



CENTRAL AMERICAN MINISTRIES

Spring Break Volunteer Service Trip

February 23 – March 1, 2008

Guatemala City Garbage Dump

TRIP OVERVIEW: The Guatemala Spring Break Volunteer Service Trip is designed to raise consciousness and the levels of compassion, care, and empathy to the participants through direct interaction with the poor and suffering of Guatemala. Daily individual / communal reflection on the new experiences will challenge individuals to serve the poor and to commit to working for peace and justice.

Participants will work at CAM's Francisco Coll Elementary School and Santa Clara Nursery that serve families living on the rim of the Guatemala City Dump. Students will tutor and assist teachers and child-care workers each morning, and the afternoon will be dedicated to more physical projects such as painting, cleaning, or landscaping at the school and/or nursery. One day will be spent sight seeing in the colonial city of Antigua, Guatemala and in Guatemala City.

TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip airfare on Continental Airlines and ground transportation in Guatemala is included in the price of the trip. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements to and from Detroit Metro Airport. (Transportation to and from Detroit Metro Airport is NOT included.)

ACCOMMODATIONS: Participants will be lodged at the Casa Claret Retreat House (Claretian priests) in Guatemala City. For 15 years, CAM has partnered with Casa Claret Retreat House. Breakfast and dinner will be provided Saturday through Friday at the retreat house, while a picnic lunch will be shared each day at the service sites.

COST: The 2008 cost is \$600 double accommodation, \$750 single accommodation, is due Jan. 15, 2008. Each participant is expected to secure the funds necessary to pay for his/her participation and pay on time to secure airline tickets and reservations. **Additional expenses for souvenirs, transportation to and from Detroit Metro Airport, migrations exit fee in Guatemala, approximately 3 – 4 meals, snacks, and tips are to be paid by participants.** Please figure approximately \$200 for additional personal expenses. Also, all participants are responsible for having a valid passport and all necessary vaccines and immunizations updated.

Application: Please return the **General Information Form, Registration Form, Participant Release Form, Team Member Service Agreement, Medical Information Form, copy of your passport, and check** to Central American Ministries (CAM) by **Jan. 15, 2008.**

Orientation Program: Participant will have an orientation and preparation meeting in January 28, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the CAM office. At the meeting, all of the final details will be explained and any questions will be answered regarding the Guatemala City International Service Experience.

Central America and Beyond: Participants will have the opportunity to meet for reflection and to share their experience. All participants are encouraged to continue their support to CAM programs in Guatemala.

IMPORTANT: Central American Ministries reserves the right to suspend / alter this program if fewer than 10 participants register and if issues pertaining to security, health, weather, or living conditions arise that pose an unnecessary risk to all participants. If canceled, refunds would be made to the extent possible, excluding all non-refundable monies for airfare and those already transferred to Central America.