



Costa Rica for Christ, a ministry of Joshua One Ministries

Evangelism Trip to Costa Rica: January 15-22, 2018

Trip Prospectus: Version 1 (10/20/17)

We are calling for team members for our upcoming missions trip to the cities of San José and San Isidro in Costa Rica, Central America. We are hoping for a big team and some new faces this year. Do you want to join us?

We need volunteers for our construction projects, our health clinics, our children’s ministries, and our day-long discipleship training class for church leaders. We also need volunteers to participate (teaching? singing?) in the worship services we attend on Wednesday and Sunday.

• If you are **worried about the cost**, please **don’t** be! We will help you raise the funds. We encourage team members to **not** pay your own way. There are many generous believers who would love to help send you. Accepting their support gives them the opportunity to be involved in what we are doing.

• If you are anxious about **traveling to a foreign country**, please **don’t** be! Costa Rica is in nearby Central America, straight south of Florida. Ticos (Costa Ricans) are warm, wonderful people who are very friendly to Americans. On 11 previous trips, with groups totaling 155 people, we have never experienced any danger, not a single serious injury, and only one serious illness.

Come join us!

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Dear Christian believers,

Our **January 2018 trip** will be our **12th evangelism adventure to Costa Rica** since Terry and Norma started making these trips in 2008. On 11 previous trips, we have taken a **total of 155 people** (actually, 80 different people, many of whom keep returning to CR with us year after year.) Team members have come from four different states and from many churches and denominations.

We are excited to be **returning to San Isidro in south Costa Rica**, where we had such an outstanding experience last year. San Isidro is about a three-hour mountain drive south of San Jose to the state of Perez Zeledón. Last year, we partnered with a church there called Cuerpo de Cristo (Body of Christ) in Tierra Prometida, one of the poorest neighborhoods of CR. We expanded that church’s worship center and had a children’s ministry in the park across the street from the church, with 88 children showing up.



Pedro and Anais Rameriz, pastor and church planters

This year, **Pedro and Anais Ramirez**, the leaders of that church, have handed over leadership to another couple and have launched a new church in the next village. On this trip we will work with both congregations doing construction projects, health clinics and children’s ministries.



On Saturday, Terry will teach the third **day-long class of Discipleship University**. We had 78 pastors, elders and teachers for our last class on July 1. Costa Rica abounds with false teachers, religious ritualism, superstition, paganism, and cult groups. These Christian leaders have such a hunger to receive sound training in the essential doctrines of the Christian faith. We are incredibly privileged to be able to provide it.

Terry & Norma Hull

JANUARY 15-22, 2018

Mon: Travel. **Tue-Thu:** Construction projects, health clinics and children's ministries in and near San Isidro. **Wed pm:** Worship with one or both churches there. **Thu aft:** Return to San José. **Fri:** Personal day; explore, shop downtown San Jose; possible day trip to rain forest or beach if sufficient interest. **Sat:** Discipleship University for CR pastors, elders, teachers. **Sun am:** Worship with CR church. **Mon:** Travel.

FLIGHTS

We will travel out of Will Rogers Airport, OKC. If you live closer to another airport, our travel agent can arrange travel from that airport so that you meet us for our connecting flight in Houston.

departing Mon Jan. 15, 2018 OKC-HOU: 7:15-8:47 am HOU-SJO: 9:45 am-1:30 pm
returning Mon Jan. 22, 2018 SJO-HOU: 12:30-4:20 pm HOU-OKC: 6:20-7:49 pm

LODGING

On **Mon-Wed** we will stay at the **Hotel Montecito** (www.hotelmontecito.net) in San Isidro. On **Thu-Sun** we will stay at the **Hotel Maragato** (www.hotelmaragato.com) in downtown San José. Both hotels are modest and inexpensive but clean and comfortable.

The Maragato is right on **Avenida Central (Central Avenue) in downtown San José**. Avenida Central is pedestrians only and is usually crowded with thousands of people moving in all directions, and often features street performers showing off all kinds of unique talents. A small grocery store is next door to the hotel, several fast food restaurants are within a couple blocks, and two mercados for shopping and souvenirs are nearby. There is also an interesting historical museum a few blocks away.

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 and some at restaurants. (All meals in CR are covered by your trip payment; team members are responsible for their own meals at the airports.)

OUTREACH PROJECTS



1. Construction: We are still developing the details of our 2018 project(s). In previous years we have:

- * built one-room church buildings
- * expanded the capacity of church worship centers
- * added classrooms to churches
- * done countless kinds of repairs, improvements, painting, curbing, etc.
- * installed restrooms at churches
- * built "galerons" (outdoor pavilions) for church gatherings

2. Health clinics: We provide minor health care free of charge to low-income CR citizens, while sharing the gospel and Christian literature. **Many people in the impoverished, rural villages where we minister tell us they have never seen a doctor before in their lives.** Our clinic is overseen by Dr. Diana Rojas, a CR doctor, and staffed by U.S. and CR medical and non-medical volunteers.

3. Children's ministries: There is a wonderful opportunity to reach hundreds of children in the impoverished neighborhood of Tierra Prometida, where about 400 elementary-age children live. A huge park is available for public use directly across from the church.

We Need You!

Even if you can't drive a nail, diagnose a fever or skip rope with kids, we need you. ***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!***

DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY

Most of the CR pastors, elders and teachers we work with have no formal training in the Bible and Christian doctrine. **One of their most urgent requests to us is for training and books.**

Terry has developed a series of 10 day-long classes called Discipleship University covering **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 few years, Terry is offering these classes in Spanish, twice a year, to Costa Rican pastors, elders and church leaders. Students who complete all 10 classes will receive a "Universidad Discipulado" Certificate of Completion.

We provide the students with notebooks, other literature and lunch. We also give away several study Bibles and computer tablets by random drawing. We also bring reading glasses, which are very popular there.

- Our **first class**, January 2017, on the **doctrines of Salvation**, had 57 pastors and leaders in attendance.
- Our **second class**, July 2017, on the **doctrines of the Church**, had 78 pastors and leaders attend.
- This will be our **third class**, on the doctrines of **God the Father and God the Son**. We are expecting a record turnout.

COST PER TEAM MEMBER: \$2000.00

Covers airfare, baggage fees (for one bag, see below), ground transportation, hotels, 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 any special ministry needs that arise during the week.

BAGGAGE AND BAGGAGE FEES

We have many things to carry with us: health clinic supplies, children's materials, Bibles, books, computer tablets, tracts, reading glasses, 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 can be packed in another bag on the return trip, so we do not have to pay a fee to bring it back.*

DUE DATES

- Immediately \$100 Non-refundable deposit, to confirm your place on our team.
- early Dec \$631 Deadline to purchase airline tickets.
- Dec 22 \$500 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. 5 \$769 The remainder of your \$2000 total is due by Jan. 5, 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 devote some of your time and effort to telling people what God has called you to do, 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 \$2000 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 dollars more to cover the costs of our construction, health clinics, Discipleship University, children's ministries, 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 by as much as \$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 you possibly can do 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.