

A Short-Term Mission Week of Service with PBM

Who are we?

We, the founders of Paradise Bound are fully hands on with every mission team that comes to serve beside us. That includes picking you up at the airport, building homes, conducting medical clinics, sharing team devotions, and presenting the Gospel. We even live in an apartment within the Mission Base where you'll be staying! We count it a privilege to get to know you personally. After all we will spend eternity together.

We recognize the incredible potential of each team member God ordains to send our way. You and your team are as much a missionary and a part of Paradise Bound as we the founders are! Short term missionaries reach thousands of lives each year. We need you to accomplish the calling of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We know that your prayers, a week of your time, and your financial resources are precious. Together we will make a difference in Eternity.

Your Missionaries, and His Servants,
Dan, Heidi, Malachi, Ben, Haven and Elijah Smith

Kingdom Building (Construction Days)

Three days of each mission team trip are devoted to building homes for our growing list of widows and the severely oppressed living in cornstalk, mud, or tin huts. Each group will split into smaller teams of 4-6 people and will start and complete a 10'x12' home within 3 days. **Each home costs \$1,375 in materials to build.** The homes are constructed of metal studs, drywall, and cement board. The construction is easily accomplished within ability levels of all team members without any construction experience required.

On the third day, the homes are dedicated and each family is presented with the Gospel. After experiencing the love of Jesus Christ lived out by the group, many families accept our Lord as their personal Savior. It is a time of tears and rejoicing as so many come to accept eternal life and the mansion Christ has prepared for them in Glory.

6:00-7:00am: Breakfast, and personal devotions

7:00am: Leave for work site

8:00am: Begin construction

12-12:30pm: Lunch on site

12:30-5pm: Construction, clean up and depart for the mission base

6:00-6:30pm: Evening meal

6:30-8pm: Free time, showers, relaxing

8:00pm: Team devotions

Mobile Medical Clinics and Outreach

Two days of each mission team trip are devoted to village ministry through remote mobile medical clinics/outreaches. These two days your team begins at the mission base preparing medicine and food for use in that afternoon/evening's clinic/outreach. We travel to a remote village each clinic/outreach day, targeting areas no one else is reaching.

Upon arrival, your team will set up and operate a medical clinic with our medically trained/licensed Guatemala staff. Some team members will serve within the clinic, although no medical experience is required. The remaining team members will be building relationships with villagers through playing soccer, painting fingernails, coloring, games, etc.

Once the medical clinic is complete, the Jesus Film will be shown. Your team will sit among the villagers as they witness, many for the first time in their lives, Jesus Christ performing miracles, teaching, preaching, dying for their sins, and ultimately rising again. Imagine never seeing a movie or TV in your life, then seeing Christ come to life on the screen! The impact is amazing and eternal.

After the film, our native pastor will share the Gospel and invite those desiring to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Your team will pray with those accepting Christ and present them with a Bible or New Testament, usually their first ever. To finish the evening, your team will distribute a bag of beans, rice and other staple foods to each family equaling a 2-3 day supply of food. Your team then returns to our mission base for a well-deserved rest.

7:00-8:00am: Breakfast and personal devotions

8:00-11:30am: Sorting/preparing meds, toys, beans, rice, and Bibles; team devotions

Noon: Lunch and leave for medical clinic/outreach

2:30-3:00pm: Team arrives at the village, sets up clinic

- 3:30pm-?: Medical Clinic/Outreach as outlined above, and return to mission base

In our desire to follow the Holy Spirit, the schedules listed above must remain flexible. Most days are similar to the details above, but at times can be quite different.

Individual Mission Trip Cost: An Investment in the Kingdom of God

Our goal is Eternal, and therefore the per person cost of our mission experiences are 'break even' financially for Paradise Bound. Often, we do not cover our costs for a team, but the 'treasure' in Heaven is by far greater!

Your mission experience includes: Ground transportation in Guatemala, program expenses, devotions led by our staff, housing in our new and modern mission base, bottled water (bring your own empty water bottle to fill here), **and three meals a day.**

- A non-refundable deposit of **\$150 per person is required within 10 days of your team being awarded a date, to hold your ministry date or join a team.**
- 4 months prior to your departure the \$850 per person total is due. (the deposit is included in the \$850)
- 2 month prior to your departure the cost of airfare is due.
- 1 month prior to departure the cost of the homes, and medical clinics is due.

We have been forced to make a major change in regards to our Mission Teams due to airline ticket and fuel price increases. **Airline tickets are NO LONGER included in the cost per person. The cost per person is \$850 for your 8 day experience; however this does NOT include airfare. Paradise Bound's staff will utilize our credit with the airlines to obtain the best possible price for your group's airfare. We will book the tickets for you, but the cost is in addition to the per person Paradise Bound experience of \$850/person.

Many team members raise their entire funding or trip costs simply by sending a heartfelt letter to family and friends asking for prayer and financial support. Trip costs may be tax deductible (consult your tax adviser).

***You will need a passport.** If you do not have one begin this process at least two months before your departure date.

Additional Expenses

Kingdom Building: You will build 10'x 12' homes with a connected 10' x 12' roofed patio. Each team starts, completes, and dedicates two to five metal stud and drywall homes. These homes forever change the lives of these precious people, often for eternity. We recommend that teams build one house per every 4-6 team members.

Each home costs only \$1,375. The home cost is in addition to your per person rate. Home cost is due by your departure date. The homes are one of the easiest fundraising opportunities as many friends or families give readily toward providing an impoverished family with a home for only \$1,375. One home. One family. An opportunity for Eternity.

Medical Costs

Prescription medicines, antibiotics, multivitamins, pain relievers, worming/parasite pills, and much more are utilized in our clinic/outreaches. We meet the physical needs of villagers who travel long distances to be seen at the clinics thus giving us the opportunity to share the Gospel. While \$2,500 is our cost of the medications purchased through medical missionary organizations, the actual cost if purchased at pharmacies exceeds \$25,000 to \$30,000 per team. **We ask you as a team to help us cover the \$2,500 in clinic costs, but if a team is unable to raise those funds, we trust our Lord to provide.**

Optional Bible Expense

\$500 provides a Bible for each family we come in contact with during your team's outreaches. We have the funding to provide a Bible to each person who accepts Christ, but would love to give God's Word to everyone we encounter.

Costs not covered

One or two meals may be eaten at a restaurant on your free day while in Guatemala. These meals typically cost \$7-\$8 each. Souvenir costs are, of course, yours to cover. Lastly, food on your two travel days to and from Guatemala is at your expense.

Doubts? Don't let them affect your or someone else's eternity

Initially the thought of raising the funds may be overwhelming. However, if you are called by our Lord to work alongside us, He will provide the funds. Yes, you will still have to work at it, but our Lord will provide. Many teams raise far above the amount required. Ultimately, this is an eternal investment in souls with our Lord Jesus Christ. We have hundreds of individuals who thought it impossible to go, but our Lord says in His word, as Paul testified:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."—Philippians 4:13

Your Mission Trip Accommodations

Your mission team will stay at our remote mission base, which is modern and specifically designed for mission teams. Set atop a mountain in the middle of a large plantation there are spectacular views to behold in all directions. Your hosts and founders of Paradise Bound, Dan and Heidi Smith, their children, Anya and some of our Guatemala staff live in apartments within the base as well. Great food, clean rooms, bath towels and beds with bedding provided. Last, but definitely not least, there are bathrooms and showers with hot water.

Meals/water

We provide American style cuisine...ok, all you can eat meals. Some authentic food is provided as well. Please know that we intend to keep you well fed spiritually and physically! Purified water is always available and utilized for all cooking. Water and juice are also provided on the work sites and at the base.

If you have special dietary needs or food allergies, we are not equipped to meet any of those needs for individual team members. We operate in a remote area of a developing country, and do not have access to many special diet foods. We encourage you to still consider joining us on a team, but please know that you will have to bring adequate food and resources to meet your special needs. Team members are not allowed in our kitchen. Any special diet food items should be in pre-made form, not needing refrigeration.

Safety

The Paradise Bound mission base is nestled deep within a plantation, far from the dangers of being in a large city. Our Open Doors Children's Home is built adjacent to the mission base, where teams stay. This truly is a place where you can relax and reinvest yourself in your personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ! Ultimately, there is no safer place to be than fully in His amazing arms.