

2024 Colombia Mission Trip



Trip Description:

- **Dates:** April 12-18, 2024
- **Cost:** \$1250
- **Trip Contact:** Jay Veverka (jay@opendoorlife.com)
- **Partner Church:** Rescue Mission Church (Pastor Juan Hernandez)
- **Language:** Spanish-speaking. Team members do not need to know Spanish to participate.
- **City:** Barranquilla is a city of 1.2 million people (4th largest in Colombia). It sits on Colombia's north coast, at the Magdalena River delta.

Team Selection:

- **Team Size:** 15-20
- **Age:** 12 & Up
- **Applications Due:** Sunday, January 14
- **Team Finalized:** Tuesday, January 16
- **1st Team Meeting:** Sunday, January 21
- **1st Payment Due (\$600):** Sunday, January 28
- **Passport Needed:** Friday, March 1
- **2nd Payment Due (\$650):** Sunday, March 10

Trip Schedule:

- Friday, April 12 - Fly to Barranquilla; Settle In; Fellowship
- Saturday, April 13 - ESL (AM); Team Excursion
- Sunday, April 14 - Church (AM); ESL & Soccer Nights Prep PM)
- Monday, April 15 - ESL/Campus Ministry(AM); Soccer Nights (PM)
- Tuesday, April 16 - ESL/Campus Ministry (AM); Soccer Nights (PM)
- Wednesday, April 17 - ESL/Campus Ministry (AM); Soccer Nights (PM)
- Thursday, April 18 - Fly to Raleigh

Ministry Plans

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Our team will conduct English classes for church members, staff, and local pastors at Rescue Mission Church in Barranquilla.

Campus Ministry

Our team will partner with CRU in ministering on local college campuses. This ministry will include engaging students to practice conversational English or leading ESL classes on campus.

Soccer Nights

Our team will partner with Rescue Mission Church in providing a version of soccer nights for kids. This ministry will include basic soccer, snacks, and small group gospel presentations. Parents will also be engaged with the gospel and invited to a partnering local church.

Team Excursion (TBD)

This past September our team took a day trip to the historic city of Cartagena for sightseeing and shopping. We may return here or visit another local area.

Travel Considerations

Lodging

GHL Barranquilla is a nice hotel in a good neighborhood in the northwest part of the city. Team members will share a room with 2 queen beds and all the modern amenities you would find in a US hotel. Breakfast is included in our stay.

Medicines and Vaccines

The CDC recommends some vaccines for individuals visiting Colombia. Visit their website for more details. These recommendations are often not specific to a location in Colombia and our partners there have said many of these vaccines are unnecessary. At a minimum, participants should be current with their Tetanus & MMR shots. At present, there are no COVID requirements for travel to Colombia.

Food & Water

It is best to drink bottled water while in country. Most food is safe to eat and our partners will provide counsel when selecting dishes at restaurants. There is enough variety that most will eat well. Ask about specific allergies (gluten, dairy, etc.)

Travel

We will likely fly through Miami to Barranquilla. Each flight is between 2 and 3 hours.

Safety

Whenever traveling internationally, individuals must be aware of their surroundings. We will travel as a group, seek guidance from our Colombian partners, and utilize a chartered bus in our travel.

Details are still being finalized. This document represents our current plans, based on our previous trip. Completing an application is required for consideration but does not guarantee participation in the trip.