



*Costa Rica for Christ (a ministry of Joshua One Ministries)*

## JANUARY 2012 EVANGELISM TRIP TO COSTA RICA

Trip Prospectus: Version 2 (10/19/11)

### JANUARY 16-23, 2012

Monday to Monday: Travel on Mon. Evangelism projects Tue-Thu. Day trip on Fri. Preaching & Teaching Convention Fri-Sun. Travel home on Mon.

### THE TEAM

- In Jan 2008, we took 13 people to Costa Rica, mostly from Edmond (OK) Christian Church.
- In Jan 2009 we took 29 people from 10 churches, including 11 repeats from 2008.
- In Jan 2010 we took 31 people from 10 churches, including 20 repeats.
- In Jan 2011 we took 39 people from 11 churches, including 17 repeats.

*Only the Lord knows who will make up our January 2012 team! Is He calling you to join us?*

*UPDATE:* As of Oct. 19, we have 19 team members from 9 churches, including 3 pastors and 3 nurses. All 19 are repeat participants! We need some new team members to join in with us! How about you?

### FLIGHTS

We will travel on Continental Airlines this year. We have “pre-reserved” 40 seats flying out of Oklahoma City. **We must make \$50 non-refundable deposits on each seat we want to hold by Oct. 24 (just days away!).** Here is the OKC flight information:

- Mon Jan. 16, 2012 OKC-HOU **3:40 pm**-4:59 pm HOU-SJ 6:00-**9:40 pm**
- Mon Jan. 23, 2012 SJ-HOU **1:40 pm**-5:31 pm HOU-OKC 2:35-**8:22 pm**

If you wish to depart from another city and meet us in Houston for the second leg of our flight, we will work with our travel agent to try to accommodate your plans.

### LODGING

We will stay at the Hotel Maragato ([www.hotelmargato.com](http://www.hotelmargato.com)) in the heart of downtown San José. Hotel Maragato is small, comfortable and reasonably priced. Rooms accommodate single, double or triple occupancy.

### MEALS

Breakfast is served free at the hotel. Some meals will be eaten with our CR host churches; some will be eaten in restaurants. Team members are responsible for meals at the airports while traveling; all other meals are covered.

### PURPOSES OF THIS TRIP

The **No. 1 purpose** of this trip each year never changes:

**LOVING FELLOWSHIP** with our Christian brothers and sisters in Costa Rica. We go so that we and our CR brethren “may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith” (Rom 1:12). We want our fellow Christians in CR to know that we love them and are praying for them. They really look forward to our visit each year, and we really look forward to going!

## Additional Goals

1. Facilitate a three-day **PREACHING & TEACHING CONVENTION** which will be attended by 500+ Costa Rican Christians and their guests. We rent the facility, provide most of the preaching and teaching, assist with the children's ministry, and provide transportation from the rural villages. ***This event is a big deal to our Costa Rican brethren -- something they look forward to all year. And so do we!***
2. **CONSTRUCTION:** Last-year we made improvements to the restroom facility of The Potter's Bible Institute in San Miguel. This year we hope to take our construction team to the villages to do projects to benefit one or more rural churches.
3. Conduct **HEALTH CLINICS** to meet the needs of low-income CR citizens, while sharing the gospel and Christian literature.

## TEAMS

To accomplish the above purposes, each team member will choose one of the following three teams:

- **Construction.**

- **Health clinic:** A Costa Rican doctor and three U.S. nurses will lead your health clinic team. Additional medical personnel are encouraged to join us! We also need several non-medical personnel to assist with a variety of functions: needs intake, managing the pharmacy, set-up/breakdown/clean-up, translation, etc.

- **Children's evangelism:** While families wait for treatment at our health clinics, team members lead children in games and activities, pass out tracts, etc. During the weekend Preaching & Teaching Convention, we offer classes for children and teenagers

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME -- EVEN IF YOU CAN'T DRIVE A NAIL, DIAGNOSE A FEVER, OR SKIP ROPE WITH KIDS. PLEASE REREAD THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP ABOVE. IF YOU CAN DO THAT, YOU ARE WELCOME!***

## SCHEDULE

Here is a brief schedule of our trip:

- Mon Jan 16 Fly to CR. Arrive at hotel.
- Tue-Thu Jan 17-19 Projects: construction, health clinic, children's evangelism.
- Tue-Thu evenings Testimonies. Hot dog block party. Soccer match.
- Fri daytime Jan 20 Day trip (a break to enjoy the amazing beauty of Costa Rica).
- Fri-Sat p.m. Jan 20-21 Preaching & Teaching Convention: Days 1 and 2.
- Sat daytime Jan 21 Relax. Mercado. Tour National Theater, downtown cathedral.
- Sat afternoon Jan 21 Leadership Seminar for Costa Rican pastors and wives.
- Sun a.m. Jan 22 Preaching & Teaching Convention: Day 3.
- Sun p.m. Goodbye party.
- Mon Jan 23 Return home.

## HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

\$50 non-refundable deposits for airfare are due IMMEDIATELY (deposits are due to the travel agency by Oct. 24). Then, you have three additional weeks to decide for sure. On Nov. 17 we must confirm to Continental that we want all the tickets we have reserved or give up any seats we don't want. After that, we must purchase 90% of the tickets we reserve – or lose our group rate. So Nov. 17 is a very important deadline to “firm up” and “weed out” our list.

- If you pay a deposit and drop out later, we may be able to transfer your seat to new team members as they sign up.
- We can add additional seats after these deadlines -- *if* seats are available, and the price may vary. So if you are reading this after those dates and you want to go, contact us immediately and we will try to include you.

### ***More about the \$50 deposits ...***

Here's the unusual way the airline works the deposit. Your \$50 deposit **DOES NOT** apply to the airfare. The full cost of the air fare is due on Dec. 17. The airline will refund the deposits to Joshua One Ministries about one month after we return from CR.

Most team members in previous years have generously donated their deposits to the ongoing work of Joshua One Ministries. However, if you would like us to return your deposit, just let us know and we will do so as soon as we receive it back from the airlines. In that case, we will return the deposit to the person whose name and address was on the deposit check.

### **COST PER TEAM MEMBER**

\$50.00 Airfare deposit, due Oct. 24. For more info about the deposit, see above.

\$707.00 Airfare (from OKC). The full \$707 fare is due on Dec. 17.

\$500.00 Personal expenses: hotel (double-occupancy); transportation (we will rent a 45-passenger bus for the full week), restaurants and groceries, airport exit tax, travel insurance.

- Single occupancy: add \$228.17.
- Triple occupancy: deduct \$30.42 per person.
- *Single and triple occupancy amounts above are based on 2011 hotel prices and may change slightly for 2012.*

\$475.00 Project expenses: construction materials (about \$9,000 last year); medical supplies (about \$1,500 last year); convention expenses (about \$7,000 last year); gifts for CR pastors (about \$1,500 last year).

### **\$1732.00 TOTAL COST**

The above pays for *everything* you *need* for your eight-day adventure in Costa Rica. You may want to bring extra money for the following:

- meals/snacks at airports
- drinks/snacks (there is a grocery store next door to the hotel)
- offerings during the Convention
- souvenirs
- day trip: our day trip will be to a nature spot and your entrance fee (if any) will be included. Depending on where we go, there may be optional attractions you can do at your own expense.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT FINANCES**

- **No refunds:** All gifts are accepted for the purpose of advancing Costa Rica for Christ and will be used for that purpose. There will be no refunds to team members or their supporters if you drop out of the trip, raise "extra money," or for any other reason (except for airfare deposit as

explained above).

• **Who should checks be made to?** You can handle your fundraising two ways:

(1) Have all checks made to and mailed to Joshua One Ministries (*with your name on memo field*).

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(2) Have checks made to your church and allow your church to accumulate the funds and write larger checks to Joshua One Ministries. If you choose this option, make sure to discuss it with your church treasurer.

• **Fundraising:** The above \$1,732 will NOT cover all of our expenses. In fact, Joshua One Ministries will need to raise several thousand more dollars to cover all the expenses of our ambitious projects -- preaching and teaching convention, construction, medical, children's ministry.

We count on each team member to help us raise the necessary funds for this venture. First raise your own funds, then keep on helping to raise funds to cover the rest of the trip budget. Please request funds from your church missions committee, fellow church members, family and friends. This will make your church a genuine partner in what we are doing and will give Christians who can't go the opportunity to participate in your adventure. There are many Christians who are eager to give to good projects that advance the Kingdom.

## **DUE DATES**

- Oct 24 \$50 deposit for air tickets.
- Nov 17 Must confirm number of tickets to airlines (must "firm up" and "weed out" our list).
- Nov 17 \$300 due. In Nov we need to pay hotel deposits and start buying construction materials and medial supplies.
- Dec 17 \$707 airfare due.
- Jan 9 Rest of funds due.

The above schedule is designed to give you as much time as possible to raise the necessary funds. **However, please send as much as you can as soon as you can**, so we will have the necessary funds to send money ahead to Costa Rica as needed to make deposits and purchase materials for our projects.

If you have a problem meeting any of the above deadlines, please contact Terry Hull. We will do everything we can to help you go.

## **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 **immediately**. For more information:

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)