

Guatemala Educational/Missions Trip March 2017

Hello everyone, or should I say, Hola!

This information has been prepared because we'd love for you to join other High School students from Regent Christian Online Academy and possibly other schools on an adventure of a lifetime. If interested, then here's what to do:

- ✓ First, you must be enrolled with RCOA in one of RCOA's Spanish courses and RCOA's Cross Cultural Mission course. If you are cross-enrolling with RCOA, go to the Admissions section of our website, www.rcoa.ca and fill out the enrolment form. Please indicate your School of Record when filling out the application and select the appropriate Spanish and Cross Cultural Missions course.
- ✓ Second, please print and fill out the Application Form and mail it to the RCOA office in Victoria. This Application Form will need to be signed, and accompanied with a non-refundable deposit of \$100 (cheque). A signed Parent's Funding Agreement Form, along with this application and deposit, must be at the RCOA office no later than Sept 30th. Please note, this trip is first come, first serve so you will want to get your application in as soon as possible.
- ✓ Third, upon receipt of the three application requirements noted above, you will be interviewed by the Principal, Mr. Mark Langley and your suitability for the trip will be determined.

The payments and due dates to cover the cost of \$1,950 USD + airfare (approx. \$900-\$1,000) will be broken up as follows. :

- 1. \$100 CDN non-refundable deposit included with application form by Sept 30th, 2016
- 2. November 15th \$600 CDN (not receiptable)
- 3. December 15th \$600 CDN (not receiptable)
- 4. January 15th \$600 CDN
- 5. February 15th \$600 CDN
- 6. February 28th final payment and airfare TBA (airfare is not receiptable) (final payment will be CDN funds and dependent on the cost of airfare and US exch. rate to convert \$1,950 to USD)

The \$1,950 USD will cover all expenses, including accommodation, meals, courses and travel while in Guatemala.

You will need to bring you own funds for meals on flight days (approx. \$50 USD). You will also need to bring your own funds for buying extra treats and souvenirs (\$200 USD suggested).

Dates for the 2017 trip will be: (subject to change slightly based on flight availability)

A. Orientation day in Surrey – Saturday, March 4, 2017

A. Flying out of Vancouver to Guatemala City - Sunday, March 5, 2017

B. Returning to Vancouver from Guatemala City – Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Please note the brief initial Itinerary:

- 1. **Saturday**, **March 4**th, **2017** Gather for an orientation to meet your leaders, the other students attending, and to begin practicing some of the Spanish songs and puppet plays.
- 2. **Sunday, March 5th, 2017** Fly to Guatemala City where we will be picked up by our hosts, Bob and Shirley Adams (Canadians), and taken to our home for the first week which is beautiful Fuego College http://bobadams.hypermart.net/2campus.htm, where we will eat, sleep, begin both classes, and use as a base of operations for the first week. The afternoons, after our 1 1/2 hour lecture/workshop about missions, will be spent serving the community at children's schools, old folks homes, and manual labour. The mornings will be fully involved with Spanish acquisition. The weekends will be spent in short cultural trips and hanging out in Antigua, as well as attending church together on Sunday.
- 4. **Wednesday, March 29, 2017** We will be flying back to Canada .. tired, but filled with a wonderful sense of accomplishment and purpose, closer to the heart of the Lord, and, I hope hungering for more adventure.

Please contact me if you have any questions, at all. More information will be sent to you once I have your application.

Bendiciones!
Senor Langley
Guatemala Missions Co-ordinator