

~ S.O.S. MINISTRIES ~  
SHORT TERM TEAM INFORMATION

**DATES:** Teams are typically sent **in** — March, July, September, and December (dates can be flexible and special arrangements can be made for other months of the year depending on the time of year and the number of people going)

**LOCATION:** Teams are sent **to** — The USA, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nigeria, and Mid-Asia

**PURPOSE:** Teams are sent **with** the purpose of — Evangelism; House to house ministry; Church planting; Conferences/Seminars for pastors; Teaching English; Medical mission; Relief work; Orphanage ministry; Youth retreats; Conferences for ladies; etc

**COST:** \$600, **PLUS AIRFARE** per team member

- ***Cost for Expenses: \$600 per week – addition weeks are \$300*** (This cost is inclusive, it covers your: food, ground transportation, taxes in/out of country, love gifts for national missionaries/pastors, Bibles and literature, etc.)
- ***Cost for Airfare:*** This expense will vary depending on where you are flying to/from, and depending on the time of the year.

**NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS PER TRIP:** 10-20 people (2-4 for Mid-Asia)

**HOW LONG IS TRIP:** 1 week to 3 months (depending on purpose)

**IMMUNIZATIONS NEEDED:** Tetanus; Hepatitis A; Malaria

**AGE LIMIT:** Minimum 10 years old (10-14 yrs old must be accompanied by one or both parents)

**PASSPORTS:** Make sure passports are applied for 3 months before departure. Passports *must have more than 6 months* before expiring in relation to the date of the trip.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Depending on the airline, you are allotted 1-2 suitcases at 50 lbs each (be sure to utilize every pound). With personal belonging taking up 1/2 of one suitcase, fill the rest of the suitcase(s) space with: medical/hygiene supplies; Bibles/tracts/literature; clothes (summer time clothes—no XL); shoes of all sizes; toys/stuffed animals for children, etc.

**FUNDS DUE BY:** \$600 due 8 weeks prior to trip; airfare due 6 weeks prior to trip. There will be a \$50 late fee imposed if funds are not received on or before the due dates.

**MINISTRY PREPARATION:** S.O.S. is committed to using teams (see “Purpose” above) in assisting our indigenous missionaries in continuing the church plant work. Based on this, discern in the Spirit what spiritual gifts, talents and abilities you have and begin preparing how they can be used on the team for the glory of God.

**KEY WORD FOR MISSIONS:** ***FLEXIBILITY!!*** By committing to the mission, deny yourself the rights and privileges you have at home (i.e.—to 3 square meals a day, to A/C, to a comfortable mattress, etc). In the words of our Lord, if we truly want to be His disciples, we must understand His definition of flexibility: “Deny yourself, take up your own cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23) May God give you the grace and strength necessary to fulfill being His disciple.

S.O.S. Ministries will provide discipleship and orientation meetings for all team members who have committed to go. This will include a packet of information regarding philosophy on missions and church planting; the country and culture; do’s and don’ts; etc.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength as you consider and commit to serve with us!