

Guatemala Mission Team

Purpose/Goals of Ministry: What is to be accomplished by this ministry team?	To support the Boca Costa Medical Mission by providing medications and supplies, clinical medical services and other support services to several remote Mayan villages in the Western Pacific slope of Guatemala. In addition to clinical services, the team may provide children's fellowship in local churches or schools and some light construction projects under the direction of the Boca Costa Medical Mission and approval of the St. James Guatemala Mission Committee.
What talents, skills, and spiritual gifts would be helpful to this ministry?	Spiritual formation is an emphasis. A desire to serve the Lord and to open one's heart and mind to different cultures. The ability to work in a hot, humid climate, and to accept changes in work conditions and assignments, be open-minded and patient. The medical teams typically consist of at least 2 physicians along with nurse practitioners or physician assistants, 1 or 2 RNs, and 1 pharmacist or someone with pharmacy experience. At least 4 non-medical support people who can be trained to assist patients and help in the pharmacy are also needed. Someone who is trained or willing to be trained in vision screening and able to assemble eye glasses is also an asset. Other helpful skills and gifts include music, a love to work with children, and a talent for various crafts. Organizational and leadership skills are essential for individuals in team leader and group leader roles.
Time Commitment: When & how often do you meet? What other time commitments are there?	The team usually meets monthly once it is finalized and again within a month after returning home. Team leaders and those assisting the Team Leader are responsible for maintaining contact with the BCMM leadership for updates, guidance and plans; planning orientation and team meetings; ordering medications and medical supplies; budget preparation; registering the team with UMVIM and purchasing insurance; collection of funds and required documents; applying for Seed Money through the NC Conference; purchasing airline tickets; completing required reports to UMVIM and the NC Conference after the mission. Those who are responsible for work areas (Children's fellowship, Devotions, Vision Screening, etc.) meet to plan and order supplies.
What specific responsibilities do members of this team have?	Team member responsibilities include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend all Team Meetings. 2. Participate in any fund raising activities 3. Follow the instructions from Team Leaders and Missionaries. 4. Turn in all money and forms by deadlines. 5. Fulfill designated role(s) but be prepared to fill in for or assist others as needed.
Connections: What other ministry teams does this team work with directly?	Mission Committee
Mission: How does this ministry team help people to follow Jesus, love others, and change the world?	The St. James Guatemala Mission team has the opportunity to serve some of the poorest people in Central America. These experiences have opened hearts to share their love to serve in other capacities. This team has included people from other churches and through these people, other mission teams and mission opportunities have multiplied to follow Jesus, love others and change the world.
Other: What else do we need to know about this ministry team?	This team is an Adult Mission, age 18 years and older. Members must be able to work in rugged terrain. All missionaries are required to submit a physician's approval to participate.
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