



**PROJECT HOPE**  
ministries

**2020 Mission Trip Packet**

**Bogota, Colombia**

**June 12-19, 2020**

**July 31-August 7, 2020**

## YOUR MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE

Project Hope maintains strong relationships with local orphanages and ministries in Bogota, Colombia. Through these relationships groups are given many opportunities to see local ministries, get involved, and work to make a difference in the lives of children and families.

This trip includes a lot of walking and team members should be prepared for long days. It is also important that you are able to adapt to changes in schedules, have patience during long waits (mostly due to transportation), and be constantly willing to work closely with your teammates and your leaders. Team members should also be prepared to eat local food while in Colombia.

A sample itinerary is attached.

## TRIP REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for participating in this trip include:

- Unless you are traveling with your church's youth group, you must be at least 18 years old. Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis for children traveling with a parent.
- You must be willing to follow all team rules and respect all in authority.
- You must have a servant's heart and be able to adapt to changes in culture and schedules.
- All team members should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## TRIP COSTS

The cost per person for 2020 trips is \$750 plus airfare. This includes our stay in a guest house, all meals in Colombia (not in the airports), transportation throughout the week, sight-seeing, administrative fees, and activity expenses for our ministries in Bogota.

Other expenses include a passport, food while traveling to and from Colombia, and any souvenirs purchased. We recommend that team members bring an additional \$100 with them.

The cost is broken down into 3 payments.

- \$250 is due when signing up for the trip
- \$250 is due 4 months before the trip
- \$250 is due 1 month before the trip

## TEAM TRAINING

All team members will receive email updates in the months leading up to the trip. These updates will help you learn about the culture, current news topics in Colombia, and details about the locations we'll be visiting. Team members are asked to read the provided information in preparation for the trip.

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

**Friday** Travel Day

**Saturday** This day is set aside for team bonding. We will spend time getting to know the city and touring locations that are significant to the local culture. Dinner will be at a traditional Colombian restaurant.

**Sunday** This morning we will spend a little bit of time with local missionaries, learning about the needs they encounter in Colombia. We will also attend church in the morning, and spend time in downtown Bogota in the afternoon. During this time we will be passing out blessing bags to the homeless. These bags are filled with food, personal care items, and a Bible. Dinner will be at a traditional Colombian restaurant.

**Monday** We will spend the morning at one of the orphanages that Project Hope works with. Our group will have the opportunity to interact with the children through art projects, games, and Bible stories. In the afternoon we will return to the downtown area. Dinner will be at the guest house.

**Tuesday** We will spend the morning at one of the orphanages that Project Hope works with. In the afternoon we will work with a group of children from the church that live in a very poor neighborhood in Bogota. These kids make jewelry to help pay for the cost of school, and we'll be helping them work on some new projects. We will have dinner afterwards with the kids.

**Wednesday** We will spend the morning at one of the orphanages that Project Hope works with. In the afternoon you will have time to relax before dinner out.

**Thursday** We will spend the day at a government-run child care facility about 30 minutes away. This center cares for children during the day that are in protection due to neglect or truancy. They ensure that the kids are in school, complete their homework daily, and they also provide meals for the children. Dinner will be at the guest house.

**Friday** Travel Day

## INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

### Here's what you need to do next:

- Read about the trip. If you have questions, contact us at [sara.cleland@gmail.com](mailto:sara.cleland@gmail.com).
- Fill out the application form and return to:  
*Project Hope Ministries  
195 Bradley Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017*  
It can also be emailed to us at [sara.cleland@gmail.com](mailto:sara.cleland@gmail.com). Returning team members only need to fill out the first page of the application along with the emergency contact information.
- Have your pastor fill out the Pastoral Reference form and return it to the address above. (New team members only.)
- Once all paperwork has been received, a \$250 non-refundable deposit will be due to hold your spot.





## Short Term Mission Trip Application

### General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you single or married?      *Single*      *Married*

Do you have any children?      *Yes*      *No*

Please list your interest, hobbies, and skills below (even if they seem unrelated to this trip).

Have you ever traveled outside of the United States?      *Yes*      *No*

Have you ever been on a mission trip? If yes, please list where you went, when you traveled, and with what organization.

### Passport Information

Do you have a valid passport?      *Yes*      *No*

If yes, when does it expire? \_\_\_\_\_

*(\*If your passport expires before December 2018, you will need to have it renewed right away.)*

Please write full name as it is appears on your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your passport number? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any health problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak Spanish? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Church Affiliation**

Name of local church \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

What ministries are you involved in?

Specifically relating to children's ministry, what are your skills and interests?

What do you think it means to be a Christian?

Please share your personal testimony.

## Other Information

Specialized ministry skills and talents:

\_\_\_\_\_ Drama

\_\_\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_\_\_ Organization

\_\_\_\_\_ Art and/or crafting

\_\_\_\_\_ Teaching

\_\_\_\_\_ Balloons, magic, puppetry

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Why do you want to go on this trip?

What are some things you are doing now to grow in your relationship with Christ?

In your opinion, what are your strengths? (character traits/abilities/skills)

In your opinion, what are your weaknesses? (character traits/abilities/skills)

What do you think will be your biggest challenge on this trip?

What do you think it might mean to be a servant on this particular trip?

Are you willing to raise the funds needed to cover the cost of the trip and meet payment deadlines?  Yes  No

On the mission field, do you agree not to use alcohol, tobacco, public displays of affection between sexes (married or single), profane language, inappropriate dress deemed disrespectful of the culture you are serving in, and/or critical or complaining attitude or words?  Yes  No

Do you agree to remain with the group at all times and follow the instructions of the leaders?  Yes  No

Please tell us why you are willing to follow the above guidelines even though you might not totally agree with them in every situation:

I understand that it is my responsibility to check with my physician concerning immunizations.  Yes  No

I understand it is my responsibility to check with my health insurance provider regarding out-of-country coverage, and that Project Hope is not responsible for any medical expenses I incur while on this trip.  Yes  No

I understand that if unexpected events happen it is possible that I will have to pay an additional amount to help cover the added expense (such as delayed flights or unexpected travel expenses).  Yes  No

I authorize Project Hope to use any pictures taken during the trip for promotional purposes.  Yes  No

## Emergency Contact Information

Who may we contact in case of an emergency?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that all statements in this application are true  
and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Next Steps:

1. After completing this form, mail or email it to Project Hope.
2. Submit the pastoral reference form to your pastor.
3. Once all forms have been received and approved by Project Hope, a \$250 non-refundable down payment will be due. At this point you can book your flight at any time. Please plan to travel on the first and last day of each trip (June 12 & 19 or July 31 & August 7). Once you have purchased your flight, please send your complete itinerary to us at [sara.cleland@gmail.com](mailto:sara.cleland@gmail.com).

# Pastoral Reference Form

Dear Pastor,

A member of your congregation is interested in joining a week-long mission trip to Bogota, Colombia with Project Hope Ministries. While on the trip, they will be working with young children daily. Please answer the questions below as clearly as possible. If you have any questions, you can contact us directly.

We desire to have mature, committed Christians serving on short-term missions with Project Hope. With this in mind, we ask that you fill out the form on the following applicant and mail it back to Project Hope. All replies will be held in strictest confidence. Because our decision to accept this applicant is based in part on your recommendation, **we ask you to give us as detailed an answer as possible.** The applicant will not be admitted into consideration for this trip until this form is received. Thank you.

Jason & Sara Cleland  
Project Hope Ministries  
195 Bradley Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49017  
(269) 274-1361 (Sara)  
sara.cleland@gmail.com

Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

Rate the applicant in the following areas using the scale below. (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest.)

Work ethic	1 2 3 4 5	Ability to cope with stress	1 2 3 4 5
Emotional stability	1 2 3 4 5	Punctuality	1 2 3 4 5
Submission to authority	1 2 3 4 5	Spiritual maturity	1 2 3 4 5
Ability to work with others	1 2 3 4 5	Prayer Life	1 2 3 4 5
Ability to follow through	1 2 3 4 5	Church Involvement	1 2 3 4 5

If you gave a 3 or below for any area please explain:

(continued on back)

Would you trust this person to lead someone to the Lord? YES NO Why or why not?

Would you describe the applicant as a good fit to serve on this particular trip? Why or why not?

I can recommend this applicant:

\_\_\_ *in the highest regard. They will be an excellent part of this trip!*

\_\_\_ *with some slight concern, but they will do a good job.*

\_\_\_ *not at all. They are not ready for this missions opportunity.*

Please tell us why:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_