

## **A Typical Week in Nicaragua**

Teams are usually scheduled with a Saturday to Saturday or Friday to Friday flight schedule. Flights from the US into Augusto C. Sandino International Airport in Managua arrive from lunch through early evening. Teams are met by El Ayudante staff with transportation after they claim luggage and clear customs. Luggage is loaded and the team departs for León, a one hour and forty-five minute drive.

The following schedule is based on a Saturday to Saturday flight schedule. Sunday includes attending/serving at a local church, ministering to the children at El Ayudante's Family Enrichment Center, and preparing for the week's ministry. Monday through Thursday, team ministry is determined by the team considering their gifts, yet strategically coordinated to build on the ministry of previous teams. Supplies and funding for the week's ministry is provided by the team. Ministry will occur between 8:00am and 5:00pm. Nights are used for reflection and devotion both individually and as a team. Friday after breakfast, teams leave León to tour Nicaragua. Potential tour sites include Masaya Volcano National Park and the Managua zip-line over the lagoon of an inactive volcano. Shopping for local crafts at Masaya or Managua is also included in the day's events.

Hotel options for Friday (the last) night in Managua include the Camino Real which is three minutes from the airport and offers a continental breakfast and transportation to the airport.

For 2011, El Ayudante's fee for the week is \$525 which is for a six night stay. This includes everything you need (except ministry funds) from the time you arrive in León until the time that you leave on Friday morning for a day of touring/shopping.

This fee covers lodging (sheets and towels provided), three meals a day prepared at the team house (plus one meal out at a local restaurant), translators, transportation, and purified water.

### **THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- **DAY ONE** Day of arrival—travel to León
- **DAYS TWO-SIX** 5 full days of ministry in León
- **DAY SEVEN** Tour Day (day before departure from Managua) leave team house after breakfast, shop, tour, and stay the night in Managua
- **DAY EIGHT** Day of departure—shuttle to airport from hotel

Teams depart the team house in León after breakfast on their tour day. If a team stays longer, it is considered an extra day and additional fees are required. Each extra day is \$75 per team member.

Each team member is responsible for snacks and meals while traveling to and from León.

***SAMPLE BUDGET FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER***

**FEES PAID BEFORE TRIP**

Airline ticket	
Travel insurance	
El Ayudante t-shirt (optional)	15.00
El Ayudante's 2011 fee for the week	525.00
Hotel on night before departure	40.00

**MONEY NEEDED WHILE IN NICARAGUA**

Entrance fee at Managua airport	10.00
Exit fee (\$32 included in most ticket fares)	
Friday lunch	7.00
Friday dinner	15.00
Fees for Friday sightseeing according to your team's choice [volcano in Masaya, zipline in Managua (optional)]	15.00
Souvenirs/crafts (optional)	25.00

**\$100 will be adequate to carry to Nicaragua**