



PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

LOCATION: Carmen Community Church, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. The island of Negros is rural and is known for its sugarcane production.

PARTNERS: We are working with an organization called International Care Ministries for part of the time as well as a church plant the rest of the time. The church is located in a rural farming community just outside of Himamaylan City. Over the past 4 years it has grown to around 60 members.

DATES: June 23-July 7, 2017

MINISTRY PROJECT:

PRAYER MINISTRY: The team will be involved in home visitation ministries where we will have the opportunity to visit homes in the community to pray for people and minister to their needs. People greatly appreciate prayer in the Philippines. This also would be a wonderful opportunity to learn how people live.

SCHOOL EVANGELISM: We could have the opportunity to go into the classrooms at the elementary school in the community and share our testimonies.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: We could hold a Vacation Bible School for the children in the community. Probably in the later afternoon after they are out of school.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: We will help with the construction of a garden in which the church will use to help minister to the physical needs of the people in their community.

ESTIMATED COST: \$1,700/per person

This cost includes international airfare, domestic airfare, lodging, all food, in country transportation, work project materials, VBS and other ministry materials, love gifts to pastors and cooks, and trip to Coron, Palawan. **Additional costs may include:** passport, immunizations, and personal spending money.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Informational Meeting: Feb. 1, 2017, @ 7pm, OCC

Application Deadline: March 1, 2017

\$200 Deposit Deadline: March 1, 2017

Training Meeting 1: March 1, 2017 @ 7:00PM, OCC

Training Meeting 2: April 1, 2017 @ 7:00PM, OCC

Training Meeting 3: April 23, 2017 @ 7:00PM, OCC

Training Meeting 4: May 15, 2017 @ 7:00PM, OCC

Training Meeting 5: June 9, 2017 @ 7:00PM, OCC

Training Meeting 6: June 18, 2017 @ 7:00PM, OCC

Airfare Due: April 23, 2017

Final Balance Due: June 9, 2017

VISAS: No visa required ahead of time. A 60-day tourist visa will be granted upon entry at the Manila airport.

IMMUNIZATIONS: The following vaccines are recommended for travel to the Philippines: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/philippines> Ask your doctor what ones they recommend you get.

- Updated MMR, polio, and T-DAP (tetanus) vaccines
- Hepatitis A (2 shots series, 6 months apart)
- Typhoid

FUNDRAISING: Start fundraising efforts now! We encourage personal support raising through sending letters to friends and family.

ITINERARY

Day 1- Travel to Manila

Day 2- Travel to Himamaylan

Day 3- Ministry

Day 4- Ministry

Day 5- Ministry

Day 6- Ministry

Day 7- Ministry

Day 8- Ministry

Day 9 - Ministry

Day 10- Ministry

Day 11- Travel to Coron

Day 12- Coron

Day 13- Coron

Day 14- Travel to Manila

Day 15- Travel Home

ACCOMMODATIONS: We plan to stay at Batang Peninsula Beach Resort which has dorm-style air-conditioned cabins/rooms with a private bathroom in each cabin.

<https://www.facebook.com/BatangPeninsula/> For overnight stays in Manila we will stay in a hotel or guesthouse.

TRANSPORTATION: We will fly from SEA airport to Manila Philippines. We then will stay overnight and take a domestic flight to Bacolod City in Negros Occidental. From there we will rent a van or jeepney to take us to Himamaylan City, site of our ministry for the week. During our stay in Himamaylan, we will privately rent a jeepney (a bus like form of transportation) for our daily commute to and from the mission site, resort and other places we need to go.

MEALS: During the ministry days, we will have food prepared for us by members of the church. During travel and recreational times, we will eat out at restaurants.

LANGUAGE: Ilongo

WEATHER: The weather in the Philippines is hot and humid year-round so expect to sweat! There are two seasons: the dry season which is from December to May and the rainy season from June-November. The time that we will be going is during the rainy season, so expect rain daily, although it will not be like WA rain. It often comes in the form of a quick thunderstorm then is over and the sun comes back out.

SAFETY: Overall the Philippines is a very safe place to travel. I know there may be some concern with the recent media attention in the Philippines. We have spoken with our partners on the ground, and they have assured us that their places is very safe at this time we have no reason to be concerned. Should anything change, we will certainly inform you.

TRIP TO CORON: At the end of the trip we would love to be able to take you to one of the top destinations in the world for beaches, Coron, Palawan. Here we will enjoy 2 days of island hopping, snorkeling, and beach lounging. We will hire a private boat and guide to take us to all the best attractions.