TEAM PACKET

All meetings will be held in the Expedition office at 10 - 11 AM (during 2nd service) on Sundays. Childcare is available through Expedition Kids Ministry.

**Required Team Meetings:** Missing more than two meetings will potentially disqualify you from the trip.
  - 11/11
  - 1/13
  - 2/3
  - 2/24
  - 3/10

**Required Reading:**
  - Book - *When Helping Hurts*
  - Team Training Handbook

TRIP OVERVIEW

**Dates:** March 15th - 22nd, 2019

**Trip Itinerary:** An official itinerary will be established closer to our departure. We will be anticipating the following activities:

  **Day 1 - 2:** Travel to community.
  - Approximately 8hrs travel time from Payson to Guatemala City.
  - Approximately 8hrs travel time from Guatemala City to community.

  **Day 3 - 6:** Engage with community.
  - Relational ministry
  - Work projects
  - Visit families of sponsored children
  - Meet with community leaders
  - Capture stories

  **Day 7 - 8:** Team debrief in Antigua and travel home.

TRIP REQUIREMENTS

**Application:** Attached is an application to help our leaders get to know you better. Please fill out the application and submit to an Expedition team leader.

**Trip Commitment Form:** Attached is a form that states the commitment required for all team members attending Expedition’s trip to Guatemala this spring. Please read, sign, and return the form to an Expedition team leader.

**Passport:** You will need a passport to travel. Please verify your passport has not expired. If you need to apply for a passport, you should do so ASAP. Get started online at [https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html)
Managed Missions profile: FH requires us to create an online profile and sign up for Expedition’s trip. Click here to create a new profile and select our trip.

- Complete all information that applies and submit/save the application.
- Select “Expedition - Guatemala (2019)” from the trip list.
- NOTE: In addition to completing the online Travel Profile, minors traveling with the team are required to have their parent/legal guardian sign the Disclosure of Risk for Minors. Minors under 13 years of age are required to have their parent/legal guardian sign the Protection Policy. Both documents must be mailed to the FH Phoenix office. Instructions and forms are available on the Team Essentials website.

Trip Costs: approximately $1600
- Airfare ~ $600 - $800
- Trip program costs ~ $900

Additional Costs:
- Immunizations ~ $100 - $200 (Call Passport Health for information regarding recommended immunizations)
- Additional expenses (travel food, shopping, etc...) ~ $100

Deadlines:
- Nov 11th – Submit trip commitment form and application (attached).
- Dec 9th – Managed Missions profile completed
- December 9th – $200 deposit due
- February 24th – Trip balance due and passport obtained.

FUNDRAISING

Raising funds takes diligence and follow-up. You have to tell the story. Use specific stories to help people connect with your passion to go. If you put in the work you WILL raise the support. Create a timeline to send your letters and plan to follow-up and thank donors. Start with friends and family. Help potential donors understand the part they are playing in your ministry and how their generosity is resulting in changed lives. Connect a supporter’s partnership with you to transformation in a place of great need. Remember that support comes in many forms. More important than finances, we will need spiritual support through prayer to be effective on this trip.

- Send support letters. (We recommend you send out a min. of 80 letters. Attached are two different examples of a support letter for you to use as a template.)
- Use social media platforms to raise awareness to friends and family.
- Fundraising will be the responsibility of the individual. Expedition Church will not be responsible for planning/executing any fundraising opportunities.
**Checks:** Supporters should write checks to Expedition Church noting *Guatemala AND* the recipient of the funds in the memo.

*Attention to:*  
*Guatemala Support*

*Address:*  
301 S. Colcord Rd  
Payson, AZ 85541

**Online:** Donors can give online at expedition.church/give/.  
1. Click the *GIVE ONLINE* button.  
2. Select the fund *Guatemala Spring Trip*.  
3. Select the recipient’s name in the sub fund list.

Funds should be turned in directly to Expedition Administrative Director (Hannah) at the office.

You may request online giving updates from our Administrative Director: hannah@expedition.church

Don’t forget to track who has donated so you can thank them!
Trip Commitment Form

• I understand that by joining the Expedition mission team to Guatemala from March 15th-22nd, 2019, I will be representing Expedition Church and, more importantly, Jesus Christ during this trip.

• I understand that this mission trip will involve a preparation process for ministry. I will commit to attending all team meetings and fulfilling my responsibilities for team preparation.

• I understand and am aware of the financial commitment required to attend this trip and assume full responsibility for the financial requirements*.

• If I am unable to attend this trip, Expedition Church will issue a refund for any refundable expenses and release me from financial obligation. I understand some expenses will not be refundable.

• I understand that if I fail to meet the expectations or deadlines required as a team member, this will jeopardize my ability to go and I will be subject to the team leaders’ discretion.

Signing this document means you understand and agree to the above statements and are committing to all the requirements within the given deadlines.

Signature: _________________________________________________

Participants who are under 18 years of age must also have at least one parent or guardian signature.

*Trip program cost and airfare = $1600 (Does not include costs of immunizations and miscellaneous expenses.)
Expedition Church
Mission Trip Application

A) Basic Information

First Name ________________________________
Last Name ________________________________
Email ________________________________
Male / Female __ male __ female
Date of Birth ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City ________________________________
State ________________________________
Zip ________________________________
Home Phone ________________________________
Cell Phone ________________________________

B) Emergency Contact

Primary Emergency Contact
Name ________________________________
Email ________________________________
Home Phone ________________________________
Cell Phone ________________________________
Work Phone ________________________________
Relationship ________________________________
C) Passport Information

Valid Passport __ yes __ no

Name exactly as it appears on Passport ___________________________________________

Passport Number _____________________________________________________________

Expiration Date _____________________________________________________________

D) Background Information

Occupation _________________________________________________________________

Employer _________________________________________________________________

Marital Status _____________________________________________________________

Spouse's Name _____________________________________________________________

Spouse’s Email _____________________________________________________________

Spouse’s Cell Phone _________________________________________________________

E) Church Background

1) Are you a member at Expedition and if so, then for how long?

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2) If not a member at Expedition, where do you attend church? Are you a member, and if so for how long?

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4) What ways are you currently serving in the church or community and for how long?

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5) What ways have you previously served in the church or community and for how long?

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**F) Travel**

1) Please describe any special skills, talents, spiritual gifts, or service experience that you feel may be helpful on this mission trip (photography, music, teaching, first aid, construction, etc.):

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2) List all previous mission trip or cross-cultural experience:

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3) Have you traveled internationally before? If so, please indicate what countries, for what purpose, and for how long?

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4) Please list any foreign language skills you have.

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**F) Spiritual**

1) Briefly share your personal testimony of faith.

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2) Briefly describe your patterns of personal devotion & discipleship.

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3) What has God been teaching you this past year?

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4) Why do you want to go on this mission trip and how has God been leading you in this direction?


6) What do your immediate family members think about your intentions to join this trip?


7) What do your closest friends think about your intentions to join this trip?

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8) Please list any concerns you have about joining this trip?

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9) In your opinion, what are your areas of character strength, and areas of character weakness?

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10) Briefly explain what you hope to see the Lord do in and through you on this mission trip.

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G) Medical

1) Do you have any physical conditions or allergies your team leader should be aware of and/or which might affect you or the team on this trip?

___ yes  ___ no

2) If yes, please specify:

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________________________________________________________________________

3) If you are on medication, can you bring enough to last the entire trip?

___ yes  ___ no
4) Vaccinations / immunizations may be required for this trip. Will you meet with your medical provider to counsel regarding appropriate vaccinations / immunizations for this trip, comply with their recommendations, and provide proof of vaccinations / immunizations if asked to do so?

___ yes    ___ no

5) Do you currently have medical insurance? If so, please list policy name, number and group number.


H) References
Please list the names and email addresses of [number] references who know you well and can comment upon your spiritual walk and service.
(References from family members ___ are    ___ are not allowed)

Reference 1

Name

Email

Relationship

Reference 2

Name

Email

Relationship
I) Miscellaneous

How do you plan to cover trip costs? (i.e., raise support, personal savings, etc.)

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Please list any questions or comments you have related to this application or mission trip:

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Please submit your completed application by 11/11/18 to:

   Lance Chabot  
   301 S. Colcord Rd.  
   lance@expedition.church

Thank you!
NEW HOPE IN RWIMBOGO, RWANDA

For 10 years, Expedition Church has partnered with Food For The Hungry to come alongside the most vulnerable and marginalized of Rwanda. The devastation of the genocide that took place in the mid-90s left families broken and in despair. Expedition Church chose to stand in the gap and, thankfully, God has done some awesome things through our relationship in Rwimbogo. Thousands of lives have been changed by people seeking to love marginalized people like Jesus did. Through the years we have...

- **Sponsored children** of Rwimbogo - providing education, health care, spiritual care, and family support to hundreds of children.

- Provided countless **cows, goats, and chickens** that reproduce - a sustainable, reproducible engine for daily sustenance and economic health.

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**Jonas**

We have had the joy of knowing and sponsoring Jonas for nearly 10 years. Jonas is aspiring to become an electrician and a pastor.

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**Naome**

On my last visit to Rwimbogo, I was able to visit our newest sponsored child, Naome. She was eager to show me the photos of our children, Carter, Preslie, and Harlan, she had received from our letters.
- Provided **school desks and supplies** for the local primary school that serves thousands of students.
- Built a school teacher **dormitory**, 10 residential **houses** for needy families, and school **lavatories**.

- Raised $70k for a community **maternity ward** that will provide a safe birthing place for infants and mothers.

- Provided a **clean water** source that is the most dependable and most used water in the community.

- We have come alongside passionate entrepreneurs, both men and women, to fund **cooperative business opportunities and economic engines** within Rwimbogo, including tilapia ponds that multiply and basket manufacturing to name a few.

- Gave out over 130 **bikes to needy families** to increase their earning potential and transportation capacity.

- Our team has organized and conducted multiple **pastor and leader trainings** and handed out hundreds of **bibles** within the community in their native language.

- Our partnership has allowed Food For The Hungry to staff the community of Rwimbogo with wonderful, loving, full-time local staff members who daily support families in need.

- Advocated for the most vulnerable in Rwanda raising hundreds of thousands of dollars and inspiring hundreds of people to do something to make a difference.

**WHAT’S NEXT**

I am so excited to lead our team to Rwanda this September. This will be our final trip to Rwimbogo, as the community graduates from our support and partnership. Due to the programming of Food For The Hungry, the generosity of the people of Expedition Church, and the work of God, Rwimbogo now stands as a self-sustaining community. We will visit to empower and encourage leaders to use the tools and support they have received to further the health of their community.

Our team will be conducting nurse and infant care training at the newly built maternity ward (funded by Expedition Church), leadership and ministry training, visiting families of sponsored children, and meeting with government and community leaders to ensure Rwimbogo’s graduation from the support of Expedition Church transitions well and thoughtful plans for the future are in place.
WE NEED YOUR HELP

I want to celebrate the unbelievable transformation that is taking place in Rwimbogo with my friends and family. I want you to see and experience the work God does in hard places when people live generous lives. I want you to be encouraged that, despite all the wrong in the world, God is still inspiring hope and giving abundant life to all.

I’m convinced that inviting friends and family to partner with me gives you an opportunity you may very well long for. We can be people who make a difference and who refuse to sit idle when there are great needs to be met. We are blessed so we can bless others. Please consider partnering with me and Expedition Church’s team. Play a role in God’s story of hope and restoration in Rwimbogo, Rwanda. Nichole and I thank you for any prayer or financial commitments you make towards this trip.

DONATE

If you would like to contribute financially, all donations are tax deductible. The total trip cost is approximately $3500.

Checks: Write checks to Expedition Church with “Rwanda - Lance” in the memo.
• Mail to: 301 S. Colcord Rd. Payson, AZ 85541

Online: Donors can give online [here](https://expedition.church/give/). (or copy link - expedition.church/give/)
• Click the "GIVE ONLINE" button (or click [here](https://expedition.church/give/)).
• Select “Rwanda” and fill out the information.
• In the "Donation/Payment Information" window, write “Lance” in the organization field.

CONTACT LANCE

(928) 978-0425
lance@expedition.church

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TRANSFORMATION IN RWANDA?

• The Beginning: Full Video
• 2015 Trip
• Food For The Hungry
Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing this letter with much excitement for what God is doing in our lives and the lives of others! He is so faithful and powerful; I am in awe of Him. This September I will be traveling with a group from Expedition church to Rwimbogo, Rwanda, Africa to serve on a short-term mission team with Food for the Hungry. The purpose of this trip is to share the love of Jesus Christ through our words and deeds. Specifically, my time will be spent:

Participating in: (Fill in itinerary)

The mission trip dates are September 1st-(TBD). The first and most important thing I am asking for is your prayers, as everything about this trip is in God’s capable hands. I am also asking for financial support if God lays it on your heart to support in this way. I am SO grateful for the donations I have already received. These donations will be covering my airline ticket and ground costs. It is necessary that I raise 3500 by August 1st. If I am unable to raise this amount by the deadline, it is very possible I will not be able to attend this trip but the amount donated will be returned to you.

I have no doubt this experience will be life-changing and I am excited to share it with you. If you do choose to financially support me you can:

Return to me in the enclosed, pre-addressed/stamped envelope a check, all donations within the United States will be tax deductible if checks are made out to Expedition church and in the memo it should say Rwanda mission trip money for Hanna Golembewski.

OR

Through online donation, visit http://expedition.church/give/ and follow these steps.

- Click the "GIVE ONLINE" button.
- Select the fund “Guatemala Spring Trip”.
- Select the recipient’s name in the sub fund list.

Thank you so much for financial and spiritual support, anything and everything is so appreciated. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I prepare and serve in Rwanda.

Love,

Hanna Golembewski