



Nicaragua Service Trip 2026 Trip Information

Purpose

To meet brothers and sisters in Christ who are ministering to the children in the community of Managua, 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 between NKMB and the Jesus the Good Shepherd School in Managua, Nicaragua. The school has 150 students in class but only has room for 100. They desperately need more classrooms and new washrooms. By participating in this trip, we believe you will see your own life transformed and you will be blown away by the work and faith of our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua.

Date:

February 14-23, 2026

(NOTE: This is a tentative date and might change depending on flight availability)

Cost & Payment:

The cost is \$2,800 per person *tax receiptable

Cheque payable to NKMB ("Nicaragua 2026 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 \$2,800 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 new classrooms. The Jesus the Good Shepherd school is desperate for new classrooms. As it is, the school is overcrowded. And with 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, there will also be other opportunities for service. This includes helping to teach English in the classroom, and providing a VBS program for a day or two. 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 includes the option to learn how to cook Nicaraguan food.

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, 2026.

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 2026 Trip" in the memo line.

Application Form & Deposit Deadline: October 31, 2025

Full Payment & Passport Copy Deadline: November 17, 2025

Cheque payable to NKMB ("Nicaragua 2026 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:

→ Chuck Penner: chuck@leftfieldcr.com or (204)795-0715



NICARAGUA 2026 SERVICE TRIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Full Name (as it appears on your passport): _____

Nationality: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender:** _____

Passport #: _____ **Issuing Country:** _____

Passport Issue Date: _____ **Passport Expiration Date:** _____

In the event that the passport expires before August 23, 2026 I agree to procure a new passport and provide this new information to the trip organizers before November 15, 2024 _____
(Please Initial)

In case of emergency, contact:

Relationship: _____ **Phone: (____)** _____

Are you willing to share a room? YES NO (single occupancy is an additional cost)

I would like to share a room with (optional): _____

Other information (If you have any other information that might be pertinent, such as frequent flyer numbers, etc. please provide below)



MEDICAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

MB Health Card # (6 digits): _____ **MB Personal Health # (9 digits):** _____

Family Doctor: _____ **Phone: (____) _____**

Travel/Health Insurance Provider: _____

Policy #: _____

International emergency phone # for insurance provider: _____

If you do not have travel insurance at the time of application, you acknowledge that you will buy a policy valid for the dates of travel (February 14-23, 2026 to be confirmed) and provide the details to the trip organizers no later than January 15, 2026.

(Please Initial)

Do you have any life-threatening allergies? YES NO (please circle one)

If yes, please explain: _____

Other allergies: _____

Are you bringing medication or medical equipment with you? YES NO (please circle one)

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have any physical, emotional, or behavioral concerns or limitations that our trip leaders should be aware of? YES NO (please circle one)

If yes, please explain:



APPLICANT CONSENT FORM

By signing below, I acknowledge that the above information is truthful and that there is nothing to my knowledge that prevents me from traveling to and from Nicaragua and the United States of America.

- I understand that the cultural norms for Christians are different in Nicaragua than in Canada. I commit to refraining from the consumption of alcohol, tobacco and other substances, as directed by our trip leaders.
- By signing this form, I understand that the tentative price includes airfare, visas, accommodations and most, but not all, meals. It does not include health and travel insurance, personal expenses, and tourist activities outside of the ones planned by North Kildonan Mennonite Church or Generation Rising.
- *By filling out this form and including a deposit of \$200, I commit to participate in the 2026 Service Trip to Nicaragua. I understand my deposit, as well as the balance of the full trip cost, is not refundable.*
- *I understand that I must submit a photocopy of my passport by November 17, 2025 and that full payment for the trip is due November 17, 2025.*

Full Name (printed): _____

Signature _____ Date: _____



GROUP COVENANT

It is our sincerest hope, with God's strength, to accomplish in Nicaragua and in our lives the following things:

- Glorify God in everything we do.
- Encourage and be encouraged by our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nicaragua.
- Grow in our relationship with God through the examples, lives and testimonies of our Nicaraguan Christian family.
- Develop lasting relationships with the local leaders and people we meet.
- Represent NKMB and convey their thoughts and prayers to the Christians in Nicaragua.
- Upon our return, to encourage the people of NKMB with what God is doing in Nicaragua and share stories of what God has done in and through us.

In order to enjoy our time together in Nicaragua and to be an example of Jesus Christ to

all we meet, I _____ agree to the following:
(print full name)

- **My words and actions will be reflective of Jesus Christ to the best of my abilities.** Gal 2:20 "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."
- **I will participate in all events scheduled for our team with enthusiasm and respect for those leading the events.** Phil 2:14 "Do everything without complaining and arguing."
- **Nicaraguan hosts may do some things differently, I am not to comment negatively but rather appreciate the differences and submit to their leadership.** Gal 6:4 "Pay careful attention to your work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to *compare* yourself to anyone else."
- **My words and actions toward leadership and fellow team members will be kind and respectful.** Phil 4:8 "And now brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent worthy of praise."
- **I will remember I am here to serve, not to be served.** Phil 2:14-16 "Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns."

Signature: _____

Date: _____



TRAVEL & MEDICAL WAIVER

I, _____, acknowledge that I have been advised to visit a
(print full name)
travel health clinic or a medical doctor to receive advice regarding the health risks I will be exposed to on the trip and to receive recommendations for the appropriate travel health vaccination requirements. I acknowledge that a valid tetanus shot is required to participate in the trip.

While North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church and Generation Rising will make the travel arrangements, I undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church and Generation Rising, their staff and boards of directors due to failure of acquiring the appropriate travel documents and insurance.

I, the above named, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless the Pastor, the Ministry Staff of North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, its Pastors and Church Board and Generation Rising, its staff and directors against any loss, damage or injury suffered by me as a result of the failure to seek and heed appropriate medical advice for travel to Nicaragua.

I, the above named, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless the staff of Generation Rising, its board and its directors from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church Service Trip to Nicaragua, as well as of any medical treatment authorized by the supervising individuals representing the church. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in or traveling to events of the 2026 NKMB Service Trip to Nicaragua.

In the event that you should require medication, x-rays or treatment, we will notify your emergency contact immediately (if you are unable to do so yourself). In the case that you are unable to authorize medical treatment for yourself, the NKMB Team Leader or one of the Generation Rising staff will arrange for medical treatment and authorize a physician or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for the participant named above.

Signature _____ Date: _____



SAFETY LIABILITY WAIVER

By signing this waiver, I _____
(print full name)

agree that the decision to travel is my choice and I am responsible for my personal safety while abroad. While NKMB and Generation Rising take the safety and security of participants very seriously, they do not assume responsibility and will not be liable for any damages in connection to the 2026 Nicaragua Service Trip.

While NKMB and Generation Rising will make every effort to provide correct information about what you can expect when traveling to Nicaragua, it is provided on an "as is" basis without warranty of any kind, express or implied. We advise you to check with your insurance provider as it relates to your travel to Nicaragua. You can check the status of the travel advisory for Nicaragua by going to: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/nicaragua>

I, the above named, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless the staff of Generation Rising, its board and its directors from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church Service Trip to Nicaragua. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in or traveling to events of the 2026 Service Trip to Nicaragua.

I, the above named, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless the staff of North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, its board and its directors from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church Service Trip to Nicaragua. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in or traveling to events of the 2026 Service Trip to Nicaragua.

Signature _____ Date: _____