



2025 Guatemala Mission Trip

July 5 - July 12, 2025

Fort Dodge to Antigua

Vital Information

What will be we doing? We'll be partnering with local non--profit groups called ImaginGuatemala. With the help of these organizations, we'll be constructing homes, visiting veterinarian clinic, a preschool and elementary school for children and many other activities. Each day will include devotional and worship times with our group.

What age can go? Students who have finished 8th grade by the time of the trip are eligible.

Cost: \$2,500. First Presbyterian Church Foundation will pay for a portion of the cost of the trip. TBD fundraising opportunities will be available for the balance.. This covers airfare, lodging, and food for the trip and all activities planned in addition to construction material supplies.

Any money for snacks, souvenirs and any other personal items will be covered by individual students.

Registration Deadline: Please submit this completed form with a **\$100 deposit** by no later than Sunday, July 7, 2024. Please submit these to the FPC office.

Passport: Request form submitted by no later than January 1st. Fort Dodge, Humboldt post office. Call for an appointment or process online at <https://travel.state.gov>

Weather: A typical summer day is in the 80's with a chance of rain. Evening temperatures fall to the 60's.

What is the community of Antigua, Guatemala like? A tourist town the size of Humboldt, roughly an hour from the airport in Guatemala City, there is culture, wealth, and poverty all within the same town. Most places are generally safe, but Antigua definitely is an international community with customs different from our own.

What to bring? Warm weather work clothes for one week, bring extra sets in case you get them dirty, shower essentials, toiletries, Bible and writing utensil, camera, swimwear, spending money for souvenirs and snacks.

What NOT to bring: Fancy clothing and jewelry, any drugs, tobacco, alcohol, firearms, fireworks, weapons of any kind. Cellular coverage is sparse and expensive. Portable electronic devices will only be allowed at certain times of the trip.

Required immunizations? Tetanus shots recommended.

What are the lodging conditions? Bottled, cold water will be available. Students can expect clean showers, sleeping and eating areas, and shared common areas for evening events. Students do not need to bring their own bedding, but should bring towels and other hygiene items. Lodging will be in safe and secure areas. Wifi will available where we stay so limited contact through the internet will be available at various times throughout the week. Ted Huggins and David Cook will have their phones on them, but service will still be limited throughout the week.

Disclaimer: While the safety of everybody involved is a top priority, we *do* acknowledge that we are going on an international mission trip which means there is always some level of risk involved.

This is an application form. Submitting this form does not guarantee that you will go on the trip. Applications will be approved prior to the November 12, 2024 meeting.

We will have an informational meeting for all who have committed to the trip on Sunday December 8, at 11:45 am in the FPC Commons. Registration forms should be submitted by no later than Sunday, November 3rd.

Any **questions** about the trip can be directed to Ted Huggins at tjhuggins@yahoo.com or 515-571-1061, and David Cook at davidfcook@gmail.com or 515-573-9181.

Please keep this page for your own information.

Please be sure to number each response according to the number of the question. Limit responses to 75--100 words. Please also submit the attached Youth Permission Medical Release Form, even if you have already done so for this calendar year.

1. Name _____

2. Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

3. Address _____

4. Phone _____

5. Email _____

6. **Briefly describe your faith journey. You may include significant people and events that have influenced your faith.**

7. **Why would you like to be part of the Guatemala mission team?**

8. **What abilities, skills, or talents would you bring to our team?**

9. What previous experience do you have with short-term mission trips?

10. What do you think will be the most challenging part of the trip for you?

11. What do you hope to gain from this experience?

12. What questions do you have about the trip?