

El Salvador

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Dear Students & Parents,

I am excited to take our second high school student mission team to El Salvador. We are partnering with Richard and Jennifer Mullinax (Christian & Missionary Alliance Missionaries) and various local churches to help support what God is doing in the community of San Salvador, El Salvador.

Students will live in a Salvadoran community, participate in multiple local church experiences, help lead an outreach youth soccer festival, provide assistance to a local orphanage along with many other opportunities to serve.

Please take time to thoroughly read all of the information about this experience in the pages to follow. For a quick glance of the trip details see the bulleted list below. Let me know if you have any questions, thank you.

Quick Facts ...

- **Date:** June 18-26, 2011
- **Team Size:** 16 Students (approximately 8 girls 8 guys) & 4 Adult Leaders
- **Cost:** \$1600 (estimated cost, subject to change due to uncertain travel expenses)
- **Application Due:** Sunday, December 12, 2010 (with \$100 deposit)
- **Team Selection:** The team will be chosen on or before December 19, 2010

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Where is El Salvador?

El Salvador is located in Central America as seen on the map to the right.



How many people will be on the team?

Due to the nature of the trip we will only be able to take 16 Students. Ideally we would like to take 8 girls and 8 guys to provide gender balance on the team. This will allow us to have greater opportunities to serve in a broader sense when in El Salvador. However, we will follow the application criteria when choosing the 2011 team.

Who will we be working with?

We will be partnering with the Christian and Missionary Alliance working with Richard and Jennifer Mullinax (C&MA Missionaries) along with various local churches in El Salvador. The C&MA will organize our trip based on the current needs of the church; for more information go to the following web link ... www.cmalliance.org/serve/stmo/ay-mission/locations

What will we be doing?

Like any other Mission experience, our goal is to SERVE ... being prepared, willing and ready to do “whatever it takes” to reach people for Christ and be a support to the ministry that is already happening in San Salvador, El Salvador. The specifics of our activity will be further scheduled during the spring of 2011. The possibilities include helping lead a youth soccer festival outreach event, assisting in a local orphanage and helping with community projects.

Who is eligible to apply for this trip?

It is a privilege to participate in an experience like this, which is why we have specific criteria when selecting students to join the 2011 El Salvador team. The following criterion will help guide the team selection process ...

- High School students in 10-12 grade (2010-11 school year; unless special circumstance)
- Regularly attend Eagle Church Student Ministries
- Have been on a mission trip before
- Have placed faith in Jesus
- Actively seeking to grow spiritually
- Demonstrates leadership and integrity
- Commitment to teamwork and respect for the leaders

Application Process:

Turn in the application with **\$100 deposit** no later than **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010!** There is one of three ways to turn in the application:

1. Hand application to Ian
2. Drop off the application at the Eagle Church Office
3. Mail the application to the Church

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Limited Spots:

If there are too many applicants, we may choose to select the oldest students, as younger students will have more opportunities to go on mission trips. We may ask students to participate in a personal interview as part of the selection process. The team will be selected on or before December 19, 2010. If a student is not chosen they will be notified with a letter in the mail. The \$100 deposit will also be returned.

How much does the trip cost?

The estimated trip cost is **\$1600**. This price may change due to the uncertain travel expenses. This cost includes training before the trip, in country expenses (housing, food, transportation) and the airline ticket. Tickets will be purchased after the first student/parent meeting of the 2011 El Salvador team. The date for that meeting is tentatively scheduled for lunch in the Loft at Eagle Church on January 30 from 11:45 to 1:00pm.

The students will be responsible for raising the money to go to El Salvador. The adult leaders will work with them as a team to develop strategies for raising funds (that may include writing prayer & financial support letters to friends and family, planning and executing fundraising events etc.). We ask that each student personally contribute \$200 of their own money to the total cost to help increase personal ownership of the El Salvador experience. Regardless of fundraising results, each team member is responsible to pay for their trip.

More information:

More information will be given about the trip (financial deadlines, team meetings, parent meetings, specifics on what we'll be doing during the week in El Salvador etc.) after the team has been selected on or before December 19, 2011.

Additional Informative Notes:

- There is the possibility that we will move this trip to be an every other year experience after 2011. This means our next trip to El Salvador would not be until 2013.
- We are opening ignite camp up to graduating seniors beginning summer of 2011.
- Chicago Mission Trip (June 19-25 | grades 7-11) info coming Feb. 2011