

2019 CHOSEN TEEN MISSION TRIP INFORMATION PACKET

LOCATION

Cayey, Puerto Rico

WHEN?

June 22-June 29, 2019

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any students ages 13+ connected to this ministry, involved in a small group, and committed to attending the training meetings and raising support for this trip.

WHAT IS THIS TRIP?

An exciting opportunity to give students a chance to minister to families who have been impacted by Hurricane Maria. Hurricane Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico in September 2017. Millions of people were left without electricity, with limited access to clean water, and with damaged homes. While supplies and assistance have been arriving to the island since the hurricane, help will be needed for years to come to rebuild Puerto Rico.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

On our recovery trips, you might be involved with these types of projects (subject to change):

- Help with minor home repair and roof projects.
- Help with debris clearing and residential cleanup
- Provide help to families and individuals impacted by the hurricanes.
- Deliver supplies and food to residents in need.
- Assist in other ways as needed.

Because the situation on the ground is constantly changing, we ask that you come with a flexible spirit, ready to serve in any way that is needed.

Our Partners

For the past 10 years, we've partnered with the city municipalities of Cayey, Ponce, and others, sending hundreds of people to help elderly and disabled people with home repair and maintenance. We'll keep partnering with these cities to bring much-needed supplies and recovery in 2018 and beyond. We ask for your continued prayers and support.

HOW STRENUOUS ARE THE ACTIVITIES?

While some mission trips are more physically strenuous than others, most international trips will include at least four 8-hour service days in hot and humid environments. Your group can work at the level of physical exertion with which they're comfortable.

SAMPLE ITENERARY

Saturday – Arrive at San Juan Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport (SJU); meet your local staff, pick up your rental vehicle(s) and drive to your lodging facility

Sunday – Attend local church in the morning; cultural activity in the afternoon

Monday-Tuesday – Service projects; evening devotions and God Sightings

Wednesday – Free day to enjoy the beach, forest, and/or Old San Juan (ideas provided by our local staff)

Thursday-Friday – Continue service projects; evening devotions and God Sightings

Saturday – Depart for SJU airport; fly home

WHERE DO WE STAY?

Lodging consists of bunk beds in gender-specific rooms at a retreat center owned by a local church. You must bring bedding and towels. We will be eating breakfast and most dinners at this facility.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Individuals: \$699 plus airfare (currently pricing at \$481). We are responsible for our own airfare. Price includes lodging, food, bottled water, and ministry supplies.

Payment Policy

The payment policy is designed to give us the most flexibility when reserving our mission trip experience with Group Mission Trips.

When we register for the trip, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due per person to reserve our space.

Payments are due and become non-refundable 60 days prior to the trip departure.

ARE THERE HEALTH ISSUES?

We will have plenty of purified water to drink, healthy food cooked, medical personnel available, and access to Red Cross emergency care if a crisis arises.

Consult with your doctor on appropriate and recommended vaccines. Be sure to bring bug spray (at least 25% DEET) as there are mosquito-borne illnesses present in Puerto Rico, including Dengue Fever, Chikungunya, and the Zika virus.

IS THE TRIP SAFE?

The safety of our group is a top priority for Group Mission Trips, as it is for us. In all the areas we serve, they take extra precautions to make sure we are as safe as possible. Guided by our local, experienced ministry staff partners, situations that are inherently dangerous are avoided. They're also proactive by choosing lodging facilities and transportation that are safe and reliable.

NEED TO KNOW?

- A passport is not required to travel to Puerto Rico if you are a U.S. citizen because Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory.
- **Cost of ground transportation is not included; the cost of your rental vehicle(s) and associated fees (tolls and gas expenses) are your responsibility.**
- Currency and electricity are the same as the rest of the U.S.
- Spanish and English are the primary languages.
- Bring additional money for souvenirs and free day activities.

WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Pray. Talk to your parents and family. Ask God to show you if He wants you on this trip.
2. Fill out the application and turn in with a \$100 deposit. Make sure you have your parents sign the bottom of the application where there is a note to parents.
4. Attend all training meetings. The first meeting will be Sunday, January 13th.