

Esperanza Project '12 – Belize, CA

Application and Contract

EP '12 Overview – July 12th-19th. We will serve in Belize, Central America doing ministry with poor churches in Orange Walk and San Luis. To apply for a spot on this year's EP mission, carefully read through the commitments, discuss it with your parents and return your application no later than Sunday, November 8th. Join us as we commit to faith in action and living as a community.

Commitment 1: *The Preparation*

This is a high commitment trip from the beginning. Our preparation is important. Participating in Esperanza Project is a commitment to...

1. Raising the needed money through the hard work of fundraising and
2. Putting in the time needed to build our group into a community with a common mission before we go through prep meetings, team meetings outside of scheduled prep times, and participation in the larger sr high group.

Commitment 2: *The Work*

We ask that everyone commit to being whole-heartedly committed to living out Christ's love through our service in Belize. Again, the expectation of your participation in this mission is that you will do whatever it takes to serve and love as Christ would.

Commitment 3: *The Attitude and Actions*

EP is an opportunity to challenge ourselves to explore and grow in our understanding of what it means to be a Christ Follower and to reflect that desire in our attitude and our actions in all areas of our lives before and during the mission trip (and hopefully after!).

Name _____ M / F School _____

Address _____ Grade _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email (print clearly) _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Parent's Email _____ Parent's Cell _____

Please attach a separate piece of paper with your answer to the following questions:

- *Why do you want to serve in Belize as part of the EP '12 team?*
- *Are you a Christian? If yes, how do you know? If no, what are your thoughts about God, Jesus and Christianity?*
- *Are you willing to engage what it means to follow Christ during the preparations and during the trip?*

Have you read the commitments, looked carefully at the dates on the other sheet, discussed it with your parents, attached another sheet of paper with your response to the above questions? Have you talked to Dave about questions or potential conflicts? Are you fully committed to all of the above without reservation? Then please sign and turn this in to the church office or bring it to Dave.

Signature: _____

REQUIREMENTS AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Cost- The out of pocket cost to you and or your family is \$750.00 which is payable in installments throughout our prep process. Please see the Belize 2012 Finances for a payment schedule and instructions

Prep Meetings – Prep meetings are important for us to be ready to serve in Belize, get organized for the fundraisers, and build community. *You may have **ONE** excused absence from a prep meeting.*

Fundraisers – Your student fees pay for approximately 1/3 of the total cost of each student. The fundraisers are important and need our full attention and best efforts! You will be expected to be at all the fundraising events. If you cannot, there is a possibility that you might be able to have someone replace you.

Youth Group – Students must also commit to being a part of the larger senior high community by participating in The Gathering each Wednesday night, or on Sunday mornings. You may miss some nights, but we want you make an effort and a commitment to be part of the larger ministry. If you stop attending other ministry activity events, we will be talking with you to help you re-evaluate your commitment to the trip.

Flexibility – All of the requirements are in place because they are essential for us to raise money, be prepared to serve, and become a community with a common mission before we leave. If, however, you have conflicts that are inflexible, we may be able to adjust if you are committed and motivated. Contact Dave to discuss options!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Scholarship money is available for all who have need and are willing to do some extra work before the mission trip. We do have scholarships available. Do not let money be a reason for not attending the Esperanza Project mission trip. For more details on how scholarships work, contact Dave at drobot@jkpcusa.org or -206-241-1606.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Passport - you will need a passport to travel to Belize. If you do not have one, apply for one soon.

Immunizations & medication - All travelers are required to be up to date on shots and vaccinations to attend the trip. Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccines are recommended as well as a current Tetanus. Additionally a prescription malaria medication should be obtained with weekly doses begun 1-2 weeks prior to the trip. Further information will be provided in the spring. We hope to have a local nurse/travel consultant on site to provide information and prescriptions.

Consent for Minor to Travel - for students under age 18 a Consent for Minor to Travel form must be signed by the student's parents or legal guardian and notarized. This form will be distributed in June.

OTHER INFORMATION

Check the website www.getyourbuttoyouthgroup.com for documents and updates about the trip.