



Costa Rica for Christ, a ministry of Joshua One Ministries

January 2017 Evangelism Trip To Costa Rica

Trip Prospectus: **Version 2** (11/30/16)

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BULLETIN (Nov. 30, 2016): We have 8 confirmed team members so far. We are negotiating **THIS WEEK** with our travel agent to purchase our United Airlines tickets. If you want to go, it would be ideal for you to contact us **RIGHT AWAY** to get the best deal on your ticket. (When we buy our 8 tickets this week, our purchase may cause remaining ticket prices to increase.)
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Dear Christian friends,

Our **January 2017 trip to Costa Rica** will be our **10th such evangelism adventure** since Norma and I started leading these trips in 2008. On nine previous trips, we have taken **80 different people from four U.S. states** to Costa Rica. More than half our team members have been from **six primary churches** -- North Side Christian (OKC), Canton Christian, Oakwood Christian (Enid), Edmond Christian, Carriage Hills Christian (Lawton) and Carl Junction (Mo) Christian. We have also had team members from many other churches and denominations.

Our upcoming trip will be different in many ways from any of our previous trips:

- We will not have a preaching and teaching convention this year. Instead, we will focus our energy on **Discipleship University**, an intensive day-long class of Bible and doctrinal training for pastors and church leaders. **This is something the Costa Rican church leaders have repeatedly asked for.**
- We will offer a **CR4C Day Camp** for children and young teens, which will include a gospel presentation, Bible stories and classes, music, games and food.
- We will travel to a region of CR we have not visited previously: **Perez Zeledon**, about three hours south of San Jose. We will work with a church in the impoverished village of Tierra Prometida (which means, "Promised Land!")
- Unlike the larger multi-church worship services we have facilitated before, this year we will worship on Wed evening and Sun morning in small, rural churches. These small churches will love having guests from the U.S., and we will love experiencing authentic worship and fellowship with them.

This is shaping up to be a great trip!

What About You?

- If you are considering joining our team, it is crucial for you to **let us know immediately.**
- Our **CR4C Day Camp** is something new. More than ever, we need **volunteers interested in children and teen ministry.**
- We would love to have some medical personnel join our team -- **doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists.** We also need non-medically trained personnel to help with our health clinics.
- We are working out details of **construction projects** at Leon XIII and Perez Zeledon. More info soon.
- Don't be deterred because you can't afford it. If you are willing to go, your church and fellow Christians will send you. **We will show you how to raise the funds.**

JANUARY 16-23, 2017

Mon: Travel. *Tue-Thu:* Health clinics, construction projects, kids evangelism. *Wed pm:* Worship at rural church in Perez Zeledon. *Fri:* Personal day. *Sat:* Discipleship University for CR pastors and church leaders; CR4C Day Camp for children and young teens. *Sun am:* Worship with a CR church. *Sun pm:* Goodbye party. *Mon:* Travel home.

THE TEAM



During 2008-2016, **Terry & Norma Hull** of **Joshua One Ministries** have taken 80 different people to CR. Teams have ranged in size from 10 to 39 people; last year we had 12 team members. We have no minimum or maximum; if we have 5, we're going; if we have 50, we're going.

If God is calling you to join us this year, we hope you say yes. Of the 80 who have traveled to CR with us, 39 (half!) have gone twice or more, and 23 have gone three or more times. This is an experience Christians enjoy, value and want to repeat.

FLIGHTS

We will travel on United Airlines out of Will Rogers Airport, OKC, and connecting at Houston International (IAH). (If you are closer to another major airport, we can arrange travel from that airport so that you join us for our connecting flight in Houston.)

departing	Mon Jan. 16, 2017	OKC-HOU: 8:05-9:38 am	HOU-SJO: 10:20 am-2:05 pm
returning	Mon Jan. 23, 2017	SJO-HOU: 1:45-5:35 pm	HOU-OKC: 8:00-9:29 pm

LODGING

We will stay at the **Hotel Maragato** (www.hotelmaragato.com), where we have stayed for many years. The Maragato is **right on Avenida Central (Central Avenue) in downtown San Jose**. Avenida Central is pedestrians only; it is usually crowded with thousands of people moving in all directions. There is a grocery store next door to the hotel, several fast food restaurants within a couple blocks, and two mercados within six blocks. The Maragato is definitely not fancy, but it is clean and comfortable.

During our overnight trip on **Wed-Thu to Perez Zeledon**, we will stay Wed evening at the **Hotel Montecito in San Isidro** (www.hotelmontecito.net).

MEALS

Breakfast is free at the hotels. Lunch is prepared by our host churches and served at our project sites. Dinners are different each evening -- some fast food, a couple of nice restaurants, and a goodbye party on Sun. (All meals in CR are covered; team members are responsible for their own meals at the airports while traveling.)

DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY

This is a new part of our Cosa Rican outreach. Most of the CR pastors and church leaders we work with have no formal training in the Bible and Christian doctrine. **One of their most urgent requests is for training and books.**

Terry has developed a series of 10 three-hour classes called Discipleship University -- **a total of 30 hours of instruction on the essentials of the Christian faith.** Terry has taught these classes in the U.S. many times. Beginning in 2017 and continuing for the next 3-4 years, in January and possibly one or two other times during the year, Terry will offer these classes in Spanish in Costa Rica. Students who complete all 10 classes will receive a Universidad Discipulado Certificate of Completion.

During our day-long Discipleship University session, we will give participants books and literature, serve a special lunch, and present gift bags to pastors and their wives. These pastors are on the spiritual frontlines in a place that is hostile to evangelical Christianity. **They eagerly want the training and desperately need the encouragement.**

OUTREACH PROJECTS

• **CR4C Day Camp:** While Discipleship University is taking place, we will offer a day-long experience for children and young teens that will include sharing the gospel, Bible lessons, music, games and food.

• **Health Clinics:** We provide minor health care free of charge to low-income CR citizens, while sharing the gospel and Christian literature. **Some people tell us they have never seen a doctor before in their lives.** Our clinics will be overseen by Dr. Diana Rojas, a CR doctor, and staffed by U.S. and CR medical and non-medical volunteers.

• **Children's evangelism:** While families wait to be seen at our health clinics, team members lead children in games and activities, pass out tracts, etc. Plus, CR4C Day Camp for children and young teens.



• **Construction:** In previous years we have:

- * built one-room church buildings pavilions)
- * added classrooms to churches * done lots of repairs,
- * installed restrooms at churches improvements, painting,
- * built "galerons" (outdoor curbing, etc.

We are still developing the details of our 2017 projects in Leon XIII and Tierra Prometida.

We Need You!

You are welcome to join our team, even if you can't drive a nail, diagnose a fever or skip rope with kids. **Can you smile? Can you pray?** God will find a way to use you. Many times a team member who was not sure how he/she could serve turned out to be exactly who we needed to meet a

need or play a special role. ***If God is calling you to come, please come!***

COST PER TEAM MEMBER: \$1975.00

Same as our 2014 and 2015 cost. Covers airfare, baggage fees (for one bag, see below), ground transportation, hotel, all meals, travel insurance, exit tax. You can literally come without a single penny in your pocket and get by for the week; everything necessary is included.

Here are some additional expenses you might want to be prepared for:

- Airport meals coming and going.
- 2nd checked bag (see more info below).
- Personal expenses: snacks, drinks, incidentals.
- Souvenirs.
- Offering on Sun a.m.
- Donations for special ministry needs that arise during the week.

BAGGAGE

We will provide more detailed baggage info after we have confirmed our tickets with United Airlines.

Important note about baggage fees: We have many things to carry with us: health clinic supplies, Bibles, books, children's materials, tracts, pastor gifts, etc. We will distribute these materials among all of our team members to pack in your bags along with your personal items.

Now that airlines charge baggage fees, we need to be very careful how we pack. Here's what we will do:

- * We will pay for your first checked bag. Please plan to use about a third of that bag to carry supplies.
- * If you need a second checked bag, please pay that expense out of your own pocket or by raising additional donations.
- * If you **don't** need a second checked bag, we may still ask you to bring one that is loaded with supplies. If you are checking a second bag at our request, we will pay that baggage fee. *In that case, that second checked bag should be a used bag that does not need to come back or a collapsible bag that you can be packed in another bag on the return trip, so we do not have to pay another extra baggage fee to bring it back.*

DUE DATES

- Immediately \$50. Non-refundable deposit, to confirm your place on our team.
- Dec. 15 \$565. We need to purchase United Airlines tickets ASAP. As of 11/30/16, those tickets are \$565.
- ASAP We begin incurring expenses now, as we begin purchasing materials here and in CR. So, ***please send what you can when you can*** -- the sooner the better.
- Jan. 6 \$1360. The remainder of your \$1975 total is due by Jan. 6, just 10 days before our departure.

If you have a problem meeting these deadlines, please contact Terry. ***We want to help you make this work.***

FAQ

(1) How do I sign up? Send an email to terryhull@joshuaone.org telling him you want to go. Then send the nonrefundable deposit. ***Welcome to the team!***

(2) Can I get a refund if I drop out of the trip? We treat every gift received from you and your supporters as a donation to this CR4C evangelism trip and all donations will be used for that purpose. There are no refunds to team members or your supporters if you drop out of the trip, raise “extra money” or for any other reason.

(3) Who should checks be made to? You can handle your fundraising two ways:

(a) Have all checks made to and mailed to Joshua One Ministries (with your name on the memo field), or ...

(b) Have checks made to your church and allow your church to accumulate the funds and write larger checks to Joshua One Ministries. Make sure to discuss this with your church treasurer.

(4) What if I want to go but can't afford it? Even if you can afford to pay out of your own pocket, we strongly encourage you not to. The Bible (Rom 10:14-15) says when it comes to spreading the gospel, there are two groups of Christians: those who go, and those who send the ones who are going. ***If you are willing to go on this evangelism adventure, it is the obligation of your fellow Christians to send you.*** If you are willing to devote some time and effort to telling people what you are doing, you will find plenty of partners who will be glad to support you. You are blessing them by giving them a way to participate in what we are doing. We will be glad to give you some guidance on your fundraising efforts. (And if you are too proud to raise funds, here's a suggestion: ***get over it.***)

(5) How do we manage to keep team member costs so low for an eight-day international trip that includes so many ambitious projects? The \$1975 each team member pays barely covers the cost of airfare, ground transportation, hotels, meals and other personal expenses. In addition, we need to raise several thousand additional dollars to cover the costs of our construction, health clinics, Discipleship University, CR4C Day Camp, etc.

We generally must raise about an extra \$10,000 or more above and beyond what each team member pays. If we were to divide those costs among the team members, the price would go up \$500 to \$1,000 more per person, which would exclude some individuals. We prefer to keep the cost per person as low as possible and reach out to our generous, faithful donors to cover the remainder of our expenses.

However, we ask every team member to do everything possible to help with the fundraising. After you have raised the funds for your own costs, please keep on raising funds to help with our project costs. Some of our team members each year raise far more than their own personal team member cost.

Please request funds from your church missions committee, fellow church members, family and friends. Host a fundraising dinner or plan some other fundraising project. Many Christians are eager to give to good projects that advance the Kingdom.

(6) Do I need a passport? YES! You must have a valid passport to travel to CR.