

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

If you feel you just might be called to join this mission trip to our companion diocese of El Salvador please contact Chuck Stewart at (315) 685 8578 or 443 6213 or [cnstewart@verizon.net](mailto:cnstewart@verizon.net). There will be a meeting of all who are interested in being part of this pilgrimage or who would simply like to learn more in January 2009. For those who don't wish to spend the gasoline, there will be a teleconference call-in number available.

A short commentary: "Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'" So, is it better to spend money on a mission trip or to spend money on medicines, nutrition programs, wells, or mosquito nets. The answer is both – as much as we are able. All are called to give of our wealth; some are called to go.

As good as videos and photos are, one cannot get a sense of our sisters' and brothers' lives without being in the churches, kitchens and fields, feeling the heat, smelling the pollution and walking in the dirt. As good as books are, one cannot get a sense of their history without standing behind the altar where their archbishop was shot or standing in front of the Wall of Remembrance with thirty thousand names of those adults and children who died or disappeared in the civil war. And the joy of helping a child paint a T-shirt – perhaps the first new shirt in several years – cannot be described.



## JULY 22 – 29, 2009 YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: EL SALVADOR CENTRAL NEW YORK COMPANION DIOCESE

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# WHERE IS EL SALVADOR?



El Salvador, officially Republic of El Salvador, (2005 est. pop. 6,705,000), 8,260 sq mi (21,393 sq km), is in Central America. The country is bounded on the south by the Pacific Ocean, on the west by Guatemala, and on the north and east by Honduras. The capital and largest city is San Salvador. [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)

## THE SALVADORAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Anglican Church of El Salvador has 22 congregations, 2,000 people, 8 clergy, and a diocesan staff of 10 people. The bishop is the Most Reverend Martín Barahona, consecrated in 1992. Bishop Barahona was also installed as Archbishop of the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America (IARCA) in August 2002. [www.cristosal.org](http://www.cristosal.org)

## WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?

Mission trips are planned with our partner diocese in El Salvador, being sensitive to their schedules, staff, and culture. We remind ourselves that we are guests; this is their church and this is their country. Trips that include a service (work) component, such as this pilgrimage, contribute to ministries our partners have initiated to address local needs. Workgroups are often invited to participate in building or repair projects.

Every effort is made to enable mission teams to see a range of the church's ministry in El Salvador, to meet with local members and leaders, to learn about the context and issues challenging the church there, to gain insights into the culture, and to worship with local congregations.

## THROUGH GLOBAL MISSION TRIPS, TEAM MEMBERS WILL:<sup>1</sup>

- Learn about the work and witness of local faith communities
- Build relationships with area Christians, other people of faith, and with each other
- Serve with members of the local community to meet local needs
- Experience another context in which the Christian faith is practiced
- Worship with local congregations and
- Reflect on the mission team experience in light of the gospel.

## WHAT WILL THE GROUP BE DOING?

Typical day plan for Youth Pilgrimages to El Salvador:

- Day 1: Arrive; Settle in at Casa Anglicana; Dinner at Casa Anglicana; Meet with Bishop; Compline
- Day 2: Visit historical sites in San Salvador: Remembrance Wall, Jesuit University of Central America, Casa Romero; Compline
- Day 3: Vacation Bible School (Escuela Biblia) at an outlying parish working alongside Salvadoran youth; Compline
- Day 4: Worship with two or three congregations on Sunday
- Day 5: Work day at one of the Anglican Villages
- Day 6: Second Vacation Bible School at an outlying parish; Compline
- Day 7: Rest and Relaxation at the Pacific Ocean; Reflection
- Day 8: Depart after breakfast

## WHAT IS THE COST?

1. Air fare is currently \$940 including tax.
2. Room, Board and Transportation in El Salvador are \$70 per person per day (\$490 for seven days)
3. Other expenses are minimal. It's very hard to spend \$100, including gifts and souvenirs.

<sup>1</sup> From the Presbyterian Church (USA)