

# MID-TERM MISSIONS

## Introductory Flyer - Summer

So what is your idea of the ultimate summer? The world would suggest many months of a well-deserved rest from your busy schedule; lying at the beach, soaking in the rays, and sipping some funny-colored drink with a little umbrella in it. But are you thirsting for something with a little more meaning? Sure, an opportunity to spend your summer in uncomfortable surroundings, away from family and friends, eating a basic and rarely changing diet, taking cold showers, and making daily sacrifices while earning... well, *nothing* —may not seem like a great idea to the typical young adult... but what about you?

The Missioners of Christ are offering a ten-week summer program for a few good men and women which focuses on serving the poorest of the poor of Honduras, both tangibly and spiritually, as well as providing volunteers with formation and spiritual development.

***"If you want to be my disciple, deny yourself, pick up your cross daily and follow me"*** Luke 9:23

<b>Minimum requirements:</b>	The volunteer must be a Confirmed Catholic, at least 18 years of age, and be submitted to the full teachings of the Catholic Faith.
<b>Duration:</b>	The Summer Mid-Term is about 10 weeks in duration. <b>For 2019, the service term dates are June 4<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	The volunteer needs to raise a minimum of <b>\$2,400</b> for a ten week stay. This includes room & board, two weeks of language school, missionary travel insurance, in-country transportation, and other general expenses. This <i>does not</i> include flights to and from Honduras. The Missioners can assist with fundraising ideas and sample letters.

### Formation

Formation, which is both catechetical and experiential, is a significant part of the lives of our missionaries. Each volunteer participates in study of Church Teaching related to missionary work, solidarity with the poor, and our part in Christ's mission on Earth; this formation takes place not only during the mission, but within a pre-mission preparation program during the 5 – 7 weeks *before arriving* in Honduras. All of our ministries are rooted in prayer, the Sacraments, and Catholic spirituality. This is paramount to the work we do and it is an expectation that all missionaries participate, so that we may function in all aspects as a unified body. Daily personal and communal prayer, including morning and evening prayer, a holy hour, and the Mass, are the center of the missionary's life while serving with us.





## Evangelization & Discipleship

There are many facets of ministry with the Missioners of Christ in Honduras. The main emphasis lies in evangelization and discipleship. Serving with the Missioners of Christ during the Summer Term will include faith-based ministry such as hosting short-term mission trips, leading/assisting in Eucharistic retreats and local evangelistic outreach and teaching catechetical classes. The focus is on spreading the Gospel while teaching others to do the same.

The area of evangelization and discipleship also includes missions in the mountain villages to people who have limited access to the Sacramental and Faith life of the Catholic Church. In such, we often have the opportunity to assist Diocesan priests who are trying to revitalize their parish community.

No matter what type of outreach we do at our mission, it is all evangelistic in nature. In all that we do, we desire to provide fertile soil for drawing people into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and providing a deeper understanding of His Bride, the Church.

## Mercy Ministry

While the Missioners of Christ focus primarily on meeting the spiritual needs of the people of Honduras, we also work to bring dignity to the whole person. The service facet of our mission includes an emphasis on mercy ministry. This can include food distribution to the poor, repairing homes, assisting with the coordination of medical missions, and other service outreach often in conjunction with local religious communities in Honduras.



***How do I get started?*** Pray and discuss this opportunity with your Pastor and/or Spiritual Director. If you feel you may be called to serving with the Missioners of Christ, you can begin the inquiry/application process by emailing [MTmissions@missioners.org](mailto:MTmissions@missioners.org) or calling us at (757) 424-8774. You can also go straight our website [www.missioners.org/missions](http://www.missioners.org/missions) to get the process started.

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