



Spend time with girls from the Villa.

Villa Esperanza at a Glance

Forward Edge has been sending teams to serve in Managua, Nicaragua for over 25 years. In 2008, God opened the doors at *Villa Esperanza* (Hope Village), a home for many at-risk girls. Many of these girls used to live in or around the Managua city dump (*La Chureca*) where they suffered from extreme pollution, poverty, and a high risk of various forms of abuse. They now live in small homes at the *Villa*, with the homes under the supervision of a house mom. One home is considered our “transitional home” for older girls.

In 2013, the Managua city dump was closed down by the Nicaraguan government, and a recycling center was built. Some families were given new homes near the recycling center, however, their resource for making an income (garbage) is no longer available.

Villa Esperanza will continue to bring in girls from at-risk situations in the area, including the new neighborhood next to the old dump. The vision for these girls is that they come to know Jesus Christ and be a light to their families. In addition, they’ll benefit from increased knowledge and resources allowing them to earn a living and help pull their families out of poverty for good.

TOTAL TRIP FEES:

Customized pricing per team*

IMPORTANT DATES:

90 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

\$200 Non-Refundable Deposit, Registration, and Medical Release Form Due

30 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Final Payment Due

TRIP FEES INCLUDE

- Meals, lodging, translators, team packs, ground transportation, and international medical coverage
- On-site facilitator
- Individualized Team Packs
- Complete trip coordination provided by Forward Edge

TRIP FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Your flights to and from Nicaragua
- Luggage fees
- A \$10 (USD) visa entrance fee, payable in cash as you enter Nicaragua
- A donation for the offering during a local church service
- Project or activity costs

MAKING A LONG-TERM IMPACT

Throughout the week, teams build relationships in local communities and with girls in the program. Our service learning trips can include ministry to adult men and women, young adults, children, local church leader trainings, vocational trainings, VBS, mini camps, music, medical, and some hands on projects.

TO KNOW: Forward Edge will work directly with your group leader to match the gifts and desires of your team to the projects and needs that have been identified ahead of your arrival. Each day your team will experience a morning devotional, an evening debrief, and relationship building opportunities through serving the local people.

FOR MORE INFO

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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS: Teams get to stay right at *Villa Esperanza*. Each team home will have twin size bunk- beds with sheets and towels provided. There is a shower and bathroom in each of the homes. Meals will be prepared by local Nicaraguan women, and you will eat as a team in the *Rancho*. Transportation to different ministry sites is provided by certified and licensed Nicaraguan drivers in private buses.

PASSPORT: A passport is required to enter Nicaragua. No other identification is needed. If you already have a passport, be sure that it extends at least six months past the date of your departure.



Visit and serve at schools in nearby communities.



A *Villa Esperanza* team home.

PAYMENTS: A \$200 non- refundable deposit is due at the time of registration and will be applied towards your trip fee. Payments can be paid by check, ACH payment (please contact us) or online by creating an account at www.forwardedge.org. Make checks payable to: Forward Edge International. All payments need to reflect the team member name and team number.

PREPARATIONS:

IMMUNIZATIONS: The government of Nicaragua does NOT require any shots or immunizations to enter the country. However, Forward Edge highly recommends that all team members are current in the tetanus vaccination, and that they consult a personal physician for further recommendations.

ZIKA: Please visit the CDC to understand the risks and recommendations associated with the Zika virus.

TEAM PACKS: Once team member registration is complete, Forward Edge will send individualized team packs including a Forward Edge T- shirt, Team Member Manual, and other helpful information.



Invest in the lives of local children.