

Project Chacocente, USA Guidelines for Volunteers

He has told you, O man, what is good: And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

¡Ya se te ha declarado lo que es bueno! Ya se te ha dicho lo que de ti espera el SEÑOR: Practicar la justicia, amar la misericordia, y humillarte ante tu Dios.
Miqueas 6:8

Project Chacocente is a Christian ministry that seeks to transform the lives of the poorest of the poor, using an integrated, multi-faceted program that incorporates housing, farming, job skills, elementary and high school education, life skills, parenting, problem-solving, small business and values awareness.

Prerequisites for Applicants

1. Must have previously visited the project for a minimum of one week.
2. Minimum age of 18 years old.
3. At least two years of college (although exceptional high school grads will be considered).
4. Flexibility and patience, patience, patience!
5. Maturity.
6. Basic knowledge of Spanish.
7. Willingness to learn Spanish.

Process for Applying

1. Contact Courtney Gildersleeve, Volunteer Coordinator, at chacocentevolunteer@gmail.com to ascertain the availability of volunteer positions, and to discuss your purpose for volunteering and job proposal.
2. Submit application which can found at www.outofthedump.org .

Responsibilities of Accepted Applicant

1. Cost of all travel including airfare and in-country ground transportation.
2. Cost of all food and lodging.
3. Cost of translator if needed.
4. Contact your local travel medicine clinic (Passport Health, for example) or the Centers for Disease Control at cdc.gov/travel/index for health information pertinent to travel to Nicaragua. If necessary, see your personal health care provider regarding any necessary immunizations, medications for malaria prophylaxis and recommendations for sun, water and insect precautions. This should ideally be done at least 6 months prior to departure to assure effectiveness of vaccines.
5. All medications including chloroquine, loperamide (brand name - Imodium), Ciprofloxacin (or another antibiotic for traveler's diarrhea), and immunizations recommended by CDC and/or personal physician. As of January 2011 the following were recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, polio, diphtheria & tetanus, and MMR.

6. All required Project Chacocente, USA, documents including Liability Waiver, Code of Conduct Covenant, and Medical Information Form must be completed and returned to Volunteer Coordinator ***six weeks*** prior to departure.
7. All required travel documents. ***Your passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months beyond the date of your return to the United States.***
8. Any fees incurred for medical treatment are the sole responsibility of the volunteer.
9. Completion of the United Methodist Church's Volunteers in Mission training prior to departure.
10. Read When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert prior to departure.
11. Familiarity of all aspects of Project Chacocente including mission, history, goals, current staff and family members.
12. Personal spending money.

Recommendations for Accepted Applicant

1. Register with US Embassy at www.travel.state.gov .
2. Spray your clothing with permethrin spray one week prior to your departure. This insect repellent will remain effective for up to six months and will not wash out.