

2012 Honduras Medical/Dental Mission Trip

Trip ID# HON0112

Application Deadline: August 15, 2011

Blackhawk sent its first short term trip to Orica, Honduras in 2002 and eventually established a relationship with the local church plant, Alpha y Omega. Blackhawk has been sending teams to the area roughly twice a year ever since. Some of the ongoing projects that Blackhawk has assisted with are:

- Building projects at the church
- Leadership and discipleship training
- A community playground
- Medical and Dental Clinics

The first Blackhawk medical team went to Orica in August of 2006. Once again, this team's goal is to provide medical and dental services as an outreach of the church to the local community.

Trip Dates: Roughly, **January 6-15**. The dates may vary slightly due to airfare prices.

Team Members: we are limited to a total of about 15 participants. Our goal is to have a well balanced team with various gifts and abilities. We have a strong need for the following on this trip: doctors, dentists and bilingual Spanish translators.

Accommodations: While in Orica we will stay at the pastor's home with two rooms (males and females), bunk beds and one bathroom. If our team grows too large for the pastor's home, some team members will stay with church families within the community.

Safety Concerns: Check with the U.S. State Department Travel Warning List for recent info at <http://travel.state.gov>. They even have an iPhone app! Personal safety can never be guaranteed and travel abroad always contains an element of risk, but Blackhawk's Impact Ministry takes the safety of each team seriously and monitors situations in each country. If you have questions or concerns, email globalimpact@blackhawkchurch.org or contact the trip leader.

Funds: We'll work as a team to cover the cost of this trip. Each participant will have an individual goal of about \$1550. The team leader will help equip team members to raise funds through support letters that can be sent to family, extended family, friends, co-workers, teachers, coaches etc.

Passport Requirements?

You must have a current passport that is valid at least 6 months after our return. The current turn-around on passports can be up to 10 weeks, and we will need participants' passport numbers at the time of ticket purchase. As a result, we urge you to send in your passport application/renewal forms at the time of submitting your application. You can learn more about this through the US Postal Service at www.usps.gov or at your local branch of the post office.

Qualifications: A heart to serve and a desire to use the gifts that God has given you in whatever way He chooses. A desire to continue to build relationships with the church and the community of Orica. Also a desire to expand your circle of love and grace.

To prepare for the Trip: If you are selected for the trip your team leader will help you raise funds (prepare and send a letter to prospective supporters), attend a limited number of team building meetings/activities, and assist with some pre-trip preparations. If you are selected for the team you will need some vaccinations/medications and will need to make an appointment with one of the local Travel Medicine Clinics. If you have not been on a short-term trip before you should do this as early as possible as some of the vaccinations require repeat visits.

Team Meetings: Typically there are 4-6 team meetings before departure. These will be determined after the team is selected. It's expected that team members will make every effort to attend ALL team meetings.

Note: Application will ask if you're able to attend all meetings, please list any significant barriers to attending meetings or skip this question.

Climate in Orica: Typically mid to upper 80s during the day, but it can get a little cool at night

Questions: Contact one of the following:

Trip Leader: James Self (phone: 821-0940 or email: tjself@aol.com)

Co Leader: Sue Nondahl (phone 831-1071, or email: snondahl@gamail.com)

BLACKHAWK SHORT TERM MISSION COVENANT

As a member of this mission team I promise to do the following:

- support my team and leaders including praying regularly for them
- commit to doing my best in whatever is asked or assigned, keeping a positive attitude, with the desire to glorify God.
- encourage team members in whatever way possible.
- keep a sense of humor
- be flexible and understanding when things don't work out as planned or according to my standards.
- work out conflicts with team members when they arise, using Matthew 18:15-20 as my guide.
- demonstrate respect for the people of the country I am going to and other team members by being sensitive, honest and patient and by practicing open communication with them (avoiding negative talk about the host country and culture).
- recognize the leaders as called by God and submit to their authority willingly
- attend all team preparation meetings including the team building retreat unless other arrangements are made with team leaders
- participate in individual and team preparation for the trip
- apply and translate what God teaches me from this experience upon my return to Blackhawk
- In addition, I will take responsibility to raise all of my support by inviting others to be involved in this mission through prayer, encouragement and financial support.
- I also am willing to have a background check done (have police records checked)
- I have read the above covenant statements and agree with them.

Signature (READ ONLY- we will sign as a team)

date