



Philippines Service Trip: March 22 – 31, 2025

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 22-24 Travel to Manila, Philippines
March 24-27 Work with YWAM Dagupan
March 28-30 Travel to Binmaley, Pangasinan
March 30-31 Travel to Villa Escudero for reflection days
March 31 Return to California

Accommodations/Food

We will be staying at Leisure Coast Resort near YWAM Dagupan. It is a resort accommodation with 5 people per room. 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.

Cost - \$2,250

The cost for this trip covers airfare, lodging, meals, transportation and ministry costs. Students will have to cover the additional cost of pre-trip vaccinations (Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B required). Pocket money suggested: \$100.

Application Process

The Ecuador Service trip is open to all 10th – 12th grades only. To apply, please submit the 2025 Service Trip Online Application. The 2025 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The



application link will be posted in Canvas in the Grade Level Classrooms. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, August 29, 3:00PM, through Tuesday, September 10, 11:59PM.

Selection Process

The team will consist of a maximum of 40 students and 7 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. Applicants must be open to being challenged and stretched outside of their comfort zone while maintaining positive attitude at all times. All applicants will be notified of their placement on October 11.

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Please Note: Information is subject to change.