

## 2012 Honduras Construction Mission Trip Trip ID# HON0412

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 and remodeling projects at the church
- A community playground
- Leadership and discipleship training
- Medical and Dental clinics

This team's goal is to finish a community playground that we have been constructing for the last 4 years! We also plan to do other construction and outreach projects with the local church, Alpha y Omega .

**Trip Dates:** Roughly, March 30-April 8 (Easter). The dates may vary by a day or two 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 need for the following on this trip: Enthusiastic, compassionate people who don't mind getting a little dirty! 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](mailto: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 \$1500. 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. In order to avoid a conflict with our departure dates please 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](http://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. We ask that you make every effort to attend ALL team meetings. 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.

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

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