



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

## *JANUARY 2013 EVANGELISM TRIP TO COSTA RICA*

Trip Prospectus: Version 2 (10/11/12)

**DATES:** January 21-28, 2013 (Monday to Monday)

**A note to former team members.** Some things about our trip are different than in previous years. So, even if you are a veteran, please read this prospectus carefully. Please especially look at the air travel schedule, the weekly schedule, and the lodging information. All of these changes are because we will be visiting and helping a church we have not visited before: in Limón, about a three-hour drive east of San José. We are excited about the opportunity to bring a blessing to another church in a province of CR we have not previously visited.

### **THE TEAM**

- In Jan 2008, we took 13 people to CR, 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.
- In Jan 2012, we had a smaller team: 15 people from 8 churches; 14 of them were repeats.

### **What to make of the above numbers?**

As you can see, many of our team members repeat from year to year. Our team members enjoy and value their experience and are eager to do it again. You also see that our team size fluctuates a lot from year to year. Norma and I remember fondly that first trip in 2008: just 13 of us, including one in a wheelchair. It was a great trip. In 2011, we had three times as many people. That was also a great experience, although we faced some logistical challenges with such a big team.

We have no minimum or maximum team size. We have never felt compelled to recruit a certain number or limit the size of our team. If we have 5, we're going; if we have 50, we're going. We have always left such decisions in the Lord's hands. If God is calling you to join us this year, we hope you will.

### **How is the 2013 team shaping up?**

At this writing, 3+ months before departure, we have 12 confirmed team members from 5 churches, including 7 from Edmond Chr Church and 2 from Canton Chr Church. We have two preachers and three nurses. We haven't formalized team assignments yet, but it appears that we have at least 6 people on our health clinic team (including 3 nurses) and perhaps only 3 so far on our construction team.

### **PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP**

The No. 1 purpose of this trip each year never changes: ***to love and to be loved.***

This is an "evangelism trip." Evangelism can include preaching, building churches, helping the poor, feeding the hungry, etc. There is a richness in the word "evangelism" that has been lost. The word "evangel" is Latin for "gospel," which means "good news." What is the great news that has changed our lives? That God loves us and wants to enjoy a loving fellowship with us. And that we are called into loving fellowship with each other in His name. And that we will spend all of eternity in loving fellowship with Him and each other. ***Evangelism is first and foremost about loving fellowship.*** So, the No. 1 purpose of this trip is:

**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 we want to experience the joy of being loved by them.

They really look forward to our visit each year, and we really look forward to going!

## Outreach Projects

Among the ways that we want to share God's love are our Outreach Projects:

1. Host a three-day **PREACHING & TEACHING CONVENTION** which will be attended by hundreds of 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 every year. And so do we!***
2. **CONSTRUCTION:** Last-year we added a classroom to a small church in the rural village of Santa Elena, and we finished work on a restroom facility at The Potter's Bible Institute in San Miguel. Details of our 2013 construction project are being developed.
3. Offer **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:** We are still formulating the details of this year's construction project. If you are handy, we need you! If you aren't so handy, but are willing to help out, we need you!
- **Health clinic:** A Costa Rican doctor and U.S. nurse will lead our health clinic team. Additional medical personnel -- doctors, nurses, dentists, etc. -- are eagerly sought to join us! We also need several non-medical personnel to help with 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. We are exploring the possibility of offering a Vacation Bible School for school-age children. Whether we can do this partly depends on how many people God calls to our children's evangelism team this year (none so far). Also, during the weekend Preaching & Teaching Convention, some of our team members volunteer to teach and/or oversee 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 "LOVE AND BE LOVED," WE NEED YOU!***

## FLIGHTS

We will travel on United Airlines, departing from OKC and changing plans in Houston. We have one team member flying out of Tulsa and two out of Dallas; they will join us in Houston for the second leg of our journey. Here is the OKC flight schedule:

<b>departing</b>	Mon Jan. 21, 2013	OKC-HOU: 6:00 am-7:22 am	HOU-SJ: 9:10 am-12:53 pm
<b>returning</b>	Mon Jan. 28, 2013	SJ-HOU: 2:55-6:48 pm	HOU-OKC: 8:55-10:16 pm

If you wish to depart from a city other than OKC, please let me know and we will work with our travel agent to accommodate your plans.

Yes, we leave very early on Jan. 21 and return very late on Jan. 28. Some of you will probably come to OKC the night before and/or stay in OKC the night of our return. To make this less painful for you, we will cover the cost of such lodging at an economical hotel. If this applies to you, please discuss the details with Terry Hull.

## LODGING

While in CR, we will stay in economical but comfortable hotels. On Tue-Wed or Tue-Thu we will stay in a hotel in eastern CR, probably in Turrialba or Limón. Then we will return to San José in time for the weekend Preaching-Teaching Convention. In San José, we will stay at Hotel Maragato ([www.hotelmaragato.com](http://www.hotelmaragato.com)) in the

heart of downtown SJ.

## MEALS

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.

## SCHEDULE

Our schedule is still being developed. Here is an initial version of what our schedule may look like:

- Mon Jan 21 Arrive in CR in early aft. Drive 2-3 hours on bus to hotel in Turrialba or Limón.
- Tue-Wed Jan 22-23 Limón: Health clinic, construction, children's evangelism.
- Thu Jan 24 Day trip in Limón province. Return to San José Thu p.m.
- Fri Jan 25 Health clinic, construction project in or near San José.
- Fri pm Jan 25 Preaching & Teaching Convention: 1<sup>st</sup> session (evening).
- Sat Jan 26 Health clinic, construction project in or near San José.
- Sat Jan 26 Leadership Luncheon and Seminar for CR pastors and wives.
- Sat pm Jan 26 Preaching & Teaching Convention: 2<sup>nd</sup> session (evening).
- Sun am Jan 27 Preaching & Teaching Convention: 3<sup>rd</sup> session (morning).
- Sun aft Jan 27 Explore and shop in downtown San José (3 mercados near our hotel).
- Sun pm Jan 27 Goodbye party.
- Mon Jan 28 Last-minute mercado shopping. Leave around 11 am for airport. Return home.

## COST AND DEADLINES

- Immediately* 100.00 Non-refundable deposit, due immediately to reserve your place on our team.
- Oct. 19 --- We are holding 25 airline seats until 10/19. On that date we may drop some seats, depending on the size of our team at that time. So, to confirm your place on our team at the lowest air fare possible, ***please contact us and send your deposit before Oct. 19.***
- Nov 12 400.00 Payment due. In Nov, we need to pay hotel deposits and start buying materials and supplies for health clinics and construction projects. Also, Nov. 14 is our deadline to further reduce our air reservation without penalty -- so this payment confirms your intention to travel with us.
- Dec 10 605.00 We must pay United our full airfare (\$603.31 for OKC, Tulsa and Dallas departures) on Dec. 13, so we need your payment to the ministry by Dec. 10.
- Jan 7 745.00 Final payment due.
- The \$400.00 on Nov. 12 and \$745.00 on Jan. 7 are allocated roughly as follows:
- 500.00 Personal expenses: Hotel (double-occupancy); ground transportation (we will rent a large bus for entire week), groceries and restaurants, airport exit tax, travel insurance. (Single occupancy in hotel: add approx. \$250.00; will confirm exact amount when information is available).
  - 645.00 Project expenses: Construction materials, medical supplies, convention expenses, gifts for CR pastors, translators, etc.

***Important note:*** The amount team members pay for project expenses does ***NOT*** come close to covering the full cost. Additional fundraising by the ministry and by team members is necessary. However, to keep the cost down for team members, only a portion of what we need is required in the team member cost.

**\$1850.00 TOTAL COST**

### **Everything is covered , except ...**

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

- meals, snacks at airports
- offerings during the Convention
- drinks, snacks
- souvenirs
- day trip: depending on what we do on our day trip, there may be an *optional* additional expense.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT FINANCES**

• **Deadlines:** 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 can send money ahead to CR 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.

• **No refunds:** All donations 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.

• **Baggage fees:** The airline allows one checked bag and one carry-on bag at no charge. A second checked bag is \$40 one way. We will need several team members to bring a 2<sup>nd</sup> checked bag to carry the medical supplies and other equipment and materials we need. We will cover the cost of that 2<sup>nd</sup> bag out of the total above.

If you are carrying a 2<sup>nd</sup> bag containing supplies, we ask you to use a collapsible bag (e.g. a duffel bag) that can be stuffed inside another bag for the return trip, or a low-cost bag that can be left in C.R. That way we can minimize the baggage fee for the return trip.

If you need a 2<sup>nd</sup> checked bag for your own personal items, you will need to pay the \$40 fee out of your own pocket, both departing and returning.

• **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*), or ...

(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, be sure to discuss it with your church treasurer.

• **Fundraising:** As mentioned above, what individual team members pay does NOT cover all of our expenses. In fact, Joshua One Ministries will need to raise several thousand more dollars to cover the expenses of our ambitious projects -- preaching and teaching convention, construction, medical, children's ministry. We count on team members to help us raise the necessary funds. First raise your own funds, then keep raising funds to cover the rest of the trip budget. 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.

### **PASSPORTS**

You **MUST** have a valid passport to travel with us to CR. 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)

### **HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?**

Sign up by sending an email to [terryhull@joshuaone.org](mailto:terryhull@joshuaone.org). Then send your \$100 nonrefundable deposit.