

# PHILIPPINES YOUTH MISSION TRIP

## PLEASANT HILL & HILO SDA CHURCHES

**JUNE 10-21, 2020**

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### MISSION TRIP INFORMATION PACKET

#### **PROJECT BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION**

We want to make sure we continue to provide overseas mission trips for our youth. We want our youth to remember that it is not just about our comfortable life here in California, but that there are people around the world that need us to do God's work.

This is a joint mission project with Hilo SDA Church. Hilo Church will have about 30 attending. We estimate at least 20 youth from the Pleasant Hill Church. The cost will decrease, if the number of youth participating increases.

Location: Northeast Luzon Adventist College (NELA College); Mabini, Alicia, Isabela, Philippines.

Isabel is considered a poor province. The academy (elementary and high school) has been established for over 50 years, but the college program just started five years ago. Families cannot afford academic courses.

A vocational classroom and laboratory are being setup, offering trade skills to those who cannot afford it.

#### **PROJECT SCOPE**

The vocational classroom and laboratory project costs \$80,000, so far \$30,000 has been raised and the rest will come from missionary donations.

What we will provide:

The finishing of the vocational building project

Medical, dental, and vision services

Nightly evangelistic meetings and Vacation Bible School

## LEADERS AND CHAPERONES

Leaders: Pastor Miguel Verazas, Cheri Cautiverio

Chaperones: Rachel De Gracia, Andre Cautiverio, Jordan Greene, Gabriel and Erika Alvarado

## REQUIREMENTS

- Cost: \$1900
- Payment due dates:
  - September 29 - \$250 (non-refundable)
  - October 29 - \$240
  - November 29 - \$240
  - December 29 - \$240
  - January 29 - \$240
  - February 29 - \$240
  - March 29 - \$240
  - April 29 - \$210
- Must be at least 14 years old and in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the start of the 2019/2020 school year.
- All youth 17 or younger will need to have a letter notarized with parental permission to go on this trip with Pastor Miguel as guardian. (Form will be provided)
- Youth are responsible for securing and funding their passports. Passports must be good for at least 7 months passed the trip date. **If you don't already have a passport, please apply for one by November 30.**
- Youth will check with their own physicians for any required vaccinations and the need for malaria pills.
- Travel insurance is provided through the Northern California Conference.
- Everyone must provide proof of medical insurance coverage.
- Youth will earn funds from individual and group fundraisers that they participate in. If they are absent from a fundraiser, they will not benefit from that fundraiser. They must be present from start to finish for each fundraising project.

## **ITINERARY**

June 10 (Wed) – Fly from San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to Manila, Philippines (direct flight, about 15 hours)

June 10-11 (Wed-Thurs) – Tour Manila, Luneta, Makati, MOA

June 11 (Thurs night) – Arrive at NELA College, our mission destination via sleeper bus

June 12 (Fri) – Day 1 Work

June 13 (Sabbath) – Worship Service

June 14 (Sun) – Day 2 Work

June 15 (Mon) – Day 3 Work

June 16 (Tue) – Day 4 Work

June 17 (Wed) – Day 5 Work

June 18 (Thurs) – Day 6 Work

June 19 (Fri) – Day 7 Work

June 20 (Sabbath) – Worship Service/Baptism

June 21 (Sun) – Leave for Manila by bus; fly from Manila to SFO (direct flight)

## **FUNDRAISING**

There will be fundraisers. The schedule will be posted, when the details are confirmed. Page 7 and 8 are the sponsor letter than each participant can use.

## **SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

Classrooms, air mattresses, fans (working on air conditioning)

## **MEALS**

All meals will be provided by a vegan chef, Marshall Freitas, from Hilo SDA Church, with the exception of when we are traveling to and from our trip location.

## DRESS CODE

Loose-fitting t-shirts, shorts **must** be finger-tip length), or pants. Only wide strap tank tops.

**While at the worksite:** Preferably, jeans or long pants (scrubs are cooler), old t-shirts and closed-toed shoes. You are allowed to wear shorts on the worksite only if pants are not needed for the job that you are doing.

**Swimsuit:** Girls may wear a one piece or a tankini-style suit that covers the torso (no lowcut swimsuits) and must wear shorts over their swimsuit to swim in. Two-piece suits must be covered with a dark colored t-shirt.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- Respect the dress code.
- Be respectful to each other, other groups, and your Mission Trip Leaders.
- No profanity or abusive language.
- No public displays of affection and no isolation from the group.
- Respectful use of property. You will be held responsible for destruction or damage to property.

## PACKING LIST

- Twin size air mattress or cushioned mat
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Large water bottle to carry with you at worksites
- Sunglasses and hat
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Towels (shower and swimming)
- Small tote bag to carry stuff to and from showers
- Shower flip-flops
- Bible, pen/pencil
- Swimsuit (see swimsuit guidelines above)

- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- Work shoes: old pair of tennis shoes or boots. NO open-toe shoes or flip-flops allowed at the worksite!
- Safety gear: bring your own work gloves & protective glasses or goggles.
- Work clothes: old t-shirts, jeans or scrubs. We PREFER long pants on the worksite to reduce the risk of scrapes, bites, etc. (Walmart has scrubs for around \$12)
- Work gloves
- Bring at least one long sleeved shirt and two pants to work in.
- Optional: small battery operated personal fan. There is limited plug space, so NO plug-in fans.
- Games to play during travel.
- Any additional snacks you want personally.
- Spending money

### **LABEL ALL OF YOUR STUFF!!!**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- We will have a fully stocked first aid kit with us at all times. We also have a registered nurse on our trip.
- Medications: All "prescription" medications need to be placed in a zip lock bag with student's name and specific instructions and will be kept with our nurse to dispense.
- It is preferred that electronic devices of any kind stay at home (except cell phones)!
- It is important that our youth open their hearts and minds to doing the Lord's work. One way to prepare them is to encourage them to leave their "busy life" behind for 11 days. This will enable them to focus their hearts where they need to be. This will be an incredible opportunity for spiritual growth, so please encourage your students on this. Parents, you will receive a contact list with the cell numbers of every adult on the trip. If there is any problem or question, we will contact you, or you can contact us at any time.

## **FACEBOOK**

There will be a Facebook page/group setup where you can follow us on our trip! Please join the group/like the page and stay up-to-date! On the page, we will do our best to post daily updates, pictures, etc. so you can stay engaged at home, pray for certain needs, and follow the wonderful work your students are doing for Christ. This area has poor internet service, so be patient if we are not posting! Use your look-up tool on Facebook for Philippines Mission Trip 2020, once our we set it up.

## **MISSION TRIP APPLICATION**

You may apply for this mission trip online. The link to the application will be emailed to you. One paragraph describing why you would like to go on this mission trip is required. We want all youth to have the opportunity to attend this mission trip and they should all be responsible to work and earn the money to get there. Everyone will have the opportunity to fundraise for this trip and money should not keep anyone from going on this trip. Talk to one of the leaders, if you have questions.

## Pleasant Hill SDA Church – PHILIPPINES YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2020

The Pleasant Hill SDA Church has been impressed to embark on a mission trip to the Philippines.

Isabela is one of the three provinces comprising the Cagayan Valley Region. Due to its geographical location, the region is prone to strong storms and powerful hurricanes thus impoverishing the residents as their main livelihoods are farming and fishing, both highly affected by the unpredictable weather. Too many times, the residents lose their long-anticipated produce and harvest due to flood and torrential rain.

The whole Cagayan Valley has only one SDA Academy and College known as NELA College or Northeast Luzon Adventist College, which is our mission trip destination. The college program at NELA College has been open since 2010, although it has been an elementary and high school academy for over 60 years. The region is one of the poorest regions in the country and because of this economic plight, many cannot afford to earn a college degree. There is a great need to build a technical and vocational classroom and laboratory to accommodate students that are in need of technical and vocational courses. It has been five years since the school and its alumni started promoting and soliciting for this project, but to date, they are not even halfway there. The Lord has been working miracles in providing the needs of this growing institution through solicited and unexpected donors and funds to build classrooms and meet other needs. They believe we are an answer to their prayers for this particular need and that our mission to help them is another miracle in the making.

Our mission trip also includes evangelistic meetings, Vacation Bible School and general medical, dental, and vision services, allowing us to reach not only their spiritual needs, but also their physical needs.

My participation in this Mission Trip requires me to raise \$1900. Your financial support in any amount is greatly appreciated. Your donation will help build this direly needed edifice and help me fulfill this exciting and amazing cross – cultural journey of services, friendships and unforgettable experiences and although you will not be with me physically, I consider you as my partner in sharing our blessings to those less fortunate

than we are and because you share your prayer and donation, you share the joy of service with me and my missionary companions. Only heaven knows the extent of your help.

Please make your check payable to Pleasant Hill SDA Church and mail it to Ely De Gracia, Mission Treasurer, Pleasant Hill SDA Church, 800 Grayson Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Please include this sheet with your donation.

Thank you for your prayers and donation.

In God's love,

Please fill out sponsor information below and mail it with your donation.

Donor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mission Trip Participant \_\_\_\_\_

For questions about your donation, you may email [office@pleasanthilladventist.org](mailto:office@pleasanthilladventist.org).