Frequently Asked Questions The Children's Rescue Mission (CRM)

"Breaking the cycle of poverty for Honduran Children and families by providing relief initiatives, aid, and educational programs that empower individuals, families, and the community."

Who is the trip for?

This trip is for students in grades 9-12, and adult leaders.

When is the trip?

April 12-18, 2025

Registration deadline: January 26, 2025

Where is it located? How will I get there?

CRM is based in the mountainous southern region of Honduras. The team will fly into Palmerola International Airport in Comayagua and travel by van to the village of Teupasenti, El Paraíso. Click here for Google Earth:

Can you tell me more about the mission?

The Children's Rescue Mission (CRM) was founded in 1998 in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. The first mission trip was made in 1999 and funded by a private \$5,000 donation to provide medical aid to the children. The mission initially occupied a borrowed room in a local Teupasenti residence and served 12 children. CRM has grown over the years making a difference in the lives of the children and villagers of Teupasenti. CRM's focus is on longer term objectives to develop sustainable infrastructure for jobs in industry and farming leading to sustainable self-reliance through education, vocational training, water purification, sanitation and adequate health care.

What is the purpose of the Trinity Serves Partner trip?

Participants will partner with the mission to share the love of Jesus by providing relief (primarily through food/supply distribution), spiritual programs with kids and adults, service projects, prayer and compassion. These acts help to build a relationship, so that both the Hondurans and the Americans are edified.

Can you give me an idea of what the trip would look like?

Here is a <u>link to a slideshow</u> from a 2017 trip that Scott led. The Trinity trip would be participating in many of the same type of activities.

What are the accommodations/meals like?

Originally built to attract medical personnel, the mission home is a lovely oasis in the village. Much of the missionaries' down-time is spent on the large second-story balcony enjoying the sights and sounds of the village. All food is prepared by the CRM team. It is simple and delicious fare. The cooks have been trained in sterile cooking practices, so the team remains healthy and well-fed.



View from the mission house balcony at sunset

Is it safe?

Travel always involves some risk, and Honduras can be unpredictable. However, the villages we visit are remote and far from trouble zones. The mission house is surrounded by a high wall and has had no security incidents since it was established. We work with mission-approved drivers and always stay together as a group. Scott has led 13 trips without any issues.

Is the trip physically demanding?

The trip can be demanding at times. Only you know what your body can handle. Travel days are long. Generally, the team departs early in the morning from CT. Flights usually have one connection and we land in Honduras early afternoon. There is a 4 hour van ride to the mission home after landing. During the days, the team will walk the dirt streets of the villages, and depending on the service project we attempt, there may be some rigorous physical labor. Everyone participates at whatever level he/she is comfortable with.

How much will the trip cost?

Currently, we estimate around \$1,500 per person plus flight costs. This includes transportation in Honduras, food, a hotel stay near the airport for the final night, medical insurance coverage, and other team expenses. Flight costs are a major factor, so early booking helps keep the cost down. People are often willing to support those involved in humanitarian trips, so asking for aid from family and friends may help to defray the cost.

OK, I'm excited! What are the next steps?

- Pray about your involvement
- Connect with Josh Felstead, <u>josh.felstead@trinitychurch.life</u> or Scott Tilton, <u>scott.tilton@trinitychurch.life</u> if you have any questions
- Make sure you have a passport that is valid at least 6 months after travel time