

Plant seeds of
LEARNING
of **HEALTH**
and decent
HOUSING in
Guatemala

**A new partnership
with trusted friends**

Providence Presbytery has worked for more than 10 years with Dr Pedro Palacios of the America Latinas Schools. Several years ago, along with 2 colleagues he founded "La Misión Guatemala", a full service agency that not only provides medical and dental attention to rural peoples, but construction, education and evangelization for remote villages.

**TRAVEL WITH US
AND USE YOUR SKILLS**

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EXPERIENCE

GOOD

MISSION

IN GUATEMALA

**LABOR DAY WEEK 2011
(September 2-10)**

We are looking for...

- Teachers
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Carpenters
- Farmers
- Medical/Dental

• and other skills too!



Be a
CENTRAL AMERICAN TRAVELER

...BE THE EYES, EARS AND HANDS
OF PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY



There are schools whose teachers need help



Many rural teachers have little or no early childhood education training; we will be giving hands-on seminars for elementary and pre-school teachers in best low-tech practices for reading and mathematics techniques, as well as how to deal with learning disabilities.

Coffee, corn and beans are not enough to eat

In the mountains, agriculture has changed very little in centuries. While land could sustain varied crops, agricultural expertise (not to mention seeds) is lacking. Farmers who can share even simple techniques can make a big difference

Skilled labor is hard to come by in mountain villages

Clean reliable water supply is 'job one', and plumbers are in great demand, as are electricians and carpenters who can train villages to help themselves by teaching basic principles of wiring, carpentry and good structural design in brick and cement building.



Health Care and Health Training are also our strengths



Providence Presbytery continues its commitment to caring for health needs of mountain peoples in Guatemala, so that other needs can be met. Basic hygiene and emergency medical training could save many lives and medicines provide healing for many endemic problems



What are the details?

Trip dates: September 2-10, 2011

Skills needed: Teachers (active or retired), Farmers, Skilled trades, Spanish speakers, Homemakers, Medical/EMT personnel and others are needed. Can't speak Spanish?--We can work with that! Abilities to work well in a group, strong Christian faith, compassion and flexibility are a must.

Cost: The traveler is responsible for 1/3 of the cost of the trip (\$550). The remainder (\$1000) is covered by your home church and by presbytery.

Health: The trip requires that you be in reasonable physical health. ACCOMMODATIONS IN GUATEMALA WILL BE VERY COMFORTABLE--3 AND 4 STAR LODGING. Daily working conditions will be third world; hot and humid; poor facilities; water issues, poverty and lack of electricity.

What are my responsibilities?

- ★ Fill out an application form and return by March 1, 2011
- ★ Work with, learn from and pray with your colleagues in mission, as well as our local Guatemalan hosts
- ★ A passport valid through December of 2011 and an up-to-date shot record (some of the required medications will be provided)
- ★ Attendance at 5 training meetings (Monday Evenings)
- ★ Individual and shared duties while on the trip (Treasurer, Photographer, Journal Keeper, daily devotional, etc.)
- ★ Willingness to adapt to Central American culture and customs with a smile and an open mind
- ★ Willingness to share your experiences with churches in connection with the Dimes for Hunger campaign in the Fall

Application form for 2011 ADULT MISSION PARTNERSHIP TO GUATEMALA

Trip Dates: September 2-10, 2011
APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2011

Adults applying to participate in this mission trip should be active members of one of the churches in Providence Presbytery. They should be willing to participate in all preparation sessions and the followup activities.

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Name (as it appears on your passport) _____

Home Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Sex ___ Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____ Daytime phone _____

Church _____ T-shirt size? _____(for 2011 Traveler T-shirt!)

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Because we ask the local church to pay 1/3 of the cost of the trip (\$550), you will need to have your minister or clerk of session sign this application before you submit it to the presbytery office.

_____ Church recommends this applicant for the 2011 Adult Trip to HONDURAS and agrees to pay 1/3 of the cost of the trip (\$550).

Signed: _____
(minister or clerk of session)

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Travelers need to agree to participate in the pre-trip training/preparation sessions on several Monday evenings during the Spring and Summer ; attend the June meeting of Presbytery (to be commissioned), plus a final packing meeting, covered dish supper and communion service for travelers & their families right before we leave. Travelers are also asked to participate in the Dimes for Hunger campaign in the Fall.

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Your answers to the following questions will be used to select the participants for the 2011 Trip to Guatemala. In addition there may be a personal interview in March of 2011. If you need additional space, please attach an extra sheet of paper.

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1. Why would you like to participate in the 2011 Adult Mission Partnership to Guatemala?

