

**Itinerary:**

- ✘ **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Morning flight to Managua. Bus will meet us at airport. Settle in and have briefing. Afternoon outreach. Dinner and worship.
- ✘ **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast, quiet time, outreaches, work projects and evangelism outreaches. Dinner and worship.
- ✘ **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Flight to Houston.

**Housing:**

We will be staying at the home of missionaries Mike and Sue Buzbee. They have a beautiful acreage with small cottages for men and women.

**Transportation:** Air (Continental Airlines and bus in country).

**Costs:**

- \$1200 per person. Includes airfare, housing, ground transportation, visas, departure taxes, medical insurance and most meals.  
Deposit and application due Feb. 1 - \$200  
First Payment due March 15 - \$300  
Second Payment due April 19 - \$400  
Balance due May 17 - \$400

**Required Documents Checklist:**

- \_\_\_\_ Mission Application
- \_\_\_\_ Medical Release
- \_\_\_\_ Passport (check expiration date)
- \_\_\_\_ Parent Release to Travel (if under 18)

**Immunizations**

Tetanus – required  
Hepatitis A - recommended

**Money:**

You will need money for 2 meals in the airport and any snacks and small souvenirs that you wish to bring home. Please remember to carry cash only, NO CREDIT CARDS or Travelers Checks.

**Suggestions for a Successful Trip:**

Begin praying for the trip and the people we will serve. Be flexible and bring a positive attitude.

**Luggage Requirements:**

The size limitation of your luggage is calculated by adding the total outside dimensions of each bag (length + width + height).

- One checked bag at 62in/157cm. Maximum weight: 50lbs.
- One carry-on bag at 45in/114cm. Maximum weight: 40lbs.

We will need you to provide a second bag for supplies if possible. You will then be responsible for getting that bag to the airport.

## Packing List

- Bible, pen, and notebook
- Long pants for outreach
- T-shirts (no tank tops or belly shirts)
- Closed-toe shoes
- Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Underwear/socks
- Pajamas
- Towel
- Shower shoes
- Rain gear
- Sunglasses/sunscreen/hat
- Toiletries
- Tissues
- Medicine in prescription bottle or box (anti-diarrhea)
- Chewable Pepto-Bismol
- Antibacterial wipes (wipes are more effective than the gel)
- Small first-aid kit (one per family)
- 1 roll of toilet paper (per family)
- Bug repellent
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Flashlight
- Snack food – individually packaged (if desired)
- Work gloves
- One piece swimsuit and coverup
- Hair ties
- ZipLock Bags

## Sample Support Letter to send to friends and family:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Hello, (Greeting, according to who you're writing and how well you know them.)

I am writing to tell you a little about what has been happening in my life and the opportunity I have for this summer.

This summer,     date    , I will be traveling with a mission team from my church, Bethany United Methodist Church, Texas to Nicaragua on a short-term mission trip. My team will be serving very poor families in the dump in Managua. These families have no running water or electricity and suffer from malnutrition and lack of medical care. My team will be taking medical and dental supplies, food and clothing. We will help repair homes, serve meals, lead Vacation Bible School, lead sports outreaches and evangelistic concerts, and share about the hope and love of God.

The cost of the trip is \$1200. Would you consider becoming a partner with me and being a part of this outreach to the people of Nicaragua? All of my support must be raised by May 17. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, you may make your check payable to: Bethany United Methodist Church – Nicaragua Missions. All donations are tax deductible. You may send the check to (your address).

I would also like to ask for your prayers for the people we will meet and serve and for my team as we prepare to go. Please pray that God will use me in a great way and that many people will come to know God's love for them. Please pray that our hearts would be open to however God wants to use us.

Thank you in advance for your support through donation or prayer. I know God will do great things for the people of Nicaragua whom we will be serving, as well as our team this summer!

May God bless you and your family,

(Name)

Kim, don't print this with packet.

## Your Personal Testimony

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your life before you became a Christian:**

**Describe how you came to know Christ personally:**

**Explain how your life is different since you have known Christ:**

# Nicaragua Mission Trip

June 20-27, 2009

## MISSION REGISTRATION

*Complete One Release per Person*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit: Check Cash  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Date of Expiration  
          \_\_\_ Will obtain for trip

T-shirt Size (optional)

S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_  
XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

T-shirts \$10

### Adult Release

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to attend the Mission Trip to Managua, Nicaragua on June 20-27, 2009. I will not hold Bethany United Methodist Church, its representatives or volunteers responsible for any injury that I could incur while on this trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Minor Permission and Release (if under 18 years of age)

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to attend the Mission Trip to Managua, Nicaragua on June 20-27, 2009. I will not hold Bethany United Methodist Church, its representatives or volunteers responsible in the event he/she becomes injured.

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/ Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date