



Youth Delegation to El Salvador

June 28 - July 13, 2013

for youth 14 years and older

TRIP OVERVIEW

Santa Cruz al Salvador is a faith-based organization that supports education and health in El Salvador. Using the accompaniment model, the non-profit organization has been active in the Ciudadela Dr. Guillermo Manuel Ungo and its surrounding communities since 1994. We support the local health clinic and the local school, with grades from kinder through high school with 120 scholarships. We also provide post-secondary scholarships for university and technical study. Each year we send at least one delegation to meet with our Salvadoran partners and continue to develop the relationships begun many years ago. In recent years, we have sent two delegations a year, and 2013 marks the year we expand to a third delegation in the summer.

The 2013 summer delegation is designed for 13-16 youth who are fourteen to nineteen years old and 5-8 adult chaperones. It includes:

- all meals, entrance fees, and transportation, including airfare
- bilingual adult chaperones, guides, and translators from the U.S. and El Salvador
- 18-20 hours of conversational Spanish instruction, with opportunities to use language in authentic settings
- experiences of daily life in a developing country through home-stays
- visits to rural communities to work and meet with youth and community leaders
- 30-35 hours of service work
- learning about Salvadoran history and culture,
- meeting Salvadoran diplomats and dignitaries
- visits to historical and cultural sites
- daily devotions and reflections
- weekly worship
- handicraft workshops
- opportunities to make friends with local youth
- total cost includes airfare

Delegation Costs: Final costs depend on the number of people going and the price of group airfare available in January. In-country costs will range between \$700 per person for a group of 25 and \$850 per person for a group of 15, with group airfare averaging around \$700. Total trip cost will be between \$1400 and \$1550. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$200 due by December 1. Monthly payments of \$200 are expected on the first of each month from January through June. Final payment is due on June 1.

Scholarships: We do not have a scholarship program for our delegations, but encourage participants to engage their church and their extended families in their fundraising plans. How about encouraging folks to give a contribution towards your delegation costs rather than the usual holiday, graduation, or birthday gift?

Air Travel Arrangements: The current plan is to fly non-stop on TACA International Airline from San Francisco to San Salvador, capital of El Salvador. We will be eligible for a group rate.

Delegation Leaders: Judith Dunham and Steve Barrett are leading this delegation. Judith lives in Gilroy and attends Advent Lutheran Church in Morgan Hill. She is an elementary school teacher who has made numerous trips to El Salvador with delegations as well as volunteering for six weeks in the country each of the last three summers. She is bilingual and biliterate in Spanish. Steve lives in Salinas and attends Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Salinas. He is a telemetry nurse at Watsonville Hospital and has also made numerous trips to El Salvador. His Spanish improves with each trip.

In-country coordinator: We will have the assistance of a coordinator who lives in El Salvador and will confirm all arrangements and accompany us throughout our delegation. By using a local coordinator we find he/she provides a unique view of the country, its history and present situation, that we do not have as foreign visitors. (Note: Coordinator has not been confirmed.)

For information about *Santa Cruz al Salvador*, visit: www.santacruzalsalvador.org



Welcome to the **Education Complex Dr. Guillermo Manuel Ungo** in the Ciudadela

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Dear Participants and Parents:

We encourage you to read through this information and make your decision early, as we will only be able to accommodate 15-24 participants. We keep our groups deliberately small to build intimacy and bonding, to do worship-sharing, and also so that we can fit our entire group and their luggage into the minibuses and truck transports and to make sure there is space for everyone when we spend the night in private homes and community buildings.

Each of our delegations offers a wonderful opportunity to see what it is like to live in a developing country and to learn of the role that the US has had in that country's history. We focus on visiting the communities which have been supported by *Santa Cruz al Salvador*, under the oversight of IMU and the *Centro Arte para la Paz*. This year we will visit Suchitoto and Ciudadela Guillermo Ungo, where we will speak with community leaders, visit schools, learn of the peace process in El Salvador, and do some volunteer work in each community. There will also be cultural experiences and opportunities for sight-seeing.

The packet contains several pages of useful information plus registration forms to complete. Please go through them carefully and let Judith or Steve know if you have any questions. Total in-country cost for the trip is \$700-850 (depending on group size) plus an estimated \$700 airfare. The in-country cost includes all meals, accommodations, ground transportation, entrance fees at tourist sites, as well as the language instruction and service project costs. Costs that are not included are the \$10 tourist card fee at the airport in San Salvador, souvenirs and snacks, and end-of-trip tips for our driver and in-country coordinator. (See "Air Travel" below.)

We look forward to your participation in our 2013 summer youth delegation.

Board of Directors, *Santa Cruz al Salvador*

ORIENTATION

1. The purpose of our delegation is accompaniment. That means we want to serve.
2. The trip often turns out to be a personal spiritual experience. You are expected to attend:
 - a. Devotions - To help with processing, will be held every morning at breakfast; responsibility for devotions will be rotated amongst the group, volunteers encouraged
 - b. Reflections - will be held every evening, usually after dinner. Participation means being present – you do not need to talk if you do not want to.
3. We are learning about the poor in El Salvador, and how they live. That means:
 - a. flexibility in schedule
 - b. conveniences (such as coffee first thing in the morning, water, electricity, etc.)
 - c. respect for our hosts and hostesses
4. Meals are not always on time – your responsibility to carry a snack if it is important that you eat at certain times.
 - a. There are 3 meals/day, and not a lot of snack time; it is important not to skip a meal.
 - b. Typical meals can have any of the following: beans, tortillas, vegetables, avocado, eggs, plain rolls, pasta and on occasion chicken.
5. There is a fair amount of walking; it is hot and dusty. When we are in the community, we stay in the school. There is a separate building with toilets. Compost latrines are the norm when we are away from the school. It is very much like camping in tent cabins. This means:

- a. WATER, WATER, WATER; it is so important to drink lots of water, even if it is warm and doesn't taste all that refreshing.
 - b. Sunscreen/hat
 - c. Bugs at night; you must use a bug repellent at bedtime, especially on your legs and feet.
 - d. Please let at least one of us know if you are experiencing any physical distress (constipation, diarrhea, blisters, bug bites, etc.) that you are not prepared for. Chances are one of us has something to help, and/or can give advice.
 - e. The rule to prevent gastrointestinal problems:
Peel it, boil it, cook it, or forget it unless our in-country coordinator says it's okay to eat.
6. We have a few meetings –
 - a. With community leaders, teachers, healthcare workers, students, etc. They are often slow and laborious (translation) and it is hot. Much of our purpose in going is to listen.
 - b. There is also a worship service every week; date and time can change depending on the circumstances in the community.
 8. We plan to meet and/or have dinner with the Bishop of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, Medardo Gomez.
 9. It is expected that all will participate in the activities – show of solidarity.
 - a. Please remain flexible as scheduled events don't always start at the designated time
 - b. The daily schedule will be reviewed at breakfast; this is a good time to voice your concerns or needs. It is expected that everyone will be present for this.
 - c. We are a group, and we see a LOT of each other.
 - d. Respecting the opinions, experiences, and feelings of other group members is the first step toward building solidarity.
 10. Most important. . . we want you to have fun on this trip, stay healthy, enjoy the experience of visiting El Salvador. It is important for your health and safety to follow the safety instructions of our in-country coordinator.

For more information, read on!

Accommodations:

For the first week of our stay we will be staying in the hostel Centro de Arte Para La Paz in Suchitoto. There are bunk beds at the hostel, accommodating 2-4 people in a room with a bath that is shared between rooms. The hostel has running water and showers, but the water is generally cool. For our home-stays during the second week in the Ciudadela Guillermo Ungo, we will be distributed among host families, and will be sleeping in beds or on mattress pads on the floor. Our first and last nights in El Salvador will be at the Oasis Hotel, a guesthouse in the capital city of San Salvador.

Because we are participating in rural living, be forewarned that we will be going to bed early and getting up early each day, even while in Suchitoto. This will be extremely important so that we can effectively participate in our work projects and interact with our local hosts. In the communities we can expect "outhouse" type facilities, with washing up at the outdoor "pila" or sink, and a quick body rinse in the bathing enclosure. None of our locations provides heated water for bathing.

Safety

Many people have concerns about the amount of violence that is reported in El Salvador. The United States Department of State does not currently have a travel alert for El Salvador, but we encourage you to have a look at their advisories at

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1109.html#safety

We take all the recommended precautions, such as using the buddy system, staying in groups, We avoid isolated places, walking around late at night, displaying valuables, and traveling in fancy vehicles. Brenda Hubbard, our in-country coordinator in Suchitoto, has lived in El Salvador for many years and has had no serious incidents. We cannot guard against every possible eventuality, but we are very, very careful with where we go and who we spend time with, as well as with the food and drink that we consume. We are happy to answer questions and discuss your concerns:

Judith Dunham dunhamja1@gmail.com

Steve Barrett scbarrett@aol.com

Meals and Transportation:

Meals will be very simple but food is plentiful, consisting mainly of plantains, eggs, cheese, beans, and Salvadoran style tortillas. There will be vegetarian, but not vegan, food options on the trip. Dairy-free diets can be accommodated, but not other dietary needs. People who don't enjoy fried plantains (seriously) may want to bring some packaged granola bars or snacks. Long-distance transportation will be in a microbus and our driver, Kike. Short-distance (less than 10 miles) transportation may be with other local drivers arranged by our in-country coordinator.

Weather:

The weather in June and July is hot and sticky with daily rain showers in the afternoons. It generally stays warm at night, so a light sleep-sack is all that is needed for the homestays (see packing advice).

Laundry:

There will be laundry services available at the hostel in Suchitoto, and one wash/dry is included in the fees. You can expect to do laundry just once between the weeks, so if you sign up for painting or other manual labor, you'll want to reserve a set of clothing as your work clothes. There are facilities for washing clothes yourself at the pila where we are staying in Ungo. Or you can pay \$.50 per item to have it hand-washed.

Adults:

Adults are welcome on the trip, although the focus is on the youth experience. In addition to Judith, Steve, and our in-country coordinator, we will be joined by Judith's husband, Tom Dunham, a retired teacher who has visited El Salvador many times and is fluent in Spanish; Pastor Anita Warner, pastor of Advent Lutheran Church, who has worked with Habitat for Humanity International and studied Spanish in Guatemala; and Casey Cross, Youth, Children and Family Minister at Advent Lutheran Church, who will be developing our delegation materials for cultural and spiritual preparation. José René Milara, a licensed bilingual tourist guide, will accompany us on excursions. Our driver, Enrique "Kike" Martinez, will drive us around in a Toyota Coaster. We expect to meet with the mayor of Suchitoto, Pedrina Rivera and Assembly Delegate Damian Alegria, as well as the Lutheran Bishop of El Salvador, Medardo Gomez, and share worship with Salvadoran Pastor Martir Vigil in the Ciudadela.

Air Travel: It is expected that TACA International will be the carrier for our flights from San Francisco, leaving on June 28 and returning on July 13. By purchasing tickets as a group, we are able to book a block of tickets at a set price. If the airline should make changes in the itinerary, they will notify us and work to get us all re-booked. The current itinerary is a non-stop directly to San Salvador airport. If you or a family member has traveled with us before, note the change of flight arrangements:

Departing June 28, 2013

Leaves SFO at 6:50 a.m.

Arrives San Salvador at 1:40 p.m.

Returning July 13, 2013

Departs San Salvador at 7:07 p.m.

Arrives San Francisco at 1:02 a.m.

On June 28, we will meet in the TACA area of the International Terminal at 5:30 a.m. Families may choose to stay with their travelers until we go through security. Adult chaperones will remain with all minor travelers who return with us on July 13 until they are picked up.

Fees and Payment Schedule: The group fare from SFO is about \$650 per person plus about \$50 for group comprehensive insurance. Total: about \$700 per person. Optional emergency medical insurance is also available through a variety of companies. You will want to check to see if your medical insurance covers out-of-country travel. If not, you may wish to contact an insurer for additional coverage. The travelers will be met by our in-country coordinator and our driver, Kike Martinez, and we will board our buses for the hour trip to San Salvador, stopping on the way for our first Salvadoran meal of pupusas. Adult participants traveling from outside the San Francisco Bay Area or making separate arrangements are encouraged to add travel insurance to their ticket option. You will need to arrange with the trip coordinators to ensure that you arrive at the airport within a time-frame that allows a single pick-up. There will be an additional charge for separate airport pickups.

Registration and Trip Payment: see **Planning Calendar** page for details.

Registration opens October 1, 2012 and ends November 1, 2012.

To be considered for a place on the delegation, a complete application must be submitted by November 15, 2012. You will be notified by the end of November if you have a place on the delegation.

Trip Fees: A \$200 non-refundable deposit per participant is due by December 1, 2012, payable after being notified of a place on the delegation. The remainder will be due in monthly payments of \$200 with final payment due by June 1, 2012. You may complete your payments earlier. The total of \$1400-\$1550 per person depends on the number traveling in the delegation and includes all of the in-country trip expenses and airfare, but excludes personal extras.

February 1, 2013 - All additional forms due

June 1, 2013 - All Forms and Payments Due

Cancellation: In order to go forward, we need a minimum of 15 participants. If there are fewer than 15 participants by February 1, the trip may be canceled and your money will be refunded. If **you** should need to cancel after February 1, refunds (less the \$200 non-refundable deposit)

will be dependent on our ability to find a replacement for you. No refunds will be granted after June 1. If you book your air travel independently (Adults only with permission of delegation leaders), check with your airline as to their refund policies.

Immunizations: The best thing to do is to refer to CDC's travel information for Mexico and Central America <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx> and also contact your health care provider for immunization specifics. Be sure to get your medical appointment a good 4-6 weeks in advance of the trip so that vaccines have a chance to take effect.

Passports: You can find the specifics for getting or renewing a U.S. passport and the application forms at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/get_840.html This site tells what forms you need, what kind of identification, and what is needed for minors aged 14-17. You can also find the names of the post offices in your area which handle passport applications. You will want to begin the passport process right away. For travelers coming from outside of the U.S., please be sure to obtain a passport from your country of origin.

See Also: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1109.html for info on El Salvador.

Entry/Exit Requirements: To enter El Salvador, U.S. citizens must present a current U.S. passport and a one-entry tourist card. The tourist card is obtained from immigration officials for a ten-dollar fee upon arrival in country (**not** included in your trip payment.) Minors traveling without a parent will need a **notarized** statement stating that parents have given their permission for travel. (See "Notarized Permission To Travel And Medical Form" below).

Service Projects and Donations: A major purpose of the trip is to provide service to the rural communities accompanied by *Santa Cruz al Salvador*. The 2013 projects will be organized around language learning/teaching with some opportunity to work in more physical ways, with an estimated 30-35 total service hours. Part of your fees is a tax-deductible donation to obtain materials or local expertise for the service projects. We do our best to estimate costs based on what our actual expenses, but sometimes there is money left at the end of the trip. Any moneys left unspent by the end of the trip will be donated to the *Santa Cruz al Salvador* fund for university student scholarships. You will be provided a statement by the end of 2013 for your tax purposes which will include the amounts donated to the service project supplies and the amount donated toward the student loan fund.

Spending Money: All trip essentials will be covered in your payment, so no spending money is strictly necessary. However, there will be opportunities to use the Internet, shop for snacks, local crafts, souvenirs, and laundry, and most people will want to bring \$50-\$100 in spending money, more if you are buying gifts to bring home. Bring money in \$1 and \$5 clean and untruncated bills as El Salvador's currency is the U.S. dollar.

Additional Travel Advice

In addition to early-to-bed and early-to-rise, we will need to change some of our other daily habits, so here are things we can practice to begin to make ourselves conscious of differences in daily routines:

Don't put tap water in your mouth. We'll drink only bottled water and use it also for brushing teeth. Sticking a toothbrush under the water faucet is such a habit that most people forget and do it automatically. So try practicing for several days before you go, using bottled water instead. Then attach your toothbrush to a spare water bottle with a rubber band for the trip.

Don't put toilet paper in the toilet. Throughout Latin America – from private homes to luxury hotels – you will find a small container next to the toilet. That's where you drop the used toilet paper. The plumbing simply isn't designed to accommodate paper, and it's pretty embarrassing in someone's home to be responsible for stopping up their toilet, so start being aware. Hold on to the paper a moment and think, "I won't drop it in the toilet."

Know where your food and drink come from. The safest place to eat is at the hostel or at a private home or restaurant, and the most risky food is from a street vendor. We'll drink only bottled water from a reliable source and eat mostly thoroughly cooked hot foods. We can eat fresh fruits that we wash and peel carefully, but no salads, no lettuce and tomato in the sandwich or taco, etc., so fill up on salads before you go.

According to the CDC, traveler's diarrhea is the most common risk, and the above precautions are the best way to prevent it. It is rarely serious and usually lasts no more than 3 or 4 days. Of course this can make a 7-day trip a miserable experience, so you want to be very careful. For more information, please check out the Center for Disease Control's website www.cdc.gov/travel/. We will be carrying Pepto-Bismal and other antidiarrheal medicine as part of our first-aid supplies. If your physician offers a prescription for diarrhea, it is a good idea to accept it.

Take photocopies of your passport or other ID. If you rely on prescription medications or glasses, take along a copy of the prescription. Please also indicate on the medical release form what medications you are taking. Please bring copies of your passport ID. Once we get to El Salvador, we will store our passports in a secure place and carry our copies.

Bring a friendly, flexible attitude. We will be experiencing things that may be very different from what we are used to, and it will be helpful if we can be open to these new experiences. One of our best opportunities for service will be to be patient listeners and friendly communicators across language barriers.

Additional Preparation: And, some required participation before the summer...

You will receive a letter in December with a schedule of monthly meetings in your area which will focus on cultural and spiritual preparation for the delegation. Your local youth leader or another interested adult will lead the monthly meetings. You will have reading to do between the meetings, and there will be videos to watch. In addition, there will be three all-group meetings: the first in January to get acquainted, the second in March as a chance to ask questions that arise through your study and reading, and the last in June to address last-minute issues and to pack our second bags with items we have collected to leave in El Salvador. Parents are welcome at the meetings. The more you know before you go, the richer your experience.

An **orientation** will be offered on our first day in Suchitoto, covering local customs and manners, developing our community expectations, and including a walking tour of Suchi.

Submit a completed application packet by November 1, 2013:
please send all completed forms (pp. 13-20 – non-notarized) to:

2013 Summer Youth Delegation
% Judith Dunham
480 Eden Street
Gilroy, CA 95020

Please note that the “Permission for Minor to Travel and Medical Authorization” form, page 13, needs to be notarized. This gives us permission to take your minor child outside of the U.S.

A notarized form is due with your non-refundable deposit.

None of the other forms need to be notarized, but please be sure they are signed (some require your minor child's signature, and some require witnesses).

After you have been notified that you have a place on the 2013 Summer Youth Delegation, Send the notarized “Permission for Minor to Travel and Medical Authorization” and a \$200.00 check to the address above.

Make checks payable to *Santa Cruz al Salvador*,
with “2013 Youth Delegation” on the memo line.

Questions??? Contact....

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Steve Barrett	(831) 663-6329	sbarrett@aol.com



Centro Arte para la Paz in Suchitoto

***Santa Cruz al Salvador* Summer Youth Delegation**

PLANNING CALENDAR:

September 2013

Informational meetings at churches

October 1, 2012

Registration Packets available online

Registration opens

- Send in application and completed forms pp. 12-19 by November 1. These will reserve your space. Non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due by December 1. All forms are needed by February 1. All payments are needed by June 1.
- Check your passport. If needed, apply for passport or renewal.
- Check with healthcare provider and find out immunization status and timeline for needed immunizations. Make appointments.

November 1, 2012

- Registration closes.
- Completed Application with all forms completed are due
(You will be notified by the end of November if you have a place on the delegation)

December 1, 2012

- Non-refundable deposit of \$200 due
- If minor, notarized Permission for Minor to Travel and Medical Treatment Authorization

January 1, 2013

- Monthly payment of \$200 due
- Check passport. If needed, apply for passport or renewal
- Check with healthcare provider for immunizations needed and timeline. Make appointments.
- Make appointment with notary and needed signatories

February 1, 2013

- Monthly payment of \$200 due
- All forms due

March 1, April 1, and May 1, 2013

Monthly payments of \$200 due

June 1, 2013

Final payment of about \$200 -\$350 due

Please keep pages 1-13 of this packet where you can refer to them as needed.

Pages 14-21 are the forms that are needed for your application.

Please complete all forms, with one exception: Page 15 is the medical release and travel permission form for minors (needs to be notarized by December 1) and page 16 is the adult medical release form.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Agenda (subject to change) Santa Cruz al Salvador 2013 Summer Youth Delegation					June 28 <u>Arrive</u> San Salvador <u>Meeting with:</u> Damian Alegria Nat'l Assembly <u>Lodging:</u> Oasis Hotel San Salvador	June 29 <u>Breakfast:</u> Oasis <u>Tour:</u> Museo Nacional de Antropología <u>Travel:</u> to Suchitoto <u>Lodging:</u> Centro Arte Suchitoto
						
June 30 <u>Breakfast:</u> Centro <u>Worship:</u> Centro Arte <u>Tour:</u> Museum at Centro Arte <u>Lodging:</u> Centro Arte Suchitoto	July 1 <u>Breakfast:</u> Centro <u>Spanish Class:</u> Pájaro Flor <u>Tour:</u> Cihuatán (Mayan site) <u>Lodging:</u> Centro Arte Suchitoto	July 2 <u>Breakfast:</u> Centro <u>Spanish Class:</u> Pájaro Flor <u>Workshop</u> Anil & Jewelry <u>Lodging:</u> Centro Arte Suchitoto	July 3 <u>Breakfast:</u> Centro <u>Spanish Class:</u> Pájaro Flor <u>Service;</u> Project <u>Lodging:</u> Centro Arte Suchitoto	July 4 <u>Breakfast:</u> Centro <u>Spanish Class:</u> Pájaro Flor <u>Tour:</u> Cinquera Los Tercios <u>Lodging:</u> Centro Arte Suchitoto	July 5 <u>Breakfast:</u> Centro <u>Spanish Class:</u> Pájaro Flor <u>Travel:</u> to Ungo <u>Lodging:</u> Home stays Ungo	July 6 <u>Breakfast:</u> Areli's <u>Tour:</u> Hike up Guazapa volcano <u>Lodging:</u> Home stays Ungo
July 7 <u>Breakfast:</u> Areli's <u>Worship:</u> Ungo Soccer Game <u>Lodging:</u> Home stays Ungo	July 8 <u>Breakfast:</u> Areli's <u>Service;</u> Projects at school & clinic <u>Lodging:</u> Home stays Ungo	July 9 <u>Breakfast:</u> Areli's <u>Service;</u> Projects at school & clinic <u>Lodging:</u> Home stays Ungo	July 10 <u>Breakfast:</u> Areli's <u>Tour:</u> Trip to Capital with group of Ungo students <u>Lodging:</u> Home stays Ungo	July 11 <u>Breakfast:</u> Areli's <u>Service;</u> Projects at school & clinic <u>Lodging:</u> Home stays Ungo	July 12 <u>Breakfast:</u> Areli's <u>Service;</u> Projects <u>Travel:</u> San Salvador Artisan Market <u>Meeting with:</u> Bishop Gomez <u>Lodging:</u> Oasis Hotel San Salvador	July 13 <u>Breakfast:</u> Oasis <u>Travel:</u> To airport for return flight

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Where We Are Going

Guesthouse in San Salvador

www.oasis.com.sv

Suchitoto, Cuscatlán, ES

<http://www.suchitoto-el-salvador.com/>

Language school in Suchitoto:

<http://www.pajaroflor.com/>

Hostel in Suchitoto:

<http://capsuchitoto.org/en/>

Cihuatán Archeological Park (Maya)

http://www.fundar.org.sv/e_cihuatan.html

General Travel Information

Travel Advisories:

<http://travel.state.gov/travel/>

Immunizations:

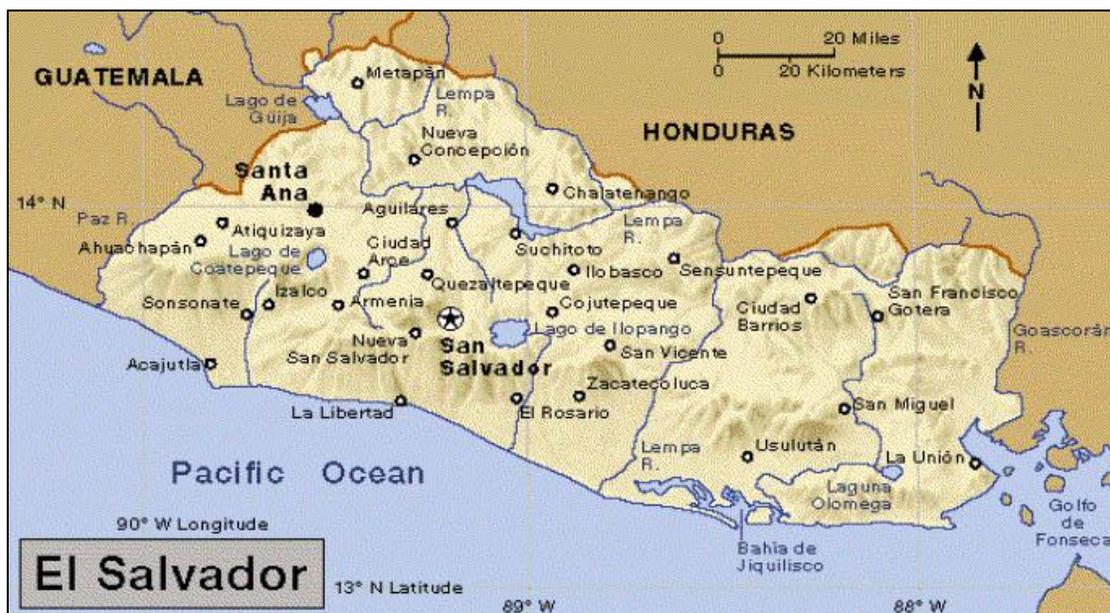
www.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx

(also check with your own doctor)

note: we are not going to an area infected with malaria or dengue

Passport:

www.travel.state.gov/passport/



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**APPLICATION
June 28 – July 13, 2013**

Legal Name (on passport) _____

Name you like to be called _____ Passport # _____ Expires _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____@_____ Occupation _____

If a minor, please complete the following:

Parent _____ Relationship: __mother __father __guardian

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Parent _____ Relationship: __mother __father __guardian

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Forms signed and submitted by November 1:

- ____ (Notarized) Permission for Minor to Travel and Medical Treatment Authorization
- ____ Agreement to Trip Conditions
- ____ Assumption of Risk, Release from Liability and Agreement
- ____ Participant Agreement, Release, and Assumption of risk
- ____ Background Information from Participants
- ____ Photo Release Form

Items due by December 1 AFTER notification that you have a place on the delegation:

- ____ **Notarized** Permission for Minor to Travel and Medical Treatment Authorization
- ____ \$200 non-refundable deposit made out to "Santa Cruz al Salvador"

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**NOTARIZED PERMISSION FOR MINOR TO TRAVEL
And MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION**

(Required for under 18; 18 and over complete adult form instead.)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My/our daughter/son _____ has permission to travel outside the U.S. during the months of June-July, 2013, in the company of Judith Dunham, Steve Barrett, or any other delegate of *Santa Cruz al Salvador*.

I/We hereby designate the above named adults as temporary legal guardians for the duration of this travel, and **authorize any medical treatment** deemed necessary by them. I/We understand that efforts will be made to contact me/us prior to medical treatment. In the event that contact is not deemed feasible, I/we give permission for any of the above named adults to obtain medical treatment for my/our son/daughter.

Allergies to food, drugs, insect bites or other (include treatment):

Diet restrictions or other special conditions: **NOTE: If there is confidential information you would like the chaperones to have, please attach a separate sheet.**

Medications participant will take on the trip: **All medications should be in original container with name and instructions clearly indicated.**

Health insurance carrier and ID number: _____

Date of recent immunizations: Tetanus shot _____ TDAP _____

Hepatitis A _____ Hepatitis B _____

Emergency contacts:

Notarized Signatures:

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

Notary: _____ Date _____

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MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION - ADULT FORM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I _____ plan to travel outside the U.S. during the months of June-July, 2013, in the company of Judith Dunham, Steve Barrett, and other delegates of *Santa Cruz al Salvador*.

I hereby authorize the above named adults, for the duration of this travel, to **authorize any medical treatment** deemed necessary by them in the event I am unable to make such decision for myself. I understand that efforts will be made to contact my designated emergency contact(s) listed below prior to medical treatment. In the event that contact is not deemed feasible, I give permission for any of the above named adults to obtain medical treatment on my behalf.

Allergies to food, drugs, insect bites or other (include treatment):

Diet restrictions or other special conditions: **NOTE: If there is confidential information you would like the leaders to have, please attach a separate sheet.**

Medications participant will take on the trip: **All medications should be in original container with name and instructions clearly indicated.**

Health insurance carrier and ID number: _____

Date of recent immunizations: Tetanus shot _____ TDAP _____

Hepatitis A _____ Hepatitis B _____

Emergency contacts:

Signature of Participant _____ **Date** _____

Name (Please print) _____

Santa Cruz al Salvador Summer Youth Delegation

AGREEMENT TO TRIP CONDITIONS

Please sign and return one copy and keep a copy for your records.

The cooperation and support of all participants will make our youth delegation a successful and rewarding experience for everyone involved. It is important that we hold a common picture of some standards for our time together. Please discuss the following conditions with your family, consider them carefully and let the delegation leaders know if you have any hesitation or concern about agreeing to any of them.

Because this is a time apart from the ordinary routines of our lives, it is a special opportunity to connect with others. Radios, CD players, etc. should be left at home, so that we can enter fully into the group experience.

During the trip:

1. No one under the age of twenty-one will buy, possess or use alcohol. No adult will buy, possess or use alcohol in the presence of minors. No one of any age will buy, possess, or use illegal drugs or other substances. No one will be in the presence of those who are engaging in any prohibited or illegal activity. No one will buy possess or transport items that are illegal in either El Salvador or the U. S. (fireworks, switchblades, paraphernalia, etc.)
2. For the purposes of this agreement, any form of tobacco will be considered an illegal substance for youth under the age of 18.
3. In the event of problems, every effort will be made to contact parents/ guardians. Whether or not such contact is made, group leaders' decisions will be honored. If chaperons deem it advisable for a student to return home early – either because of a medical condition or serious breach of this agreement – parents agree to **pay all costs**.
4. Any illness or injury must be reported promptly to a **chaperone**.
5. All participants will be cooperative and prompt in arriving at meeting places, work assignments and group activities and will remain with the group unless alternate arrangements have been specifically agreed on with **chaperones**.
6. Neither *Santa Cruz al Salvador* Board of Directors, delegation leaders, chaperones, nor parent organizers will be held liable for any injury or expense resulting from this trip.

I have read the trip conditions above and I agree to support them and abide by them.

_____	_____
Student	Date
_____	_____
Parent /Guardian	Date
_____	_____
Parent /Guardian	Date

Santa Cruz al Salvador Summer Youth Delegation

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT

Please sign and return one copy and keep a copy for your records.

1. I _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in a *Santa Cruz al Salvador* delegation to El Salvador that includes volunteer activities related to but not limited to construction.
2. I AM AWARE THAT THIS DELEGATION MAY INVOLVE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MEDICAL FACILITIES MAY NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF INJURY. I HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH.
3. As consideration for being permitted by *Santa Cruz al Salvador* Board of Directors, Judith Dunham, Steve Barrett, chaperones and organizers of this delegation to participate in these activities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, my heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Board of Directors, trip leaders or organizers, or the suppliers of any of the tools or equipment used in these activities, for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by any employee, agent, contractor of, or other participant in *Santa Cruz al Salvador* Summer Youth Delegation activities. I hereby release *Santa Cruz al Salvador* Board of Directors, Judith Dunham, Steve Barrett, chaperones and parent organizers, and any affiliated organizations from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, my heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in any trip activities sponsored or organized by *Santa Cruz al Salvador* Board of Directors, Judith Dunham, Steve Barrett, chaperones, or organizers.
4. I have carefully read this assumption of risk, release of liability, and release agreement and I fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and *Santa Cruz al Salvador* Board of Directors, Judith Dunham, Steve Barrett, chaperones and organizers and any of their affiliated organizations. I am signing this document of my own free will.

Executed at _____, on _____

Participant's Signature _____ Print name _____

If under 18, both parents must sign:

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Declaration of witness: I certify that the person(s) who signed above acknowledged in my presence that he/she had read and fully understood the meaning and consequences of the foregoing assumption of risk, release of liability, and agreement, and signed it in my presence.

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

Santa Cruz al Salvador Summer Youth Delegation
PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the services of *Santa Cruz al Salvador*, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "SCaS"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge SCaS, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that my participation in construction work, hiking, and traveling in El Salvador entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
The risks include among other things: slipping and falling; falling objects; injuries from use of tools, water hazards; exhaustion; exposure to temperature and weather extremes which could cause: hypothermia, hyperthermia, (heat related illnesses), heat exhaustion, sunburn, dehydration; and exposure to potentially dangerous wild animals, insect bites, and hazardous plant life; equipment failure; and improper lifting or carrying. Furthermore, SCaS employees and volunteers have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements, or the terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.
2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCaS from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of SCaS's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of SCaS.**
4. Should SCaS or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.
6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against SCaS, I agree to do so solely in the state of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against SCaS on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

If under 18, both parents must sign:

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Declaration of witness: I certify that the person(s) who signed above acknowledged in my presence that he/she had read and fully understood the meaning and consequences of the foregoing assumption of risk, release of liability, and agreement, and signed it in my presence.

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

***Santa Cruz al Salvador* Summer Youth Delegation**

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby give my permission for photographs, videos, and other images of

(print name)

to be used in articles for publication about our youth delegation or for publicizing future delegations by the *Santa Cruz al Salvador* Board of Directors, Judith Dunham or Steve Barrett.. This release is valid until withdrawn in writing by student or parent/guardian.

Signature of
adult delegate _____

Date _____

Signature of student _____

Date _____

Name of parent/guardian _____
(please print)

Signature of
Parent/guardian _____

Date _____