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e3 Partners Mission Trip to Bucaramanga, COLOMBIA

Dates: July 18 – 25, 2020

Purpose: Evangelism and Discipleship ministry side-by-side with Colombian host leaders and churches, to target neighborhoods where they are starting and/or strengthening simple mission churches.

Model: You will work with a Colombian translator to share your testimony and the gospel of Jesus Christ - primarily using the simple, effective tool of the EvangeCube. By the way, most of our team members do not primarily view themselves as 'gifted evangelists'! But all of us can share the gospel effectively in Colombia. You will be amazed at how God will work in and through you - I am confident of this! You will receive the training you need as we move forward. As you share the gospel you will be trained to look for signs of openness and from there aim to start home Bible studies which form the nucleus of a new church.

Cost: \$2,900. You can personally give the funds, or, as most people do, you can raise financial support for your ministry. All donations are tax deductible. When you sign up on-line, you will be assigned a 'fund raising page' on our website. You can use the link to your page to share with friends and family. This is an easy way to raise your funds. You'll also receive personal training and guidance on how to do effective fundraising.

Use of Funds: The funds you raise will cover airfare; hotel; meals; travel insurance; ground transportation and materials. These funds also support the mobilization of 3 or 4 Colombians working with us for every North American. Plus, these funds help ensure a strong follow up process to help the indigenous ministry after the expedition.

Safety: We have worked for 25 years in Colombia and possess a lot of wisdom and experience in providing a safe environment for all our teams to serve. We work very closely with our local partners to ensure everyone is as safe as possible while on this trip. We are ALWAYS with Colombians brothers and sisters in Christ and with one another in our teams. All communities where we are serving are pre-qualified and viable locations.

Funding Deadlines:

#1 – 60 days from departure - 50% funding is due for purchase of airline tickets

#2 – 30 days from departure - full funding is due

Ponder this: Fear is the devil's scarecrow in God's cornfield! Any smart crow knows where there is a scarecrow, there is mighty good corn! Do not let any fear keep you from the blessing of participating in God's harvest of souls! Step out in faith - and the Holy Spirit will meet you there, possibly as never before!

We want to answer your questions and help you DECIDE to GO with us to Colombia! If this is in your heart - say YES by faith and tell the Lord you are GOING; and if He does not want you to do, He can to stop you!

Local Church Partnerships:

The evangelical church in Colombia is both young and vibrant. Evangelical churches began in this country only half way through the last century but already compose nearly 10% of the population. And while we make every attempt to partner you with churches that match your denominational background, you'll find there is less diversity in a young mission context such as Colombia and you'll find some doctrinal or practical differences even among denominations you are familiar with. But, we spend a lot of time and resources to ensure that we have quality, biblical, healthy church partners in the field.

Here are the standards we hold to in deciding to partner with a local church:

- Doctrinal Statement- All of our partner churches sign and agree to evangelical doctrinal tenets.
- Mentor Network- All partner churches are part of our in-country leadership training and mentoring network that covers everything from doctrinal issues, evangelisms and discipleship training, church formation and practices, and much more. They meet regularly throughout the year.
- Unity on Issues of Disagreement-
 - Certain issues that are hotly contested in evangelical circles in the United States are widely accepted and practiced in evangelical churches in Colombia. Most notably, many are open to women in church leadership roles and the practice of charismatic gifts such as speaking in tongues.
 - Charismatic Gifts: While many of our partner churches, even those associated with more conservative denominational backgrounds, practice charismatic gifts, they know that for churches in the US this is a very divisive issue. Therefore, they all agree to not practice speaking in tongues, prophecy, or other typically charismatic gifts

while partnering with churches from the US that do not practice these gifts. This is clearly stated and agreed with by our local church partners.

Training Process:

The knowledge, skills, and experience you'll receive as a part of this trip will empower you to serve not just in Colombia, but at home as well. This is not just evangelism training, (though we do have that), it's discipleship training. You will learn how to identify open people, introduce Jesus, teach the basics of our faith, and start a new small group. The harvest is ready, but the workers are few. That is true in Colombia and also at home. We'll give you the skills to work both abroad and at home.

Food and Housing:

Housing- The team will have a comfortable but not lavish hotel in a central local in the city. The hotel rooms will fit 2 or 3 per room, will have running water, showers, linens, bedding, and other basic necessities. Soap and shampoo come standard, you'll need to bring all other toiletries. Hotel will also host most of our breakfasts and dinner meals and can offer a range of food including familiar westernized food and local favorites.

Food- Trip price includes 3 meals per day. Breakfast and dinner will generally be at the hotel and can range from familiar to very local, depending on team's preferences. Colombian food is exceptionally good, but is still foreign food and may occasionally disagree with your palette. It is recommended that you bring a couple meal replacement snacks, like peanut butter, granola, nuts, etc. for those occasional times. Colombia is famous for their tropical fruit, beef, coffee, and plantains. These items show up at nearly every local meal. Lunch will be on the field at the various locations where your team will serve and are generally provided by the local church partnering with you at that location.

Free day

The final day of the trip is scheduled as a free day but fulfills an important function on this trip. I am secretly trying to convince you to fall in love with these people and come back to serve in Colombia year after year. So this day, will be focused on building relationships with some of our key leaders and translators and exploring some fun (and tasty) offerings of the culture of Colombia. There are several options for this day including a coffee themed amusement park, personal tour of a real live working specialty coffee farm, and a mountain top town full of open air markets, coffee, and local flair.

Daily schedule

Saturday: travel day

Sunday: attend local churches, meet our partners, get to know translators

Monday-Thursday:

7:00am- breakfast

7:30-9:00am- Training, prayer, practice and review

9:00am-5:00pm- Field work, including a short training session with locals, prayer lunch, home evangelism, discipleship follow up sessions, and small group meetings

5:00pm-6:30pm- Dinner

6:30-7:15- Debrief and encouragement time

7:15pm-10:00pm- free time

Thursday Night: Victory celebration service

Friday: Free Day (see above)

Saturday: Travel home

Feel free to contact e3 Church Planter, Jeff Thompson, he will be personally leading this expedition (jeff.thompson@e3partners.org) or phone – 307.287.4241

If you are ready to say YES, go here to register for the trip:

https://www.purecharity.com/bucaramanga-colombia-co20f/registrations/new?ticket_id=5306