

# SENT: Nicaragua 2017

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Missions Experience

Thank you for your interest of international missions. Our churches,

**LIFE CONNECTION & SEVERNA PARK**

**BAPTIST** are excited to partner together to reach the unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



This packet hopes to answer a few questions for those interested in going on our first trip. It is our hope that there will be several trips in the future to various places in South America and beyond as we explore various partnerships.

### WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Our mission trip will be partnering with The Messiah Project in Masaya, Nicaragua (<http://www.mpnica.org/>) This is a trusted organization that works with mission groups. Lodging is dorm style and provides food and ministry opportunities.



Messiah Project  
NICARAGUA

Reaching out to the least and the last with the love of God



### WHAT WILL WE DO?

We will likely be doing various things like: Bible storying, children's ministry like VBS and care, evangelism, minor labor projects, prayer walking and the likes.

### WHEN ARE WE GOING?

- ✪ August 8-15, 2017
- ✪ We need commitments & airfare **\$650 by April 3**
- ✪ We need **\$560 for M.P. by June 26.**

### WHAT WILL I NEED & HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

- \*Passports (before 6mo expiration of travel date)
- \*Messiah Project Release Forms (enclosed)
- \*Medical: Tetanus, Hepatitis A, (check with your doctor and health insurance)
- \*Airfare: \$600-\$800; we will try to order as a group for cost effectiveness
- \*Travel Insurance: ~\$16 group
- \*Nicaragua Entry Fee: \$10
- \*Food money going & returning in airports: ~\$15
- \*Sightseeing Day (food, shopping, etc.): ~\$100
- \*Blessing (optional gift donation to MPNICA)



Enclosed is a packet from The Messiah Project with the following information:

- General Group Information                      → Team Preparation Meetings
- Logistics & Ministry Schedule                → Things To Bring
- Liability Release Agreement / Emergency Medical Forms

## PRAY PRAY PRAY

When we seek to advance the gospel and God's kingdom then know it will not be easy. This is a spiritual battle and our weapons are prayer and Scripture. Read Ephesians 6:10-20 about the "Armor of God". Use these Scriptures as a guideline to pray in preparation for this mission journey.

## PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

- ✪ Conduct/Attitude: 2Cor 5:20 "we are ambassadors for Christ". Respect, service and flexibility are all key
- ✪ Group: Follow MPNICA directions and remember modest clothing to not distract others.
  - Dress Women: No shorts in villages; wear pants or caprice or skirt below knee in villages. Blouses/tops should be modest & non-revealing which excludes thin straps. Preferred shoes are tennis shoes and also shower shoes recommended.
  - Dress Men: Wear pants in villages. No shorts or muscle/sleeveless shirts. Preferred shoes are tennis shoes and also shower shoes recommended.
  - Culture: beware comfort zones will be challenged physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
    - Poverty is great. Prepare for what you will see, smell, and sense.
    - Weather is hot & rainy.
    - Cleanliness, Timeliness, Technology. These are areas that will require flexibility. You will want to bring hand sanitizer. You probably won't "need" a watch and cell/web usage will be minimally accessible & costly in Nicaragua. *Suggested obtain international plan from your cell carrier if you desire more information.*
- ✪ Evangelism:
  - Know Gospel: 1Corinthians 15:3-7; Romans 6:23; John 3:16
  - Know Testimony: write out and summarize in < 3min; be ready to share your story
  - Cautions
    - Avoid silence & minimizing God's power to use you
    - Avoid Americanized understandings
    - Avoid easy believism, moralism or quick decisions

## TEAM MEETINGS:

- ✪ MONDAY January 16 / February 20 / March 20 / April 17 / May 22 / July 31 / 6:33PM @Severna Park Baptist (Introduction / Team Planning)
- ✪ Weekly in June, 6:33PM @SPBC (Ministry Planning & Supply Preparations)

**FUNDRAISING:** support letter\*, direct give, banquet, carwash/yardsale, other...

(\*see end page for sample; a letterhead can be provided from your church upon request)

- ✪ Yardsale...
- ✪ Banquet...
- ✪ Support Letters (check your church)
- ✪ Other...

## LOGISTICS

- ✪ Airlines Leave & Return (purchase meals at airport on both) (Nica entry fee \$10)
- ✪ International Travel Authorization for minors paperwork (needs notary)
- ✪ Messiah Project Paperwork
- ✪ Luggage & Packing (<50lbs; ~\$40extra bag)
  - 1 Carry-on small backpack type
  - 1 Personal small case/duffel bag for clothing
  - 1 Check bag for ministry supplies (will be empty on return trip) (pack bath bag/liquids)
  - July 31? will be our Team luggage packing meeting.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE & ASSIGNMENTS

- Tuesday      Travel to Managua
  
- Mission Days (tentative)
  - 7am              breakfast & devotion
  - 9am              travel to village
  - 10am            Ministry
    - Introduction
    - Singing, Object Lesson, Skit/Drama, etc.
    - Lesson & Testimonies
    - Games: soccer, tag, frisbee
    - Craft: beads, balloons, face paint, bubbles, etc.
    - Share: bowls, shirts, coloring pages, hugs ☺, etc.
    - Pastor MPNICA
  - 12pm            Lunch
  - 2pm              Ministry (repeat above)
  - 5pm              Return to orphanage and share
  - 6pm              Dinner
  - 7pm              Debrief & Devotions
  - 8pm              Down Time
  
- Saturday      (tentative)
  - am               Breakfast at Kathy's Restaurant
  - Boat Ride, Volcano, Shopping...
  - Dinner
  - pm
- Tuesday      Travel

### ACCEPT DONATIONS

Goal: 1000 children

- **Bowls**  
plastic meal size  
(dollar store)
- **T-shirts**  
Children all sizes  
Adult S, M, L

### SPBC / LCC

- Coloring pages
- Crayons
- Beads
- Face paint
- Soccer balls & pumps
- Other...

## THINGS TO BRING

- Clothing for 7 days. Dress light & comfortable (see notes above for men/women). It will be hot and likely rainy. Generally each day the clothing in the villages will be either sweaty or dirty; sometimes jeans can be work multiple days. Generally each evening a person could wear relaxed clothing (ex: shorts & t-shirt) for multiple days depending on your desire & comfort in the MPNICA house. Further, you also may consider choosing to leave some clothing behind to bless others through the MPNICA.
- Bathroom necessities. You will need to bring your own towel(s). A sheet & pillow are provided for dorm style bunk beds. Hand sanitizer will be useful on the road & in villages.
- Electronics should be minimal due to space, electric usage and spiritual focus. Further, you are solely responsible for any items misplaced or taken.
- Baggage: You will have 1 personal bag for above items; 1 carry on and then 1 check bag used for ministry supplies. Your check bag will be empty on the return trip and may be used for check purposes or any returning souvenirs. Bags must weigh <50lbs and meet airline size measurements. Check with the airport & airline websites for more specific information.

## ENGLISH – ESPANOL

Hi or Hello	Hola
Good morning/afternoon/night	Buenas dias/tardes/noches
God bless you	Dios le bendiga
Jesus loves you	Jesus te ama
How are you?	Como estas?
My name is _____	Me llamo _____
What's your name?	Como se llama?
It's nice to meet you	Mucho gusto en conocerle
How old are you?	Cuantos anos tiene?
Thank you / for everything	Gracias / por todo
You're welcome	De nada
This is really good (food)	Que rico
I don't speak Spanish	No hablo espanol
I don't understand	No entiendo
I'm from the United States	Soy de los Estados Unidos
How much does it cost?	Cuanto cuesta
Goodbye	Adios

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo que ha dado a su Hijo unigenito para que todo aquel que en el cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eternal. Juan 3:16

**SENT 2017 GROUP**

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NOTES & QUESTIONS:



# Letter for International Travel Authorization of Minor

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Consul General:

We/I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parents or Guardians Name) (Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_ are parents or guardians and have legal custody of  
(City) (State) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_ a minor child, who resides with us at the address set  
(Minor Child's Name)

forth above. We/I hereby authorize the minor to travel in \_\_\_\_\_ during  
(Country)

The dates of \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and the designated group  
(trip dates) (Group Name)

Leaders(s) listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Leader's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Leader's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Leader's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Legal Guardian)

NOTE: In the case of two parent families (including situations where the parents are divorced and share legal custody) or joint legal guardians, BOTH parents or legal guardians must sign this form and have it notarized. In the case of single parent families and a single legal guardian, the sole parent/legal guardian may sign.

## NOTARY

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Be it remembered, that on this day, \_\_\_\_\_ before me, the undersigned a Notary Public  
(Date)

in and for the County and State aforesaid, came \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Legal Guardian)

who is personally known to me to be the same person(s) who executed the above and foregoing instrument, and they duly acknowledge the execution of this same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Commission Expires)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)



# **Liability Release Agreement/ Emergency Medical Information Forms**

## **ADULT/YOUTH RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR**

1. I desire that the above-named Adult/Minor be allowed to participate in a Ministry event organized by Messiah Project, Inc. The Adult/Minor also desires to participate in this Ministry event. I give my permission for the Adult/Minor's participation and I voluntarily sign this Release.
2. As consideration for allowing Adult/Minor to participate in the Ministry event, I hereby release and forever discharge Messiah Project, Inc. ("Ministry") and its respective members, employees, officers, directors, ministers, elders, volunteers and other representatives ("Releases") from any and all claims for injuries, death, losses, or damages the Adult/Minor might have on or in any way relating to such Ministry event.
3. As consideration for allowing Adult/Minor to participate in the Ministry event, I hereby release and forever discharge Messiah Project, Inc. and its respective members, employees, officers, directors, ministers, elders, volunteers and other representatives ("Releasees") from any and all claims for injuries, death, loss, or damages I may suffer which are in any way relating to such Ministry event. I understand that I am releasing all claims of any kind on behalf of the Minor, myself and any other family member or legal representative, even if the injuries, death, loss or damages are caused by the express negligence of Messiah Project, Inc (or its members, employees, officers, directors, ministers, volunteers and/or other representatives).
4. I hereby give the Ministry (by and through its employees and/or representatives who participate in the Ministry event with the Adult/Minor) permission to authorize medical and/or hospital treatment for the benefit of the Minor in the event of sickness or injury sustained by the Adult/Minor during the Ministry event. I realize that the availability and quality of health care on any Ministry event may be greatly diminished. I desire that the Ministry contact me at the phone number below in the event of emergency (if possible), but 'I knowingly give permission as described above - whether or not I am contacted about such health care decisions.
5. I hereby grant full permission to the Ministry to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or other records or documents of the Ministry event and to do so without notice or compensation to Adult/Minor or me. I assume responsibility for full payment of the published and announced cost of the Ministry event; agree to pay any outstanding balance upon request by the Ministry; and agree that any and all cost incurred by the Minor or me during the Ministry event, including, without limitation, costs due to health problems, emergencies and/or death, are my responsibility or will be paid by the estate of the Adult/Minor.
6. I desire that Messiah Project, Inc. be able to organize and participate in Ministry events without fear of claims or lawsuits by Adult/Minor, by me or by any of the Adult/Minor's relatives or legal representatives. Therefore, I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Ministry and the Releasees harmless from all damages, including, without limitation, special and consequential damages, suffered or paid as a result of any and all claims, causes of action, suits, proceedings, demands, judgments, assessments, and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in litigation or otherwise, assessed, incurred or sustained by or against the Ministry or Releasees by reason of, arising out of or relating to the Adult/Minor's participation in a Church event.
7. We are Christians and believe that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthews 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, we agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this

Agreement or any Ministry event in which the minor participates shall be settled by biblically based mediation and, if necessary, binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Institute of Christian Conciliation. All such mediation and arbitration shall take place in Austin, Texas. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. We understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement or any such Ministry event, and expressly waive any rights we or the Adult/Minor have to file a lawsuit in any civil court for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

8. I further agree that this Release and Indemnification Agreement (the "Agreement") is binding upon the Adult/Minor's relatives, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives; that this Agreement releases all successors, assigns, and legal representatives of the Ministry and Releasees; and that this Agreement is to be governed by the law of the State of Texas.
9. I acknowledge that the Ministry has encouraged me to read this Agreement carefully (and to seek legal advice, if necessary) before signing. I understand this Agreement and I have not relied on any other statement, comment or promise by Ministry or Releasees in signing this Agreement.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Signature of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## ***MISSION TEAM COVENANT FORM***

As a member of a short term mission team working with Messiah project, I agree to:

- ☐ Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ, as well as my Church. I will seek to emulate Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
- ☐ Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my hosts. I will remember the missionary's prayer, "Where you lead me, I will follow; what they feed me, I will swallow." (Except when an obvious health risk).
- ☐ REMAIN FLEXIBLE! Things do not always go as planned. Schedules are dictated by the culture, not always by our watches.
- ☐ I will dress appropriately, as accepted by the culture we are experiencing, and not American standards.
- ☐ Respect their culture. We are "guests" in their country, and our actions and reactions should always reflect that.
- ☐ Remember that we have come to learn, as well as to teach. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I will be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
- ☐ Respect the host's view of Christianity, recognizing that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that the purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
- ☐ Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
- ☐ Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my boyfriend/girlfriend, or spouse, is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all the members of the team. If I am attracted to a teammate, I will not attempt to pursue a relationship while on the trip.
- ☐ Refrain from any activity that could be construed as a romantic interest in a national or teammate.
- ☐ Refrain from illegal drugs and abstain from consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco while on this trip.
- ☐ Comply with all policies and procedures set forth by Messiah Project.
- ☐ Remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this "Covenant", or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team.
- ☐ Respect any trip leader(s) by:
  - Bringing all trip concerns, complaints of any kind, first to my trip leader's attention privately and not to fellow teammates or missionaries in the country we are serving. I realize even by doing so, decisions may be made contrary to suggestions or to the way I feel they need to be, but I respectfully submit to the leaders' decision.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Messiah Project**  
**Emergency Medical Information Form**  
**Must be completed**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELLULAR, BEEPER or OTHER # \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME IN CASE OF EMERGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE #'S \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHRONIC DISEASES OR ALLERGIES? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY PRE-EXISTING HEALTH PROBLEMS OR CONDITIONS

ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ASPIRIN OR TYLENOL? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU CURRENTLY TAKING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION? \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO, WHAT & HOW OFTEN? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU HAD A TETANUS SHOT IN THE LAST 10 YEARS? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR BLOOD TYPE? \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY SLEEPING CONDITIONS YOU HAVE, (EX: SNORING, INSOMNIA): \_\_\_\_\_

**Messiah Project**  
**Emergency Medical Information Form**  
**Must be completed**

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***Attach a copy of participant's medical insurance card***

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Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT #1: (Do not use people who will travel with you to the field.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT # 2:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring your completed forms with you and give them to your Messiah Project team leader upon arriving in Nicaragua. You can submit your deposits and trip balances by e-check via our secure server on our donate page or mail them to our offices at:

**Messiah Project**  
**555 E. 5th St. Suite 2924**  
**Austin, Texas 78701**

For additional questions regarding our program, please use the form on our contact page.



Dear

Hello, I hope this letter finds you doing well. I am writing this letter to share some very exciting news. I am planning and preparing to go on a Mission Trip to Nicaragua this coming July. It has been my dream and desire to have an opportunity to share and show the gospel to people in great need. Nicaragua is an impoverished nation. It is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere (Haiti is the first). The per capita annual income is \$1200, with 50% living on less than \$2/day. There is 60% unemployment, 68% literacy rate, with poverty affecting participation in school and education. Many physical, social and spiritual structures in Nicaragua are completely broken. It is a place and people in great need of hope. I believe Jesus and Christianity offers such hope.

Our team will be in Nicaragua for one week, (Aug 8-15). We will be staying at a local ministry organization called "The Messiah Project" ([www.mpnica.org](http://www.mpnica.org)) located outside of Managua. Each day we will travel into local villages presenting the gospel through music, testimony, Bible stories, creative drama & activities. Following the presentations we will also spend time serving and showing the love of Jesus Christ to children and their families. The local ministry organization is sometimes able to aid the people with physical needs like food and clothing through our donations and we look forward to blessing the people with these each day. Additionally, our churches are collecting bowls (plastic meal size) and children's sized t-shirts of all colors to distribute there.

I am asking you to be part of my prayer support team and would also ask you to consider being part of my financial support team. My airline ticket will cost me approximately \$650 and then my expense for the week will be \$560.00 with additional cost. My total cost is approximately \$1,300.00 I am asking you to prayerfully consider helping to send me to Nicaragua. This is going to be an awesome trip and I believe God is going to move in mighty ways. We are all part of the team, some going, many giving, all praying, and in all things God giving the increase to our labor.

If you would like to donate, checks can be made payable to \_\_\_\_\_ Church, with the contact information below. Please designate for Nicaragua Mission Trip with my name included in a memo.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. I look forward to sharing God's work with you through pictures and stories when I return.

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philipians 1:3-5*

God Bless,

Life Connection Church: 109 Burns Crossing Road, Severn, MD 21144  
Severna Park Baptist: 506 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146