

**NICARAGUA  
FAMILY MISSION  
TRIP**

**June 22 - June 29,  
2018**

# **Sharing God's Love in Nicaragua**

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...”***

**Matthew 28: 19-20**

**First Presbyterian Church of Wichita Falls is pleased to offer our fourth annual family mission trip to Managua, Nicaragua June 22 – June 29, 2018. As in past years, this will be an awesome opportunity to spend time with your family and Christian brothers and sisters serving the less fortunate in Nicaragua. Each day will be packed with adventures and opportunities that will impact your life forever.**

**We will be serving and staying at the Eden Center Presbyterian Church and School. We will be conducting a two day Vacation Bible School for the children of the school, conducting classes for women of the neighborhood on health-related issues, participating in their church service Sunday, doing work jobs around the property, as well as other activities to glorify God by spreading the Good News. This year we will also spend a day in a village up in the nearby mountains at a planted church where we will do a VBS for not only children, but also adults. We will also visit the work sites of two homes being built that are funded through our church's Foundation.**

**If you feel God is calling you to be a part of this year's team, we would love to talk to you more about it. In the pages that follow you will find more specific information.**

**Please prayerfully consider joining us as we share God's love in Nicaragua!**

**Nicaragua Mission Trip Coordinators:**

**Ron Bender (940-733-4170) and Lisa Green (940-642-8094)**

## Cost and Other Details

### Cost:

The total cost of the mission trip is \$1350.00; however, because of the wise stewardship of our Mission Committee, First Presbyterian Church is underwriting 50% of the costs plus an additional amount if there is more than one member of a family going. Only members of First Presbyterian Church are eligible for this price reduction.

\$675.00 per person;

\$600.00 per person (if more than one family member is going)

### Cost includes:

- Airfare
- Travel Insurance
- Room/Board
- Nicaragua ground transportation
- Support costs for work projects
- Travel shirts
- Excursions
- Translators

Souvenirs and meals on air travel days are not included.

### Flight Details:

7:00 A.M. Friday, June 22: Leave for DFW Airport from FPC parking lot

Departure:

American Flight #1605 @ 12:25 P.M. (arrival in Managua @ 6:03 P.M.)

5:30 A.M. Friday, June 29: Leave the Eden Center for Managua Airport

Departure:

American Flight #220 @ 8:10 A.M (arrival in Dallas @ 1:10 P.M.)

### Deadlines:

Please forward as soon as you can:

- A copy of your Passport
- Your completed application

**May 4, 2018 – your payment is due in full . It is highly suggested that you make a down payment for the trip by April 6<sup>th</sup> to guarantee your spot. Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church and note on your check Nicaragua Mission Trip 2018.**

**APPLICATION FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Wichita Falls**

**Participant Information:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ALTERNATE TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-SHIRT SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELATIONSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSPORT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXPIRATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH THIS APPLICATION\*\***

**\*\*TO ENTER NICARAGUA YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS  
FROM EXPIRATION\*\***

**Please give a brief overview of your Christian faith journey and any prior mission trips:**

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**Why are you interested in going to Nicaragua and what are your personal goals for this trip?**

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**Do you have any physical, emotional, or dietary restrictions that need accommodation? Do you have any serious allergies (if so, please list)?**

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**ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT**

I have voluntarily applied to join a team from First Presbyterian Church of Wichita Falls (FPC/WF) traveling to Managua, Nicaragua 6/22/18 - 6/29/18 In consideration of the sponsorship of this trip by FPC/WF, I hereby agree as follows:

I understand that there are certain risks involved in participation in relief development and mission trips that could potentially cause harm to the participants. These risks may include, but are not limited to air, land and sea travel on vehicles that do not have the same safety features to which I am accustomed; exposure to germs and diseases in food and otherwise; interaction with people and cultures that have different health standards than those to which I am accustomed; higher incidences of crime; injuries incurred while performing physical tasks of relief and development; and political acts of terrorism.

I acknowledge that the stress of living in camp-like conditions and accommodations without access to many, or most, modern conveniences can cause fatigue and stress which may render participants more susceptible to contracting illness. Medical facilities available in the event of an emergency or illness may be below the standards to which I am accustomed or may not be available at all.

I accept all risks of injury, illness or death during this trip from any cause and waive any claim that could be made against FPC/WF for damages to property or injury, illness or death, which arise out of or relate in any way to my participation in the relief, development or mission trip sponsored by FPC/WF.

I, on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, assignees and legal representatives hereby release FPC/WF, its trustees, pastors, officers, session, employees and representatives and each of them, as well as volunteers, with whom I might be traveling and working from any and all claims, actions or demands I might or could potentially make arising from or relating to any injury or damage I suffer during this trip.

I represent that I have sought, or decided in my sole discretion, not to see, medical advice on the necessity of inoculations or other health related matters concerning this trip and that FPC/WF has given no advice in this regard except to seek medical advice as I see fit.

I further acknowledge that FPC/WF is neither authorized by me, nor willing to make medical decisions on my behalf should I become incapacitated for any reason. I acknowledge that I have been advised by FPC/WF to make appropriate arrangements, if desired, to empower a designated person or persons to make medical decisions on my behalf in the event of my incapacitation.

I agree to observe all FPC/WF travel rules and acknowledge by my signature below that I received a copy of any rules with respect to the trip described above. I agree to comply with all instructions of FPC/WF group leaders. In the event that FPC/WF group leader determines in his or her sole discretion that it is necessary to terminate my participation in the trip. I agree to do so. I also understand that any activity taken outside the normal date or schedules activities for this FPC/WF sponsored trip will be entirely at my own risk.

I expressly agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas, and that this Agreement shall be binding upon me, my heirs, assignees and legal representatives.

If you are a child under the age of 18 and not accompanied by a parent or guardian, you must have your parent(s) or guardian execute the attached form for Authorization for medical treatment.

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY STAMP:

## CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE

**“We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path so that our ministry will not be discredited.”  
2 Corinthians 6:3**

It needs to be understood that, since mission team members are highly visible in the communities, a member’s actions can either help or harm the Lord’s work in Nicaragua. There are community and church norms, as well as safety measures, that must be observed at all times while in Nicaragua. Please consider whether you are willing to be in total compliance before you sign this document.

### CONDUCT:

1. No use of tobacco, profanity, alcohol, or other drugs, at any time while in Nicaragua or in transit.
2. We are guests in Nicaragua and will defer to our mission hosts and group leaders in all matters of behavior, dress and activities. Failure to do so may result in immediate expulsion from housing and participation in the ministry.

### SAFETY:

1. Leave expensive jewelry and electronic items at home.
2. Stay inside the Eden Center after sunset, unless with the group for an activity.
3. Never go anywhere alone or without the permission of the leader(s).

### DRESS:

1. Dress should be modest for men and women.
2. Shorts must have at least a 7 inch inseam, as measured along the inside leg seam.
3. Women must wear bras and the bra may not show outside clothing.
4. No underwear may be showing for men or women.
5. No see-through clothing.
6. No low necklines or tank tops on women.
7. No cropped shirts or blouses, halter-tops, or low-riding pants/skirts.
8. No belly buttons or midriffs showing at any time.
9. No leggings under sports shorts with oversize t-shirts.
10. No facial piercings/earrings.
11. No outlandish hairstyles or colors.
12. Swimsuits for females must be modest and one piece.
13. Swimsuits for males must be modest and boxer style.
14. Modesty of dress is a requirement of being a part of this mission team.
15. Parents and adults responsible for a teen are expected to supervise the attire, and conduct of their teen at all times.

I have read the rules as listed above, and agree to follow these rules, and any others, as directed FPC/WF leadership. I understand that the penalty for not following these codes may include any, or all, of the following:

1. Immediate expulsion from housing and participation in ministry.
2. If a minor, my parents will be contacted, and I will be put on the next flight home, at my parents’ expense.
3. Refusal to allow individual, group, and/or leader to participate in future mission trips.

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Signature of Applicant

If under 18, Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date