



Dear Potential Team Leader or Participant,

As you ponder this amazing call within your heart, from our Lord Jesus Christ, to come alongside Paradise Bound, we want to welcome you into this experience even now! This calling to bring HIS Love and Salvation to the poor and oppressed in the remote villages deep in the heart of Guatemala, and certainly in the heart of our Lord, is an opportunity of Eternal proportions! Paradise Bound Short Term Mission Teams have touched over 160,000 lives in the remotest villages of Guatemala over the last 20 years. YOU and your team will be used by our Lord to touch hundreds of lives for Eternity in Jesus Name! In this Eternal process, your life will never again be the same! That process starts with HIS word found in John 17:20; ***"I ask...on behalf of those who will believe in ME"***...Jesus prayed those words to HIS Heavenly Father, and PRAYER is where this journey in Christ Jesus our Lord begins!

If this is your first experience with Paradise Bound, you'll want to take some time to browse <http://paradisebound.org/quatemala-mission-trip/> to learn much more than we can share here. Whether you are new or one of the over 6,000 mission team members who have ministered with Paradise Bound, this additional information will help guide you through our Team Application, or our Individual/Family/Small Group Application processes. Additionally, it shares of your ***"Investment in ETERNITY"*** (costs involved).

Team Registration (groups of more than 10 persons)

Prayerfully consider a team date from our list below, and then submit your request via email to info@paradisebound.org (request must go to info@paradisebound.org). Your request does NOT guarantee a mission team or date. Please list the following: 1) Group or church, 2) Team leader, 3) Contact phone number, 4) Email address, 5) 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd choice of dates (listed below) and finally, 6) How many team members you anticipate, 7) A short paragraph describing why you feel our Lord is calling you to apply for a Mission Team with PBM. *** Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

The deadline for submitting your request is September 30, 2017. If there are more requests than available dates, we will pray over the requests, discern our Lord's will, and Biblically draw lots if led so. Shortly after September 30, 2017, we will inform all applicants of the teams and dates our Lord determines. After the team/date announcement, a non-refundable deposit is required within 10 days to hold your date: **\$2,000 for a half team, \$3,000 for a full team.**

Unfortunately, **failure to receive your non-refundable deposit within 10 days will forfeit your ministry date to another team.** Please do NOT send in your deposit until notified that you have received a ministry date. **Max Team Size is 40, with no more than 22 of the same gender.**

PBM books your team's tickets (no exceptions) at the best group rate available (fitting with our schedule) from the nearest major airport at our discretion. Once your team's tickets are booked, you will be notified of the cost per ticket/person. Prices for tickets have been between \$750 and \$850 +/- . The ticket costs, plus the PBM experience of \$850/person generally equals between \$1,600 and \$1,700/person.

Individual/Family/Small Group Registration (groups of less than 10 persons)

For individuals, couples, families, or groups less than 10, feel free to email us your request to join a team at info@paradisebound.org send your request only to: info@paradisebound.org along with: 1) **T**he approximate number of people, 2) **A**ges, 3) **G**eneral date(s) you would like to join, and 4) **C**ontact info. Once the Team Dates are awarded to teams over 10 persons, and the team leaders have had opportunity to fill their teams, we will begin adding others to any available teams at our discretion. Please keep in mind that some teams fill completely and there may not be room for you on a particular team, but we will work with you to place you in a suitable team/date to the best of our ability. Cost per person is the same as listed for the groups over 10.

Dates/Deadlines:

- Applications Due for **groups over 10 persons**: September 30, 2017
- Final Count of how many Team Members (no names needed yet): December 22, 2017
- Final name list (Legal names as on passports, D.O.B., & Gender): **2 months prior to departure**
- Online Registration of each team member, <http://paradisebound.org/guatemala-mission-trip/#mission-trip-registration>: **2 months prior to departure**

Payment Schedule (to: PBM, PO Box 80, Zeeland, MI 49464 & marked with your team's mission date):

- Non-refundable deposit (\$2,000 ½ team, \$3,000 full team): **Within 10 days of awarding your team's mission date.** (this amount will be applied to the per person cost)
- \$850 per person (room & board): **4 months prior to departure.**
- Remaining balance, (Airfare cost): **2 months prior to departure.**
- Kingdom Builders (homes), Medical Clinic, & Optional Bible investments (see below): **1 month prior.**

Additional Team Expenses (NOT included in the per person investment listed above):

Kingdom Builders: You and your team will build 10'x 12' homes with a connected 10' x 12' roofed patio. Each team starts, completes, and dedicates 2 to 5 metal stud and drywall homes simultaneously for our growing list of widows and the severely oppressed living in cornstalk, mud or tin huts. These homes forever change the lives of these precious families, often for Eternity! The third day, as we present the Gospel of Jesus Christ, many entire families give their lives to the One who gave His life for them! It is a time of tears and rejoicing as so many come to Eternal Life and our Lord prepares their mansion in Glory. The construction is easily accomplished by anyone: young, elderly, or those without any construction experience. Teams should build one home per every 4-6 team members.

Each home is an investment of only \$1,375 and takes three days to construct, but is not included in the cost per person, as most teams raise these funds as a team. The homes are one of the easiest fundraising opportunities as many friends, families, business owners give readily toward providing an impoverished family with a home for only \$1,375. The investment per home is our cost for materials only, with no markup or profit. It includes the HOME, a BED, a lifetime WATER FILTER, and most important...**the Gospel of Jesus Christ!**

One home!

One family!

An opportunity for Eternity!

Mobile Medical Clinics:

Antibiotics, multivitamins, pain relievers, worming/parasite pills, and much, much more are utilized in your team's clinic/outreaches. This alone saves lives physically as villagers come from long distances to be attended to in our clinics/outreaches, thus giving us the opportunity to share the Gospel! You will not believe how much medicine is prescribed until you experience a clinic with us! While \$2,500 is our cost of the medicine purchased through medical missionary organizations, the actual cost if purchased at pharmacies exceeds \$25,000 per team. As a team, your investment for the Medical Clinics is \$2,500 (total for 2 clinics).

Optional Bible Expense:

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

Individual Costs NOT Covered:

One or two meals may be eaten at a restaurant on your free day while in Guatemala. These meals typically cost \$6-\$7 each. Souvenirs costs are of course yours to cover. We may have a "Pizza Night" at the Mission Base and ask that everyone helps with \$5./ea. Meals on your travel days, to and from Guatemala, is not covered by PBM. Lastly, any associated Passport, immunization fees, etc are not covered by PBM.

Doubts? Don't Let Them Affect You or Someone Else's Eternity!

Initially the thought of raising the funds may be overwhelming. However, as you are called by our Lord to labor alongside us, then He WILL provide! Yes, you will still have to work at it, as that is your responsibility, but our Lord will provide! This is a walk in true faith for many, but we have never had a team not make their goals! Many teams raise far above the amount that is needed and have a blast at it! 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 now have grown tremendously in faith because they did what our Lord asks of all of us: PRAY in faith...believing!!!

Summer 2018 Mission Team Dates (Dates are subject to change until tickets are purchased):

- May 2018: We are flexible to host a College or Adult Team...please contact for additional info or to form a team.
- June 4-11
- June 12-19
- June 22-29
- July 6-13
- July 15-22
- August 3-10

In closing, remember that the deadline for Team Applications is: September 30, 201, and that applying does not guarantee your team a ministry date. Additionally, even if you cannot partake in one of our Lord's incredible harvests of souls for the Summer of 2018, PRAY with us that our Lord sends forth laborers into HIS fields "white unto harvest"!

***"PRAYER does not equip us for the greater work,
it IS the greater work!"***

HIS servants,

Dan & Heidi Smith

ps: We are seeking U.S. churches to "adopt" church plant/builds in remote villages in 2018. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email info@paradisebound.org to express your interest! We'll then send you the additional info regarding that Eternal Investment in our Lord's Kingdom!

pps: Paradise Bound can only achieve its Eternal goals with the blessing of generous gifts from people like you. Without these gifts, helping those in the "uttermost" would not be possible. Since Paradise Bound relies on the generosity of individuals, please consider helping as our Lord leads. Thank you!