

CR4C

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

JANUARY 2009 EVANGELISM TRIP TO SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Trip Prospectus: Version 2 (09/04/08)

DATES: JAN. 19-JAN. 26, 2008

A Monday 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, on American Airlines:

Mon Jan. 19, 2008	OKC-DFW-SJ	1:45-2:45 pm, 6:10-10:05 pm
Mon Jan. 26, 2008	SJ-DFW-OKC	10:05 am-2:20 pm; 5:05-6:00 pm

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!

We have 25 people signed up for our team (so far)! Our team comes from 8 different cities and 8 different churches, and ranges in age from 20s to 60s! In January 2008, we took 13 people to Costa Rica; it was an extremely diverse group, which was one of the great things about the trip. The Lord has assembled another great team this year.

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

- (1) Construction: Dormitory project. Jovanny Baez in Costa Rica will be our project leader.

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(2) Health clinic: We have two nurses on our team, plus one or two Costa Rican doctors joining us, 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!

LODGING

We will 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 or double 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. Team members will be responsible for their own meals at airports while we are traveling; all other meals are covered.

SCHEDULE

Here is a brief schedule of our trip:

- Mon Jan 19 Fly from OKC-CR. Arrive at the hotel.
- Tue Jan 20 Construction project. Medical clinic: Location: San Miguel?, San Juan Sur?
- Wed Jan 21 Construction project. Medical clinic: Patio de Agua. Reporting team.
- Thu Jan 22 Construction project. Medical clinic: Coralillo. 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: downtown, National Theater, Mercado, restaurant meal.
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

- \$738.52 Airfare. \$100 deposit is due Sep. 2. Reservations may be cancelled and deposit refunded before Oct. 15 for a \$10 fee. After that, the \$100 deposits are non-refundable. The remaining \$638.52 is due on Dec. 1.
- \$450.00 Personal expenses: hotel (double-occupancy), transportation (we are renting a 28-passenger bus for the entire week), all restaurant and home-cooked meals, day-trip admissions, airport exit tax. (Add an extra \$240 for hotel single occupancy).

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- \$436.48 Project expenses: construction materials (about \$7,000), medical supplies (about \$1,200), rented buses to transport CR church (about \$1,500), gospel tracts (\$200), team leaders (Hulls, Sheads, Jodi; about \$5,000), miscellaneous.
- NOTE: This does NOT cover all of the project expenses. Joshua One Ministries needs to raise an additional \$6,000-\$7,000 to cover remaining expenses.

\$1625.00 TOTAL

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 \$6,000-\$7,000 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

- Sep 2: \$100 deposit for air tickets due.
- Oct 14: Deadline to cancel air tickets without losing deposit.
- Oct 1: \$150 non-refundable fee due. (We need to pay deposits on hotel rooms and rental buses, and beginning buying building materials.) If you need more time on this, please let me know.
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- Dec 1: Remaining \$638.52 of airfare due.
- January: Rest of funds will be due.

You are welcome to send in as much as you can when you can. We will keep track of your "account." 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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