



Meetings will typically be held in the Expedition office between services at 9:45 - 10:45 AM.

Required Team Meetings: *Missing more than two meetings will potentially disqualify you from the trip.*

- 2/9
- Future meeting dates TBD

Required Reading:

- [Book - When Helping Hurts](#)
- Team Training Handbook

TRIP OVERVIEW

Dates: May 1st - 9th, 2020

Trip Itinerary: An official itinerary will be established closer to our departure. We will be anticipating the following activities:

5/1 - 5/2: *Travel to community.*

- Approximately 8hrs travel time from Payson to Guatemala City.
- Approximately 8hrs travel time from Guatemala City to community.

5/3 - 5/7: *Engage with community.*

- Relational ministry
- Work projects
- Visit families of sponsored children
- Meet with community leaders
- Capture stories

5/7 - 5/9: *Team debrief in Antigua and travel home.*

TRIP REQUIREMENTS

Managed Missions profile: FH requires us to create an online profile and sign up for Expedition's trip. Click the [Managed Mission link](#) to create a new profile and select our trip. (**See page 5 for more details.**)

- **NOTE FOR MINORS:** Please speak with Expedition team leaders if you have a minor traveling with you before filling out their online profile. Minors traveling with the team are required to have their parent/legal guardian sign the Disclosure of Risk for Minors. Minors under 13 years of age are required to have their parent/legal guardian sign the Protection Policy. Instructions and forms are available on the [Team Essentials](#) website.

Application: Please fill out the online application <https://expeditionchurch.breezechms.com/form/60a7ea95>

Trip Commitment Form: Attached is a form that states the commitment required for all team members attending Expedition's trip to Guatemala this spring. Please read, sign, and return the form to an Expedition team leader.

Passport: You will need a passport to travel. Please verify your passport has not expired. If you need to apply for a passport, you should do so ASAP. Get started online at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

Trip Costs: *approximately \$1600*

- Airfare ~ \$700 - \$800
- Trip program costs ~ \$800 - \$900

Additional Costs:

- Immunizations ~ \$100 - \$200 (Call [Passport Health](#) for information regarding recommended immunizations)
- Additional expenses (travel food, shopping, etc...) ~ \$100

Deadlines:

- **March 1st** – Submit trip commitment form and application (attached).
- **March 1st** – [Managed Mission](#) profile completed
- **March 1st** – \$200 deposit due
- **April 1st** – Trip balance due and passport obtained.

FUNDRAISING

Biblically speaking, the funds you need to do what God has called you to do are already there. He owns it all! We like to use the term “fund-gathering” not fundraising, because God is eager to provide for the work He is doing. Gathering funds takes diligence and follow-up. It’s crucial you articulate your personal convictions and know your “why” for going on such a trip. Take some time to pray, ponder, and write down your purpose and reasons for serving in this way. As you write and share, tell the story. Use specific stories to help people connect with your passion to go. If you put in the work you WILL raise the support. Create a timeline to send your letters and plan to follow-up and thank donors. Start with friends and family. Help potential donors understand the part they are playing in your ministry and how their generosity is resulting in changed lives. Connect supporters' partnership with you to transformation in a place of great need. Remember that support comes in many forms. More important than finances, we will need spiritual support through prayer to be effective on this trip. If you happen to raise more than you need, the extra funds will be distributed among trip members who are in a deficit or toward the current Guatemala project fund.

- Send support letters. (*We recommend you send out a min. of 80 letters. Attached are two different examples of a support letter for you to use as a template.*)
- Use social media platforms to raise awareness to friends and family.
- Fundraising will be the responsibility of the individual. Expedition Church will not be responsible for planning/executing any fundraising opportunities.

Checks: Supporters should write checks to Expedition Church noting *Guatemala* **AND** the recipient of the funds on a sticky note attached to the check (not in the memo).

*Attention to:
Guatemala Support*

*Address:
301 S. Colcord Rd
Payson, AZ 85541*

Online: Donors can give online at expedition.church/give/.

1. Click the "GIVE ONLINE" button.
2. Select the fund "Guatemala Trip".
3. Select the recipient's name in the sub fund list.

Funds should be turned in directly to Expedition Administrative Director (Hannah) at the office.

You may request online giving updates from our Administrative Director: hannah@expedition.church

We highly recommend you personally track your finances and ask donors to notify you when and how much they give if possible.

Don't forget to thank those who support you!

Mission Trip 2020 Commitment Form

- I understand that by joining the Expedition mission team to Guatemala, I will be representing Expedition Church and, more importantly, Jesus Christ during this trip.
- I understand that this mission trip will involve a preparation process for ministry. I will commit to attending all team meetings and fulfilling my responsibilities for team preparation.
- I understand and am aware of the financial commitment required to attend this trip and assume full responsibility for the financial requirements*.
- If I am unable to attend this trip, Expedition Church will issue a refund for any refundable expenses and release me from financial obligation. I understand some expenses will not be refundable.
- I understand that if I fail to meet the expectations or deadlines required as a team member, this will jeopardize my ability to go and I will be subject to the team leaders' discretion.

Signing this document means you understand and agree to the above statements and are committing to all the requirements within the given deadlines.

Signature: _____

Participants who are under 18 years of age must also have at least one parent or guardian signature.

***Approximate trip program cost and airfare = \$1700** (Does not include costs of immunizations and miscellaneous expenses.)

Online Travel Profile—Instructions for Team Members

Thank you for joining with Food for the Hungry! Every individual that travels with Food for the Hungry is required to complete an online Travel Profile prior to their departure.

Before you begin filling out your online Travel Profile, please gather the following information:

- **Passport**
- **Emergency Contact Information**
- **Personal Health Information/Prescriptions**
- **Sponsored Child Name and ID Number (If you would like to visit a sponsored child)**

Travel Profile Instructions

Go to the following <https://fh.managedmissions.com/MissionApplication/Start/20578>

The link above will direct you to log in or create a new account. Please create a new account.

2. After you are logged in:

Complete the first section titled "Personal Info."

At the bottom of the page there are three options: **Go Back** , **Save** or **Next**

Please choose Next.

The second section is titled "Travel Info."

Please utilize the section titled "Health Concerns/Medications" to list prescription medications, any condition for which you are currently receiving medical treatment (or for which you are under medical observation), prior or ongoing mental health issues, prior or ongoing treatment for an infectious disease or a serious illness or health issue.

Once you are finished, you will be offered three options: **Go Back** , **Save** or **Next**

Please choose Next.

The third page will list the trip you are going on. Please verify your trip by selecting **Next**.

The final step is to read and agree to adhere to the following: Food for the Hungry Statement of Vision, Mission and Faith, Traveler's Agreement, Disclosure of Risk and the Protection Policy.

At the end of this section, there are three options: **Go Back**, **Save** or **Submit Application**.

Please choose Submit Application.

Sample Support Letters

Lance in Rwimbogo

Celebrating 10 years of transformation...



Jonas

We have had the joy of knowing and sponsoring Jonas for nearly 10 years. Jonas is aspiring to become an electrician and a pastor.



Naome

On my last visit to Rwimbogo, I was able to visit our newest sponsored child, Naome. She was eager to show me the photos of our children, Carter, Preslie, and Harlan, she had received from our letters.

NEW HOPE IN RWIMBOGO, RWANDA

For 10 years, Expedition Church has partnered with Food For The Hungry to come alongside the most vulnerable and marginalized of Rwanda. The devastation of the genocide that took place in the mid-90s left families broken and in despair. Expedition Church chose to stand in the gap and, thankfully, God has done some awesome things through our relationship in Rwimbogo. Thousands of lives have been changed by people seeking to love marginalized people like Jesus did. *Through the years we have...*

- **Sponsored children** of Rwimbogo - providing education, health care, spiritual care, and family support to hundreds of children.
- Provided countless **cows, goats, and chickens** that reproduce - a sustainable, reproducible engine for daily sustenance and economic health.

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- Provided **school desks and supplies** for the local primary school that serves thousands of students.
- Built a school teacher **dormitory**, 10 residential **houses** for needy families, and school **lavatories**.
- Raised \$70k for a community **maternity ward** that will provide a safe birthing place for infants and mothers.
- Provided a **clean water** source that is the most dependable and most used water in the community.
- We have come alongside passionate entrepreneurs, both men and women, to fund **cooperative business opportunities and economic engines** within Rwimbogo, including tilapia ponds that multiply and basket manufacturing to name a few.
- Gave out over 130 **bikes to needy families** to increase their earning potential and transportation capacity.
- Our team has organized and conducted multiple **pastor and leader trainings** and handed out hundreds of **bibles** within the community in their native language.
- Our partnership has allowed Food For The Hungry to staff the community of Rwimbogo with wonderful, loving, full-time local staff members who daily support families in need.
- Advocated for the most vulnerable in Rwanda raising hundreds of thousands of dollars and inspiring hundreds of people to do something to make a difference.



WHAT'S NEXT

I am so excited to lead our team to Rwanda this September. This will be our final trip to Rwimbogo, as the community graduates from our support and partnership. Due to the programming of Food For The Hungry, the generosity of the people of Expedition Church, and the work of God, Rwimbogo now stands as a self-sustaining community. We will visit to empower and encourage leaders to use the tools and support they have received to further the health of their community.

Our team will be conducting nurse and infant care training at the newly built maternity ward (funded by Expedition Church), leadership and ministry training, visiting families of sponsored children, and meeting with government and community leaders to ensure Rwimbogo's graduation from the support of Expedition Church transitions well and thoughtful plans for the future are in place.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

I want to celebrate the unbelievable transformation that is taking place in Rwimbogo with my friends and family. I want you to see and experience the work God does in hard places when people live generous lives. I want you to be encouraged that, despite all the *wrong* in the world, God is still inspiring hope and giving abundant life to all.

I'm convinced that inviting friends and family to partner with me gives you an opportunity you may very well long for. We can be people who make a difference and who refuse to sit idle when there are great needs to be met. We are blessed so we can bless others. Please consider partnering with me and Expedition Church's team. Play a role in God's story of hope and restoration in Rwimbogo, Rwanda. Nichole and I thank you for any prayer or financial commitments you make towards this trip.

DONATE

If you would like to contribute financially, all donations are tax deductible. The total trip cost is approximately \$3500.

Checks: Write checks to Expedition Church with "Rwanda - Lance" in the memo.

- Mail to: 301 S. Colcord Rd. Payson, AZ 85541

Online: Donors can give online [here](#). (or copy link - expedition.church/give/)

- Click the "GIVE ONLINE" button (or click [here](#)).
- Select "Rwanda" and fill out the information.
- In the "Donation/Payment Information" window, write "Lance" in the *organization* field.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TRANSFORMATION IN RWANDA?

- The Beginning: [Full Video](#)
- [2015 Trip](#)
- [Food For The Hungry](#)



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Friends and Family,

I am writing this letter with much excitement for what God is doing in our lives and the lives of others! He is so faithful and powerful; I am in awe of Him. This September I will be traveling with a group from Expedition church to Rwimbogo, Rwanda, Africa to serve on a short-term mission team with Food for the Hungry. The purpose of this trip is to share the love of Jesus Christ through our words and deeds. Specifically, my time will be spent:

Participating in: (Fill in itinerary)

The mission trip dates are September 1st-(TBD). The first and most important thing I am asking for is your prayers, as everything about this trip is in God's capable hands. I am also asking for financial support if God lays it on your heart to support in this way. I am SO grateful for the donations I have already received. These donations will be covering my airline ticket and ground costs. It is necessary that I raise 3500 by August 1st. If I am unable to raise this amount by the deadline, it is very possible I will not be able to attend this trip but the amount donated will be returned to you.

I have no doubt this experience will be life-changing and I am excited to share it with you. If you do choose to financially support me you can:

Return to me in the enclosed, pre-addressed/stamped envelope a check, all donations within the United States will be tax deductible if checks are made out to Expedition church and in the memo it should say Rwanda mission trip money for Hanna Golembewski.

OR

Through online donation, visit <http://expedition.church/give/> and scroll towards the bottom of the page and click on the give online tab under the words online transaction. Then follow the directions to give a donation, there will be a place to write my name for your donation to directly benefit my funds alone.

Thank you so much for everything you guys do for me financially and spiritually, anything and everything is so appreciated. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I prepare and serve in Rwanda.

Love,

Hanna Golembewski