**Nicaragua Service Trip 2025**

**Trip Information**

**Purpose**

To meet brothers and sisters in Christ who are ministering to the children in the community of San Juan de la Concepcion, Nicaragua through a Christian school. Our purpose is to be mutually encouraged, to grow strong relationships, to learn from each other and to support each other through work, prayer, worship and friendship.

This is a new partnership that NKMB is starting with the Fount of Life School (Fuente de Vida). Over the next 3-5 years, the hope is that we will help the school build 9 new classrooms that are beautiful, big and withstand the constant ash from a nearby volcano. By participating in this trip, we believe you will see your own life transformed.

**Date:**

**February 14-23, 2025***(NOTE: This is a tentative date and might change depending on flight availability)*

**Cost & Payment:**

**The cost is $2,700 per person** *\*tax receiptable*

*Cheque payable to NKMB (“Nicaragua 2025 Trip” in the memo line)*

Costs include the following:

* Flights from Winnipeg
* Accommodations *(based on double occupancy; please budget for higher costs if you would like your own room)*
* Most meals
* In-country transportation

Costs do not include:

* Travel health immunizations (no Covid-19 vaccination required)
* Travel and health insurance
* Souvenirs and personal expenses
* Tourist attractions & activities

*\*Please note that payments for the trip are considered donations and therefore cannot be returned for any reason as per Canada Revenue Agency rules. Your contribution of $2,700 toward the service trip is a donation to NKMB so that it may pursue its charitable purposes and projects, including the Nicaragua school project and service trip.*

**The Work**

The main project for the trip will be to help the school build three new classrooms. The Fuente de Vida School is in desperate need of solid classrooms as their existing classrooms are falling apart. New classrooms will not only provide a better environment for learning for the current students but also help the school enroll new students.

Alongside these hands-on volunteer opportunities, we will also visit families in the communities to pray with them, join a church in their worship services and take some time to learn about Nicaragua and how local Christians reach their communities with very little resources.

This trip is facilitated in partnership with Generation Rising, a Canadian Christian charity working in Nicaragua, Honduras and Paraguay. Learn more at www.genrising.org

**FAQ**

**What paperwork do I need?**

* You will need a current passport that is valid for at least 6 months after the return date to Canada.
* You will need to provide your own travel and health insurance and provide NKMB proof of insurance.
* Please ensure that you have submitted a photocopy of your passport to the NKMB office by no later than November 13, 2025.

**Will we have time to be tourists?**We will spend one day getting to know Nicaragua better by taking a trip to Leon, an old colonial town. We will aim to provide you with free time when possible and time to explore the local area when it is safe.

**What are the travel health requirements?**

We encourage you to visit a travel clinic or talk to your doctor a few months before you depart. *We require that you have a tetanus vaccination that is valid and up to date.*

**Is Nicaragua safe?**Nicaragua is generally a safe country for tourists, provided you follow the directions of your trip leaders. We will stay at a place that is visited frequently by international teams and is in a safe location, and we will make every effort to ensure your safety.

**Will I need to bring along additional money?**   
Most of your trip expenses are covered by the trip costs, but we recommend taking some US dollars along for personal expenses and some meals and activities..

**Is this a mission trip?**

This is a service trip. We are going to Nicaragua in order to support, work with and get to know fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We also want to learn from them. This trip is more than just the work we do. We are there to build relationships and we are committing to submit to our leaders in Nicaragua, to work in ways that they find meaningful and to support them.

**Are you interested?**

*Signing up is easy, but there is some information we need from you soon:*

**Step 1**Fill out the following application and consent forms.

**Step 2**

Make a photocopy of your passport (your passport needs to be valid for 6 months or longer after the return date). We need this info to book flights and apply for your visa.

**Step 3**

Submit a $200 non-refundable cheque to the NKMB office so we can book the flights and accommodations. Put “Nicaragua 2025 Trip” in the memo line.

**Application Form & Deposit Deadline: October 31, 2024**

**Full Payment & Passport Copy Deadline: November 20, 2024**

*Cheque payable to NKMB (“Nicaragua 2025 Trip” in the memo line).*

**IMPORTANT: There are only 12 spots on the trip.**

**Your application is only considered complete**

**once you have submitted all forms and the deposit.**

**If you have any further questions about the trip, please contact:**

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