

MISSIONARY EXPECTATIONS FORM

XT Foreign Adult Mission

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The Missioners of Christ is a Catholic Christian community formed for the purpose of responding to Christ's commission to go to all the world and share the Gospel with all people. We are a discipleship community committed to common prayer and ministry. Our primary focus is on youth and young adults, with our main means of discipleship being missionary service. The work we have begun in Honduras is directly in line with our purpose to reach the nations for Christ. Our apostolic outreach includes collaborating in works of evangelization and mercy with the the Diocese of Comayagua, local parishes, as well as other local religious orders, seeking to collaborate in serving the many needs of the poor.

In light of our purpose, our focus in Honduras is sharing the hope of our Faith with the people of this country and to help train and equip them to be able to share their Faith with those from their own culture. Our discipling ministry to the people includes both works of mercy and the works of evangelization. Our specific work in collaboration with other Catholic entities includes helping feed, clothe, and provide medical help for the poor, counselling and mentoring ministries to youth and families, evangelistic and relief outreaches to mountain villages all over Honduras, youth retreats and youth ministry, help with the educational needs of children and youth, outreach to the families in the surrounding barrios and catechetical and relational work with youth and children. We are in the ongoing process of building a Formation Center that will eventually house up to forty extended and long term volunteers, including young adult interns from both the States and Honduras who desire to be formed in the Faith, trained in the work of evangelization, live and grow in community, and desire to discern God's call in their lives.

With the backdrop of these focuses, the expectations for volunteer missionaries who desire to come and serve with us are the following:

- † Applicants must be at least 19 years old and have 2 years experience out of high school and are currently in college or working full time (this preferably includes having lived outside of your parent's home for at least a year). *Volunteers under the age of 21 need a recommendation from their parents!*
- † Applicants must complete all Missioner forms, (including Individual Application, Liability Release Form, Hold Harmless Agreement Form, Medical History Form, and Medical Exam Form), successfully complete background screenings (Criminal, Child Protective Services, and Sexual Offender), supply required documentation (Passport, references), and participate in 3 phone interviews.
- † Applicants who complete the process and are discerned for an initial commitment must either be approaching fluency in Spanish or be willing to participate in 4 - 8 weeks of language training classes before their discernment/orientation period begins in Honduras (the Missioners contract with several different Spanish immersion schools, and will coordinate this for the volunteer. Cost of language school is in addition to the minimum funds raised for room and board at the mission, though these funds can be raised by the volunteer as well).
- † I understand that I am expected to have personal goals and values consistent with this Catholic Mission's vision and goals.
- † I understand that I must be of high moral and spiritual character, reliable, self-directed, and properly equipped emotionally and physically for mission service in a somewhat primitive and austere environment.
- † I see my Faith as a vital part of my life, which includes active involvement in a Church with frequent reception of the Sacraments.

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- † I agree that I should have an active personal prayer life - praying daily and spending time personally with God in order to grow closer to Him and discover His heart in how to love and serve others.
- † I am open to participating in all activities that are a part of the volunteer missionary Community (to include shared meals and work schedules, ministry events and times of reflection and prayer).
- † I agree to be flexible in using and open to sharing my gifts in whatever way will best serve the needs of the volunteer Community and the people of Honduras I am serving. This includes putting the needs of others before my own.
- † I commit to being respectful of and ready to follow those in assigned leadership roles and recognize that they are there to protect the vision and priorities of the broader mission.
- † I agree to not form, pursue and/or plan any romantic or exclusive relationship with any of the other team members, volunteers, and especially the Honduran youth and adults in the community in which we serve. These relationships can take away from keeping my primary focus and energy on Christ and building community.
- † I am committed to building up, praying for, encouraging, loving and accepting my brothers and sisters in Christ working as interns and missionaries alongside me.
- † I agree to not participate in actions that might diminish the Christian witness of the mission to include consuming alcohol or drugs, smoking, using inappropriate language, and other activities (such as going to bars or discos) which would not reflect positively on the mission.
- † I agree to raise personal financial support from my family members and/or friends, parishes or religious and civic organizations to support this mission trip. I will be responsible to contribute to the Missioners of Christ the full required minimum funds raised as identified in the **Mission Flyer**.

In choosing to become a Extended-Term missionary volunteer with the Missioners of Christ and working alongside the Diocese of Comayagua, its parishes, and other religious orders, I am stating that I understand the expectations for volunteers and that I agree to actively participate in all the components of the mission during my time of service. I am also making a commitment to live my life in such a way that does not detract from the Missioners' integrity and ideals. I accept and support the goals of the Missioners of Christ to give witness to the power of Christ and His Church to change lives, and voluntarily place my self under their authority while serving in Honduras. In signing this form I understand that I am responsible for all the above mentioned expectations, as well as those given at the mission and those outlined in the **Individual Orientation Packet**.

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Signature (Applicant)

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Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

SUBMITTING THIS FORM

Once completed, you can save this form (including your name in the file name) and then e-mail it as an attachment to XTMissions@missioners.org. This document has the capacity to accept digital signatures, though for most, the easiest option is to print it out, sign where needed, then scan and e-mail or fax the page to (703) 831-0684. You can also mail the forms to:

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