

Dear Friend,

If everything continues to come together as I hope that it does, I will be returning to Guatemala for a little over a week beginning the end of this month. I will be going with a short-term ministry team from a local Colorado Springs church. I will be representing OC's International Mobilization Center on this short-term ministry team.

The value of a short-term ministry team begins with each individual participant on the team. Those who join a short-term ministry team are looking for an opportunity:

- to answer a curiosity to see the sights, smell the smells, and hear the sounds of another country.
- to fulfill an innate desire to evangelize, disciple, and do good works contextually in a second country.
- to learn experientially about live survival and ministry outreaches of host country people.
- to be integrated into and to have influence in the ongoing ministries of a field missionary team.
- to find out, while in another cultural set of norms and mores, how to function outside established life and spiritual comfort zones.



One component of the responsibilities that I have been asked to do here at the IMC is to facilitate those desiring a short-term ministry experience. You may be wondering how a missions agency like OC values the contributions of short-term ministry personnel. Over the next few months, I will list values of how a short-term ministry participant brings together his or her church, the host country churches, a field missionary community, and the field missionaries' sending agency.



The two most recent Bible education programs (PEB) that were completed in Guatemala were started in communities that were receiving annual visits from short-term ministry teams. This is one example of how short-term ministry teams have benefited a field missionary community and the host country churches.

Thank you again for your prayers and for your generosity. God bless you.

Sincerely, in Christ,

