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Philippines Service Trip: March 22 - April 2, 2024

Mission

The Philippines service trip will take place in the city of Dagupan and Binmaley which are both located in the Province of Pangasinan on the western Luzon Island. The team will partner with YWAM in Dagupan and with the people of Mrs. Bell's hometown of Binmaley. Both of these areas offer several opportunities to serve in a variety of capacities both to meet physical and spiritual needs of the Filipino people. These areas demonstrate a stark contrast between the extremely wealthy and those who are very poor. The primary outreach of the trip is to assist in building the Ministry Center located on the property we helped purchase for YWAM in Dagupan. We will also participate in food distribution along with grocery bag distribution, Children's VBS, women's ministry, school outreach (handing out backpacks), clothes distribution and worship services with other believers in more remote areas that cannot come to Church. Just as when Jesus commissioned Peter to love Him by "Feeding His sheep", students will get the opportunity to feed those in need both physically and spiritually.

Goals

The Philippines team will provide needed sustenance to the poor in the Philippines. Members of the team will have their limits tested as the climate and conditions are not as comfortable as they are used to in the US. As a former team member said, 'Despite having very little material wealth', the team will see how many people in this world live and "thrive" under these conditions. Team members will have the opportunity to grow closer to God by observing and living around the conditions that many of the Filipino people live in every day of their lives. They will develop a heart for the poor and understand God's compassion for the poor. The team will also live out Matthew 25:39-41 and through scripture study and prayer, learn that what they do for the least of these, they do unto the Lord. Also, the team will be culturally immersed in the way of life of the Filipino people by interacting with locals (i.e. buying food at the market and cooking alongside them, etc).

Itinerary

March 21	Depart from SFO
March 23	Arrive Manila
March 23-26	Work with YWAM Dagupan
March 27-30	Travel to Binmaley, Pangasinan
March 31-April 1	Travel to Villa Escudero for Reflection Days
April 2	Return to California

Accommodations

YWAM Dagupan will provide secure housing and food. Showers are available with running water. In Binmaley, the team will stay at a secure bay-front house that belongs to a family friend of Mrs. Bell. Because of this long-time family connection, we will be part of the community and enjoy the benefits of many local residents keeping an eye out for us. Boys & girls will be in separate houses. Showers are available and there is running water.

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Food
In Dagupan, YWAM will provide meals for the team. While in Binmaley, the team will buy our own food acquired from the local marketplace and safely prepare and cook our food using indigenous techniques centuries old (kawayan). We will only drink bottled water and also use it for cooking.

COST - $3,200
This covers airfare, food, lodging, construction, materials, land transportation and other ministry outreaches. Team members will need to have an up-to-date tetanus vaccination which will not be included in the trip cost.

Application Process
The Philippines Service trip is open to all High School Students. To apply, please submit the 2024 Service Trip Online Application. The 2024 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The link to this application will be posted on the Student Portal under the "Announcements." Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, September 21, through Monday, October 2. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 7:00p.m. on Monday, October 2).

Selection Process
The team will consist of a maximum of 40 students, plus 8 adult chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be selected based on the following trip specific criteria: cross-cultural sensitivity, previous service experience, heart for serving the poor, interest in children and sports and willingness to minister in hot and humid conditions and long days of service (6am - 10pm). Applicants must be open to being challenged and stretched outside of their comfort zone while maintaining a positive attitude *AT ALL TIMES*. Students selected will be notified by Tuesday, October 31.

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Please Note: *Information is subject to change*.