

Adult Mission Trip Opportunity in Partnership with Venice Presbyterian Church, FL.

“Guatemala Stove Team”

Purpose: To be ambassadors of God's care and comfort to impoverished Guatemalans through the provision of safe and efficient stoves and water filters.

When: March 7- March 16, 2015.

Where: central highlands of Guatemala

Team size: Approximately 16

Team leaders: Jim and Lois Weeks, Dick Edmunds

Background: Twenty percent of Guatemalan children die by age five primarily due to pneumonias and dysentery related to the use of unvented open fires for cooking and impure water. By providing efficient vented stoves and water filters we can greatly impact the health and sorrow of these families.

Overview: As a stover you will travel to villages in the central highlands of Guatemala at elevations of 4000 - 6000 feet. Seventy two families and their local school will be fitted with stoves and filters throughout a community that can require considerable walking on uneven paths, grade, and elevations we are not accustomed to. Therefore, people with significant hip, knee, cardiac, and respiratory problems are not good candidates for this mission. A prayer of blessing and dedication is held with each family at the completion of the installation as the delighted owner lights the stove for the first time with new hope.

At the end of the work week the team travels back to historic Antigua for a unique time of worship and reflection on Sunday, returning home on Monday.

Expect to:

- Make new friends and bonds as we work together and share in devotional time together.
- Experience a very different culture and segment of society.
- Have stereotypes challenged.
- Work hard but be renewed.
- Experience God as he shows up and shows off in "unlikely" circumstances.

Requirements:

Current US passport

Situational flexibility

Participation in team preparations

Capability of sustained walking on uneven terrain at grade and elevation

Cost: Approximately \$1,100 plus airfare (\$450-\$700).

Commitment is need by November 30. Questions, see/call Brian Falk #262-363-3488 or the church office.