Guatemala

Work & Witness Teams 2024
A ministry of Baptists on Mission

Baptists on Mission (BOM), working in cooperation with IICD (International Indigenous Community Development) have sent teams to Guatemala since 2011. Volunteer teams are needed throughout 2024 for a variety of mission projects.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE IN 2024:

Construction Teams
Multiple teams are needed to assist in the continuation of construction on a director's house located on the site of the Good Shepherd Center. Teams will have supervision and work with Guatemalans on-site. A variety of construction skills are needed. Includes $3000 ministry cost per team. **Note: We will need some teams to make adobe blocks! Never made adobe blocks? No problem! Any team can do it! Making these blocks is vital to the success of the rest of the year's construction. We will also need some skilled carpentry teams.**

Maintenance Teams for the Children's Home
One or two teams are needed throughout 2024 to assist with various "home improvement" projects in and around the Good Shepherd Children's Home facility. This could include painting, landscaping, roof sealing, plumbing, gardening, etc. Teams will need to be flexible as to tasks. The team will lodge and prepare their meals at the Good Shepherd Center. Includes $3000 ministry cost per team.

Medical / Dental Teams
Two to three teams are needed to serve in mobile clinics in strategic villages. Teams should be built around 2-3 primary care providers (MDs, DOs, NPs, or PAs) who will see patients. Other team members serve as support personnel, and should be mostly comprised of medical professionals. Medication dispensary should be manned by a health care practitioner (pharmacist preferred, but RNs also work well in this capacity). Teams will need to bring in the medications they will use, counting on seeing at least 30 patients per person; per day. Organization of the clinic is conducted by Dr. Vicki Grossmann (DNP) and Guatemalan leaders. Most teams will stay at the Good Shepherd Center, and prepare meals there, using food that they have purchased once in-town. Includes $2000 ministry cost per team.

Leadership Conference Teams
Two youth leadership and two pastor's conference teams are needed in 2024. These are small teams – 3-6 total, depending on conference. Each of these events will require a dynamic speaker, worship leader, and 2-3 to help with meal preparation for the participants and team. The program for these events will be planned by missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossmann, who will work with the speaker in preparation. At least one Spanish speaker on the team would be helpful, but not necessarily essential. The partnering church will be asked to contribute $2000 -$2500 toward the operation of the conferences, depending on number of participants.

Children's Home Staff-Relief Team
One team of 10-12 is needed to run the Good Shepherd Children's Home for four days and nights while the regular Children's Home staff are attending a retreat at the Good Shepherd Center. This will entail care for 20-25 children, who range in age from infant to early teens. This will include cooking, cleaning, washing clothes, taking care of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children.. The team will stay at the Good Shepherd Children's Home for most of the week. Monday will be an orientation day. Need those with patient, loving hearts who will be pro-active in caring for the children. The team should have at least one Spanish speaker and one nurse. Includes a $2000 ministry cost per team.

Children's Home Assistants
Couples are needed to serve as assistants at the Good Shepherd Children's Home. Length of service will be from one to three months. Volunteers will assist the Children's Home staff in whatever tasks are needed. This may include cleaning, maintenance, painting, cooking, washing clothes, landscaping, or any other number of tasks. Need those who are self-starters and who can live and work in a non-English speaking environment. Volunteers will live in a small efficiency apartment on the property. Volunteers will purchase their own food and prepare most meals in the apartment. Missionaries will orient the couple in how to utilize local transportation.

All teams will have opportunity to visit the Good Shepherd Children's Home - and to host a "family night" for the two cottages of children who are living onsite at the Good Shepherd Ministry Center. This will include preparing a meal for the children and house parents, and other forms of entertainment that the team leads in that night.

For more information on the Guatemala Work & Witness Teams contact Mark Abernathy, Baptists on Mission, at:
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Team Makeup: Ideal team size is 8-13 members, 13 being the upper limit due to lodging and vehicle limits. Participants must be 18 years old to participate. Those 15 and up may participate as long as accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Logistics: BOM will arrange airfare, background checks, & insurance for all teams. Lodging, in-country transportation, and ministry-related needs will be arranged by field personnel. Most teams stay at the Good Shepherd Center in Xela.

Airfare Costs: Airfare costs will vary from team to team and generally fall between $700 and $900 depending upon time of year and seat availability. BOM will secure tickets based on times that we need teams to arrive/depart – always looking for the least expensive option available. (Understand that we have back to back teams throughout much of the year.) **Each person must have a valid passport with up to six months remaining.**

Field Costs: 2024 Per Person Field Costs Include: **Lodging** - $30 per night; **Insurance** (mandatory) - $4.00 per day; **Background Check** (required) - $10; **Van/Driver Cost** will be $1400 for teams of 8 and up, divided by number on team. Van/Driver Cost for teams under 8 will be $175 per team member. These costs are sent to the BOM office prior to your trip. **Meals** - Each person will carry $200 with them in crisp, new bills (preferably 2 one hundred dollar bills) to be converted once on the field. (You may or may not spend the full $200 on food while in country, and can exchange what is left back to US $)

Team Ministry Costs: Each team will have a ministry cost, which is paid by the church, or divided among the team members. These costs go toward direct ministry expenses that the team will incur while in country, *as well as* on-going ministry support such as Guatemalan worker salaries (not missionary support), utilities, ministry development, etc.

1. Contact Baptists on Mission for an update on the status of available trip dates. [919-459-5607 or mabernathy@ncbaptist.org] You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Mission Projects/Outside US/Guatemala)

2. Team Leader will claim the project online. **All team members should be registered and deposit of $300 per person sent to BOM** no less than **60 days** prior to date of departure. Balance is due at least 30 days prior to departure.

Guatemala Work and Witness Teams - *2024*

Team #	*Date*	*Team*	*Project Type*	*Contact*
GU24-102	January 20-27	Mount Vernon BC – NC	Adobe	Douglas Prevette
GU24-103	Jan. 27 – Feb. 3	Robinhood Road BC – NC	Adobe	Karla Hackworth
GU24-104	February 3-10	Two Cities Church – NC	Medical	Vincent Paolucci
GU24-106	February 16-24	Concord BC – MO	Construction	Dale Simpson
GU24-108	March 2-9	Salem Fork BC – NC	Construction	Kay Hamlin
GU24-109	March 9-16	Macon Baptist Association - NC	Construction	Gary Holland
GU24-110	March 16-23	Wildwood Fellowship - MO	Construction	Russ Ewing
GU24-111	March 23-30		Youth Congress	
GU24-113	April 20-27			
GU24-114	Apr. 27 – May 4			
GU24-115	May 4-11			
GU24-117	May 18-25	Lake Gaston BC – NC	Construction	Adam Hammond
GU24-119	June 1-8	High Point Church – NC	Construction	Travis Suits
GU24-120	June 8-15	FBC Reidsville - NC	Construction	MJ Herring
GU24-121	June 15-22	Lillington / Mt Hermon BC - NC	Construction	Steve Paschall
GU24-122	June 22-29	Mt. Herman / Lillington BC – NC	Construction	Steve Clayton
GU24-124	July 6-13	Brunswick Islands BC – NC	Construction	Keith McKinney
GU24-125	July 13-20	FBC Reidsville - NC	Construction	MJ Herring
GU24-126	July 20-27	Shady Grove BC - NC	Construction	Beverly Eckard
GU24-127	July 27 – Aug 3	FBC New Bern - NC	Construction	Richard Seagle
GU24-129	August 10-17	FBC Asheboro - NC	GSCH Staff Relief	Jimmy Huffman
GU24-130	August 17-24	Bethel BC – NC	Construction	Andy Wilson
GU24-131	August 24-31	Anthony Grove BC – NC	Construction	Timothy Hall
GU24-132	Aug. 31 – Sep. 7			
GU24-134	September 21-28			
GU24-135	Sept. 28 – Oct. 5	FBC Concord – NC	Construction	Robin Swaringen
GU24-136	October 5-12	Mandarin BC - FL	Construction	Mark Powell
GU24-137	October 12-19	Toni Bowen Team - FL	Medical	Toni Bowen
GU24-138	October 19-26			
GU24-141	November 9-16			
GU24-142	November 16-23	New Salem BC – NC	Construction	Pam Chavez
GU24-144	Nov. 30- Dec. 7			