah Lusk, assisted by short-term missionaries of the Covenant, from McAllen, Texas. Covenant Merge Ministries is a part of the Serve Globally Department of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

WHEN IS THE TRIP?

The approximate dates for our trip will be July 9 – July 18, 2020. Exact dates will be determined by airfare and the projects we are involved in while in Ecuador.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Students going into the 10th through 12th grades in the fall of 2020, students who will be graduating in the spring of 2020, college students/young adults and adults.

Ideally participants will be participating in our Baja Bound trip in February 2020 or have had participated in a previous mission experience. If this isn't possible, it can be discussed.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Food, lodging, insurance & transportation:

\$70/day x 10 days = \$700.00

Passport:

\$145.00 for individuals over the age of 16

\$115.00 for individuals under the age of 16

Airfare Estimate:

\$950.00/person

Total:

\$700.00 + \$950.00 = \$1650.00 (+ passport fees which are dependent upon age)

**Each team member will be responsible for their own spending money (for souvenirs, etc.).

WHAT ABOUT FUNDRAISING?

We will be doing fundraisers. The goal would be for each team member to pay for their in country expenses and passport and then we could cover the bulk of airfare through fundraising. If we get an early start on this it shouldn't be overwhelming, but it will require full participation and lots of creativity. Some of the fundraisers we have done in the past are: Yard/Fellowship Hall sale, car wash, Restaurant Sponsored nights, Dinner & Silent Auction, recycling, Coffee sales, etc.

DEADLINES & DATES:

The application and \$50.00 deposit will be due **Wednesday, November 6th**. I realize that this is close to holidays, but we need to pull the team together soon so that we can get cracking on fundraising. This will save you money in the long run! I will be deciding on our Team Meeting dates

as soon as I can get the fundraising schedule together. We will have about 4 team meetings between January and July to prepare for our work in Ecuador and at each of these meetings a portion of your payment will be due...approximately \$160.00.

POTENTIAL ITINERARY:

July 9 – Travel to Ecuador

July 10-17 – Ministry in Punguhuayco

July 18 – Leave Punguhuayco and do a few touristy things on the way back to Quito

July 19 – Travel back to USA