

More Trip Info

Accommodations

While in Panama, our entire group will stay at a secure, spacious hotel—perfect for Missions! We'll also have medical staff and professional counseling staff with us to meet whatever needs may arise during our trip. <http://www.gamboaresort.com>

The adventure begins in Miami on July 2 (June 30th for Adults and Lit's), where you'll meet your fellow world changers for two days of training. Around 100-150 adult sponsors will arrive two days earlier for leader training and meet you at the Miami International Airport when your flight arrives. We'll pick up your luggage and take you to the hotel.

Upon arrival, you'll go directly to a special registration table to receive your room key, your training schedule and other important info. You'll also meet your missions team! You'll be serving on this team of 30-38 missionaries (and 5-6 adult leaders) for the entire trip.

In Miami, we'll train for two-and-a-half days and learn the evangelistic drama "Spellbound: Toymaker and Son." You'll also learn a few Spanish phrases that will help you share the Gospel, even if you don't speak Spanish! In the evening, we'll have exciting services full of praise and worship and challenging messages from well-known youth speakers.

Once we get to Panama, the real ministry begins!

You'll minister in schools, orphanages and poverty-stricken neighborhoods. You'll help churches and villagers with much-needed work projects like painting, moving dirt, washing windows—whatever needs to be done. Most importantly, you'll share the hope of Jesus Christ with hurting individuals who **DESPERATELY** need the Gospel.

What's an average day look like? Take a look at a day of drama ministry!

Let's say it's July 7, and you're on Team 2. After breakfast and devotions with your team (you'll be dressed in your costume and theatrical makeup) you'll board Team 2's bus with your leaders, interpreters and church representatives for a day of life-changing ministry!

First stop—public school. Yes, we're allowed to actually go in, present the Gospel and even give an invitation for students who want to give their lives to Christ!

After the drama, a few teens from your team will volunteer to give their testimonies through an interpreter. Then, another teammate will ask the students if they'd like to invite Jesus to be their Lord and forgive their sins. At that point, several students may come forward to accept Christ. You and your teammates will introduce them to local church reps who will pray with them in Spanish. The translators will also write down their names and addresses to get them plugged in to a church and disciple them.

Then, in small groups of 3-4, you'll spend some time with the local villagers and ask several questions you learned in Spanish during our Miami training.

"Did you understand the drama?"

"Do you realize we're all born with sin and that sin separates us from God?"

"Do you understand that God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins?"

"Would you like to commit your life to Jesus, have Him forgive your sins and live for Him?"

At that point, several more may want to make a spiritual commitment. All you have to do is bring them to the local church representatives so they can be prayed for in their own language.

When your team is finished, you'll get back on the bus and head for your second destination!

Next stop: A busy neighborhood. Same routine.

After the drama and follow-up, it's lunchtime! Each day, you'll bring your own peanut butter and jelly in your backpack for sandwiches. Your adult sponsors will provide fresh bread and water. (You'll CRAVE them when you get back, we promise!)

Third stop: A local park. Same routine!

Fourth stop: An open-air market or another school.

By the time your team is finished with all four destinations, it'll be close to 4 p.m. You'll return "home," change clothes, take off your makeup and meet for dinner at 6 p.m.

Then, at 7 p.m., we'll have our evening service. We call it FUAGNEM (Fired Up And Going Nuts Every Minute). By this time, you'll be anxious to share what happened during the day or testify to what God is doing in your heart.

Our service will end around 9 p.m. You'll have free time to write in your journal, swim, sit around and talk, etc. Curfew is around 10 p.m. At that time, the female adults will go into each girl's room to do "tuck-ins." Male leaders go to the guys' rooms for "slap-ins." (This is simply our chance as leaders to check up on you, make sure you're doing OK, encourage you to call home if you're homesick, ask you what you're learning, etc.)

The next several days will be a rotation of drama ministry (as outlined above), work projects, etc. There will also be time for souvenir shopping.

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