

Frequently Asked Questions About Nicaragua

What Type of Work Is Done in Nicaragua?

Grace works with El Porvenir to support rural communities by providing essential resources. In recent years, Grace has helped build latrines to improve sanitation and stoves to promote clean air. El Porvenir also emphasizes the importance of clean water, which may become a future project. Access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene is crucial for everyone in the community.

Is It Safe to Travel to Nicaragua?

The Grace mission leader collaborates closely with El Porvenir, monitoring travel recommendations for any restrictions or limitations. If El Porvenir determines that travel is unsafe, the trip will be canceled to ensure everyone's safety.

Are Extra Immunizations Required?

No additional immunizations are necessary. Your standard US immunizations are sufficient for travel. However, there have been more issues with mosquitos. You might ask your doctor about the best protection for you. Treating your clothing is another option along with the use of insect repellent.

Is There Physical Labor Involved?

Yes, participants can expect to do a variety of physical jobs, both inside and outside the homes, such as construction and other tasks. However, there is a job for everyone, regardless of physical ability.

Accommodations: Where Do You Sleep?

El Porvenir uses the fees paid by participants to secure clean and safe hotels for the team. These accommodations include running water and flushing toilets for comfort and convenience.

Are the Food and Water Safe?

Meals are prepared by a dedicated cook provided by El Porvenir, ensuring all food is safe to eat. Additionally, bottled water is always available to prevent any issues with drinking water.

Do You Need to Speak Spanish?

No knowledge of Spanish is required. El Porvenir provides a staff member to accompany the group at all times, translating and assisting with any needs. This person also works alongside the team in the community.

Will You Meet People in the Community?

Absolutely! The translator will help facilitate conversations with homeowners and other community members, allowing you to meet and connect with many people each day.

What Clothes Should You Bring?

Participants should pack lightweight work clothes and sturdy work shoes (boots) that can get dirty. Since it often sprinkles, a poncho or light rain jacket is recommended, along with a backpack for carrying gloves and water each day. You may bring your own water bottle or use a disposable one during the trip.

What Does a Typical Day Look Like?

- 7:00 AM: Breakfast together at the hotel
- 8:00 AM: Depart for the community work site
- 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Work on assigned projects
- 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Lunch in the community
- 1:30-3:30 Work in the community
- 3:30 PM: End the workday and return to the hotel
- 4:00-6:00 Rest, shower, and prepare for dinner
- 6:00 PM: Dinner at a local house or restaurant (all meals are shared together)
- 8:00 PM: Return to the hotel and rest for the next day

Is Experience Fun?

A resounding yes! Participants find the experience enjoyable and fulfilling. We also find time for a few games if people aren't too tired.

Is the Work Rewarding?

Absolutely! The work is highly rewarding and makes a meaningful impact on the community

As the journey unfolds, participants often discover unexpected moments of friendship, cultural exchange, and personal growth. The close collaboration with El Porvenir and local residents fosters a sense of unity and shared purpose, making each day both meaningful and memorable.

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said: **HERE I AM. SEND ME. ISAIAH 6:8***

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

