

UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONS MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

We are delighted that you are interested in possibly joining us on a mission trip to Nicaragua. The goal of every mission trip we sponsor is that the team will “join God in doing the things He would have us do, in the ways He would have do them and in the particular places He would have us join Him”. This has been the theme of this ministry and as a result God has worked in miraculous ways. If you decide to become a team member this theme should become your prayer for the trip.

We will depart from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport. We will have a stop -over in Miami, Atlanta or Houston where other team members may join us. We will arrive in Managua as a group later that day where we will be met by UCM coordinators. We will take a van to the city of Jinotega. The actual flight times will be determined once the team is complete. What will we be doing? The goals of the trip will be determined by the team. We encourage every team member to think about their spiritual gifts and consider how you can exercise those gifts. At the first team meeting available opportunities will be shared which are many and varied. Don't worry about what you can do. You will have plenty of opportunities from which to choose.

The cost of the trip includes everything from your departure in Charlotte to your return to the states except a \$10.00 point of entry fee and your luggage fee which may vary depending upon how much luggage you take and what airline we fly. You will need to take spending money. We will visit the market before we leave Nicaragua and you will want to take advantage of the inexpensive items which can be found in this huge market.

The cost of your trip will cover your flight, food, lodging, transportation in the country, insurance, all your tips, and even your bottled water. Our lodging will be at UCM's Center for Hope in Jinotega. Your accommodations are very clean and the Center features a spacious complete kitchen stocked with breakfast and snack items. Most teams prepare their breakfast and a simple lunch from the items the team requests in advance to be present when the team arrives. Most evening meals are enjoyed at local restaurants in which the ministry deems to be safe and feature the tasty local creations as well as American dishes. The Center has wi-fi and a washer and dryer. You can enjoy safe and comfortable living conditions.

We will have ample interpreters. The size of the group is usually limited to a maximum of 12 to 14 to accommodate a more cohesive team and one that can travel together easily. It also makes the trip much more personal. By the time you return you will feel like you have new family.

The weather will be mild and dress will be casual. We will share more details at our first team meeting. You will be responsible for raising your own funds for your trip. Most team members' churches assist through outright gifts or help with fundraisers. Most team members send out a letter to their family and friends and often this is all that is necessary. You should include in your letter that any funds raised over and above will be used to meet the needs of the people in Nicaragua and that you will provide a report as to how the funds are used.

We would suggest that you check out our website www.unitedchristianmissions.org.

Churches interested in sending mission teams should hold an informational meeting to determine the level of interest and how many have a real interest in serving on a short-term mission team. A UCM representative will work with the Mission Team Representative from a church to provide needed information and helpful suggestions. An informational meeting should take place 8 to 12 months in advance of a desired mission trip date. UCM will provide general information and the cost of the trip will be made available for this meeting. Most mission teams depart on a Friday and return home Saturday of the next week.

If a church sends a mission team the church can choose to collect the funds and issue a check to UCM from the church. If one or more individuals are joining a team made up from several churches the funds can be sent directly to UCM.

The first official team meeting will be held no later than 4 months before the team's departure. At or before that time you will need to provide a non-refundable deposit of at least one half the cost of the trip. Flight reservations will be made no later than four months prior to the trip. The other half will be due at least one month prior to your departure. Your check should be made payable to "United Christian Missions" with a notation that it is for "UCM Mission Trip". Please send it to:

United Christian Missions
PO Box 1038
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

If you have additional questions you may e-mail us at ucm@unitedchristianmissions.org. or call us at 980-220-1013.