



SMCC Men's Trip

January, 2027

Healing Nations Vision

A world that recognizes and declares God's glory as individuals, communities, and nations experience healing through truth and compassion.

Project Objectives

To create and build Gospel-oriented relationships with the Guatemalan people while engaging with the community of El Zapote. The team will have opportunities to bless families within the community through home construction, stoves, and other compassion ministry. There may be additional opportunities to engage with communities in the Santo Tomas region.

Trip Dates

The trip is scheduled for January 23 – 31, 2027.

Travel & Project Itinerary

Travel involves one day of travel to/from the country and may include a red-eye flight. The daily itinerary will be finalized at a later date but will be informed based on the priorities set by our partner, Jose Luis Ordonez.

Your Healing Nations Team

Mike Bell will be your Healing Nations Missions Mobilizer and will oversee and organize the planning of your trip, working directly with our partners to determine the plan for the team.

A Healing Nations Team Engagement staff member will organize and plan all the travel details of your trip.

A Healing Nations Team Leader will travel with you and work on your behalf coordinating the daily schedule while in Guatemala and managing the logistic details associated with the projects. There may be an additional Team Leader depending on the size of the group.

Application Process & Deadline

Your complete application and deposit are due by August 31, 2026.

Checklist:

- ☐ Complete the online application: healingnations.net/trip-application/
- ☐ Submit a color copy of your passport photo page with your application
- ☐ Submit your non-refundable deposit of \$500 to SMCC:
<https://smccevents.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3756543>

We accept applications on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications require two references (employer/peer and spiritual). If you need to renew your passport, or you do not have one currently, we need your name exactly as it will appear on your passport. Your passport must not expire within 6 months of travel. If this is the case, you will need to apply to renew your passport as soon as possible. The online process for passports can be [found here](#).

Food & Lodging

The team will be staying at the Healing Nations Ministry Center guest facilities in Santo Tomas, Guatemala. Meals will be a mix of Guatemalan and North American food.

Weather

Expect temperatures in the mid 70s-80s at the guest house with a mix of sun and rain, warm days and cool nights. Temperatures in Zapote will be in the 80s-90s with high humidity and rain often in the afternoon. The tourism day (usually in Antigua) is typically warm.

Financial Information

The trip cost is approximately \$2,500 USD. This is subject to final flight bookings and the final number of individuals traveling. Incremental payments will be due over a period of months preceding the trip and will be made to SMCC.

- **The trip cost includes:** flights; airport fees; food, lodging, and transportation within Guatemala; travel insurance and project costs.
- **The trip cost does *not* include:** souvenirs; meals while traveling outside of Guatemala; or immunizations – see below.

Health

Healing Nations strongly suggests that all travelers be immunized against Hepatitis A and B and be up to date on their tetanus. All travelers should visit either their personal physician or a travel health clinic 4-8 weeks before departure to discuss receiving these, and any additional vaccines.

Zika and Dengue Fever

The Zika and Dengue viruses have a history in Guatemala; however, Zika has become extremely uncommon. You can use the following link to read about Zika: [cdc.gov/Zika/](https://www.cdc.gov/Zika/).

If a Dengue fever infection were to occur, Healing Nations would follow CDC health recommendations. The risk for Dengue is moderate in lower elevations.

These diseases are primarily spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Because there is no vaccine for either, people visiting areas with moderate risk (lower elevations) should take steps to prevent infection, such as wearing mosquito repellent and avoiding standing water.

For more information regarding the risks associated with travel to Guatemala, please visit the CDC's website (URL below). We encourage you to be informed about risks associated with traveling to this country.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/guatemala?>