

Open Team #1665, August 22-29, 2020



VILLA ESPERANZA AT A GLANCE

Forward Edge has been sending teams to serve in Managua, Nicaragua since the early 1990s. In 2008, *Villa Esperanza* (Hope Village) was established in response to the realization that young girls were being prostituted in the city dump so that their families could have first pick of the garbage being hauled in. Since the *Villa* opened, more than 70 girls have been rescued, given the opportunity to live in a safe, supportive environment, get healthy, learn life-skills, get an education, and pursue a career—something that for many would have only been a dream. Even more so, they have been introduced to Jesus and the healing power of the Gospel and have been given the chance to fulfill their God-given potential!

Though possibly less visible, there is a significant risk to many others—boys, young adults, even adults—that live in detrimental and degrading situations in the area. These people live in dire poverty and become socially diminished to second, third, and even fourth-class citizens, with practically no opportunities to break the cycle. These dire conditions lead to many forms of violent, sexual, and emotional abuse, unwanted pregnancies, drug use and trafficking, all manner of crime, forced labor (including prostitution), lack of education, life-threatening diseases like AIDS, depression, dysfunctional families, lack of self-worth, and suicide. This is what motivates *Villa Esperanza* to continue reaching out with its heart to rescue those who are desperate for opportunities to break free from the bondage of their circumstances. We invite you to join us in this great endeavor.

TRIP FEE
\$995 per person

IMPORTANT DATES

May 24, 2020

\$200 per person Non-Refundable Deposit, Registration, Medical & Liability Release Form Due

July 23, 2020

\$795 per person
Final Payment Due

TRIP FEE INCLUDES

- Meals, lodging, ground transportation, and some project materials
- Secondary International Medical Insurance
- Translators
- Trained Forward Edge Facilitator
- Team Packs: T-shirt, manual, etc.
- Complete trip coordination provided by Forward Edge

TRIP FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare and luggage fees (Please coordinate with FEI prior to ticket purchase.)
- A \$10 (USD) visa entrance fee, payable in cash as you enter Nicaragua
- A \$30 background check if one has not been completed in the last year.

FOR MORE INFO

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MAKING A LONG-TERM IMPACT

Throughout the week, teams will be involved in planned activities to expand the kingdom of God in our partner communities. Our service-learning trips can include ministry to men, women, young adults, and children via VBS, worship, sports-camps, medical clinics, leadership training, business and vocational training, and some hands-on projects. 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.

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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 from Nicaragua.



A *Villa Esperanza* team home.



Visit and serve at schools in nearby communities.

PAYMENTS

A \$200 per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration and is applied toward your trip fee. Pay at www.forwardedge.org (Pay Trip Fees) via debit/credit card, eCheck, or send a check made out to Forward Edge International. Contact us if we can assist. Please reference your team number on all correspondence.

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, DENGUE FEVER, and MALARIA: Please speak with your physician and visit the CDC website to understand the risks and recommendations associated with these diseases.

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.