

CR4C

Costa Rica for Christ (a project of Joshua One Ministries)

JANUARY 2009 EVANGELISM TRIP TO SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Trip Prospectus: Version 1 (08/20/08)

DATES: JAN. 20-JAN. 26, 2008

A Tuesday through following Monday, the fourth week of January. Those dates allow us to facilitate and participate in a three-day convention of independent Christian churches on Friday-Sunday. La Asamblea is the highlight of the trip -- just ask anybody who went last year!

FLIGHT INFORMATION

We are flying from Will Rogers Airport, OKC, to San José, Costa Rica. Flight schedules have changed a lot since last year. Our travel agent is checking possibilities; I don't know yet what our schedule will be. Our flight last year, on American Airlines was:

Tue Jan. 22, 2008	7:45 am-2:15 pm (changed planes in Dallas)
Mon Jan 28, 2008	10:35 am-5:10 pm (changed planes in Dallas)

PURPOSES OF THE TRIP

1. Fellowship with our Christian brethren in CR who make up the dozen-plus churches overseen by Rodrigo Rojas, CR4C senior evangelist. To become more familiar with and strengthen our bond with our Costa Rican brethren. *This is the primary purpose of our trip. CR4C is part of the "native missionary movement." Our primary purpose is not to "achieve," but to encourage and support the achievements of our CR brethren.*
2. Facilitate a three-day preaching/teaching/evangelism convention (La Asamblea) at the "mother church," Iglesia del Evangelio, where Rodrigo's son, Daniel Rojas, is pastor. Terry Hull and Ralph Shead will be the evangelists/teachers at the convention this year.
3. Add a second floor dormitory over the kitchen at Iglesia del Evangelio. The dormitory will be used by Costa Rican church leaders who attend Rodrigo's new Bible Institute.
4. Conduct health clinics to meet the needs of low-income CR citizens, while sharing the gospel and Christian literature and thus furthering the evangelistic efforts of the church(es) which host the clinics.
5. Get away from our normal routine, devoting a week to personal spiritual growth through fellowship, Bible study, prayer, and a reminder of our calling. We hope every team member will come home feeling closer to God and to each other.

THE TEAM

Our team will be led by Terry & Norma Hull of Joshua One Ministries. We also are very pleased that Ralph & Cindy Shead of LATM (www.latm.info) have agreed to help lead our team and serve as translators. Also, Jodi Elderton, RN, has signed on to lead our health clinic, as she did last year. Praise the Lord!

In January 2008, we took 13 people to Costa Rica. We came from 6 different churches in two states and ranged in age from 20s-60s. It was an extremely diverse group, which was one of the great things about the trip. Almost all of them have expressed an interest in going again in January 2009! We expect our team to number more than 20 people this year.

Team members will participate in one of the following four projects:

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- (1) Construction: Jovanny Baez, our CR project leader on the dormitory project, estimates we can use as many as 15 handy U.S. people on the project.
- (2) Medical clinic: We would welcome a few more doctors or nurses to provide minor health care. In addition, we need several non-medical personnel to assist with the clinic.
- (3) Evangelism and children: Our clinic will draw crowds of people who will be waiting to receive treatment. While they wait, we need team members to interact with them: playing with children, passing out literature, etc.
- (4) Reporting: While the above projects are occurring, a few of us will make a day trip or two to visit the sites of several of the churches, meeting the church leaders and members, taking photos, etc., so we can bring back a full report to U.S. supporters.

Everyone is welcome on this trip -- even if you can't drive a nail, diagnose a fever, or skip rope with kids. Please reread the primary purpose of this trip on the first page. If you can do that, you are welcome!

If we have more applicants than we can handle, priority will be given to: (a) those who register first, (b) supporters of Joshua One Ministries/CR4C, including members of supporting churches, (b) Eng-Span translators, (c) people who can help with the construction project, (d) medical personnel (i.e., doctors, nurses, EMTs).

LODGING

We plan to stay at the Hotel Maragato (www.hotelmaragato.com), in the heart of downtown San Jose, just a block or two from the Plaza de la Cultura, National Theater, and Mercado. Hotel Maragato is small, comfortable and reasonably priced. Rooms can accommodate single, double or triple occupancy.

MEALS

Breakfasts are served free at the hotel. Some of our lunches and dinners will be home-cooked by our Costa Rican host churches and some will be eaten in restaurants.

SCHEDULE

Here is a brief schedule of our trip:

- Tue Jan 20 Fly from OKC-CR. Settle into the hotel. Eat a restaurant meal. Meet Rodrigo.
- Wed Jan 21 Construction project. Medical clinic. Reporting team.
- Thu Jan 22 Construction project. Medical clinic. Reporting team.
- Fri Jan 23 Day trip:
 - Braulio Carrillo National Park: rainforest, aerial tram
 - Irazú Volcano National Park: dormant volcano ("moonscape" terrain)
 - Our Lady of the Angels Basilica, Cartago (a view of CR's dominant religion)Evening: First night of La Asamblea (convention of Costa Rican churches)
- Sat Jan 24 Daytime: Mercado. Possibly have additional construction, medical clinic.
Evening: second night of convention.
- Sun Jan 25 Last day of convention: Worship, fellowship, church dinner.
Evening: Mirador Ram Luna restaurant, in the mountains overlooking San José.
- Mon Jan 26 Return home.

We will set aside a time each day for group devotions, including Bible study, prayer, and sharing.

COST: ESTIMATE

We have tried hard to make these estimates as accurate as possible. However, these numbers are subject to modification during the next few weeks as details firm up.

\$875.00? Airfare: We are waiting for info from our travel agent. Last year, tickets were \$600. We expect them to be considerably higher this year.

\$450.00 Personal expenses: hotel (double-occupancy), transportation (we are renting a 28-passenger bus

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for the entire week), all meals, exit tax

\$450.00 Project expenses: construction materials (about \$7,000), medical supplies (about \$1,000), rented buses to transport CR church (about \$1,500), team leaders (Hulls, Sheads, Jodi; about \$5,000)

\$1775.00 TOTAL

** Save about \$65 for triple-occupancy in hotel

RAISING FUNDS

We encourage our team members to raise funds from their fellow church members, family and friends to help with their expenses. This gives Christians who can't go on the trip the opportunity to participate. There are many Christians who are eager for opportunities to donate to a good Kingdom project.

As you raise funds, you can do it two ways. (1) Have all checks made out to Joshua One Ministries and submit them to us. (2) Have checks made out to your church, and allow your church to accumulate the funds and write one check to Joshua One Ministries. If you choose No. 2, make sure to discuss this option with your church treasurer.

A challenge: How about raising more than your personal share, in order to help with the remaining project expenses!

HELP! HELP! HELP!

The above amounts received from our team members will NOT cover all of the expenses. We will still need to raise about an additional \$8,000 to cover remaining project expenses. we already have \$3,000 of that -- a gift of \$3,000 from Edmond (OK) Church Church for construction materials. Thank you, ECC!!

If you can't come with us on this trip, we would sure be grateful if you would help by:

- Sending a generous donation. Make your check to Joshua One Ministries and send to the address below. Mark CR4C in the memo field.
- Talking to your church missions committee about a donation. Most missions budgets have discretionary funds for one-time donations to projects such as this.
- Consider organizing a fund-raiser at your church or in your neighborhood

If you decide to go to bat for us with your missions committee or by planning a fund-raiser, please let us know of any way we can assist you.

DUE DATES

- \$100 non-refundable registration deposit: ***as soon as possible.***

The size of our team is limited by the number of hotel rooms available (we have asked them to hold 12 for us; January is summer in Costa Rica and hotels fill up), and by room on our 28-passenger bus. We already have 10 people who have expressed an intention to go. So, if you plan to go, I suggest you send in your deposit soon.

- \$100 deposit for the air tickets will be due in early October.
- Remainder of the airfare will be due in early December.
- The rest of the funds will be due in early January.

Please make your checks to Joshua One Ministries and send to the address below.

PASSPORTS

You must have a valid passport to travel with us to C.R. If you need a new or renewed passport, please take care of that immediate. For more information: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

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