

Guatemala Facts, Numbers & Activities since Initial Trip in the Summer of 2016

Background Information:

Trips are coordinated through St. Thomas More (STM) Church
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STM oversees nine trips each year:
Nativity, Rockhurst HS, Sion HS, St. Pius,
Our Lady of Lourdes - Harrisonville,
City on the Hill - Young adults

Where do we go?
San Andres Itzapa & Parramos
Both municipalities of Chimaltenango

Nativity Trip Specifics:

Total Number of Attendees: 146
Alums attending more than one trip: 23

2016: 46 Attendees
2017: 46 Attendees
2018: 54 Attendees

Participant Ages:
Attendees have ranged from
13 to 80+ years old

Two Trips offered at Nativity:
Second week of June
Second week of July

Average cost of the trip:
\$1,400 per person
100% tax deductible

Fees include:
Air, ground transportation, food,
lodging and material for projects.

Funding:

The ministry receives no designated funding from Nativity.
We have one Fund Raiser - Cinco de Mayo.
The money we receive is from donations by
trip attendees or by word of mouth.

What do we do?

Build Relationships:

The communities we visit & the nuns from the Convent:
Centro de Espiritualidad "Carmelo de Nazareth"

Staying at the Convent:

- Participants eat and sleep at the convent.
- This provides a safe and clean environment for the travelers.
- Staying at convent provides financial support to the sisters so they can help the local community.

Employment for the Locals:

Each trip provides employment for at least 12 locals as coordinators, interpreters & masons.

The projects put money into the community as the raw material are purchased locally for each project: cement, cinderblocks, bricks, chickens, pigs etc.

Projects are scheduled twice a day -

In morning and afternoon.

Equates to about five people per group per project.

Example: In a day we could build 8-10 stoves based on the number of groups.

Projects Completed:

Concrete Floors in Homes:

9 were poured

Cinder Block Stoves:

100 have been built

Cinder Block Pignens:

19 have been built

Chickencoops:

27 have been built

Visit a special needs orphanage:

Los Gozosos
Donating money and goods

Helping the People of Guatemala one Family at a Time:

Nativity has improved the lives of at least 100 families each year or about 300 in total.

Visiting the homebound:

135 bags full of food etc.