

Application for the February 2020 MVP Trip to Occidente Presbytery

DEADLINE November 8

Return to Rev. Jim Krapf, Occidente Partners Task Force Chair

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Cultural training and orientation for the experience provided by MVP's Occidente Partners
(zoom scheduled for November 20)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation _____

Check the following areas in which you wish to participate (further descriptions on back):

Health Fairs* Quilting Classes* Painting Walls* (*subject to change)

What experience and skills do you have to offer in the areas that you have selected?

Spanish language skills: very limited conversational advanced

Why do you wish to participate?

Do you have a passport? yes no

Describe below any health concerns that might restrict your full participation?

Can you make arrangements to pay for your costs? yes no

Transportation to and from Minneapolis or Sioux Falls airport

Airline tickets (approximate maximum \$1000 roundtrip)

Additional incidentals (approximate maximum \$500)

Do you wish to apply for a financial supplement from the Task Force? yes no

Do you agree to participate in the following:

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Task Force? yes no

Share your experience with the entire Task Force in spring of 2020 and within the year in a
Valley Bridge article and/or at a Presbytery Meeting? yes no

Participate in Task Force meetings (usually two) and conference calls (usually three) for one
year if possible? yes no

Tentative Dates
January 27 through February 3
Guatemala Network Meeting
February 3 through February 7th

The Network meeting includes the Presbyterian groups who have relationships partners in Guatemala. There will be discussions on how to start a microloan programs and how we can better partner with one another in mission. It is held near Guatemala City at a seminary. A great way to get to know the hopes and dreams of the people of Guatemala.

For questions, please either contact Jim Krapf at e-mail above or Mark Ford at 218-232-8131 or foxfire1691@yahoo.com

Distributing Health Information / Quilt Making/Painting

This opportunity is open to all members of Minnesota Valleys Presbytery and friends. You may use the **application form** printed on the other side of this sheet. Submit your application to Jim Krapf before the Nov 8 deadline. **Orientation** for participants will be scheduled at a time suitable for participants; possibly Nov 20. You will be a part of a team that includes veteran participants. With in-country transportation accommodations, we can take up to 11 people.

Activities

Projects: Health Fairs, Quilting Classes, Painting Manse Walls (subject to change)

Additional days are allotted for travel, worship, meetings, and visits.

Participants in the Fairs will help distribute information regarding health issues (primarily women's concerns) You will team up with medical personnel from Guatemala.

Participants in the Classes will assist in quilt making for the personal use and the for additional income for their families.

Translators will be available during the Network Meeting and the Projects.

Cost will vary depending on airfare, housing, a few meals when traveling, and personal shopping.* You could anticipate your expenses being approximately \$1200 to \$1500. Currently airfares are \$700 to \$800. Previous participants have received support from their local churches, friends, and family.

From several sources, we have limited finances that can be allotted as supplements to people who request financial assistance.

* During the projects, some housing and meals will be provided by our hosts. Some hotel stays (usually \$50/night) and meals in restaurants will also occur. You will experience a gracious welcome by all.

Passports are required. Make sure yours is current. The usual process takes close to six weeks.

The value of your participation will not be what you accomplish, but what you experience. Encouraged by MVP's financial support and previous participation, our partners have been empowered to take the initiative to carry out projects with their capable trained leadership.

What you will experience is the nurturing of your faith by people who worship joyfully in spite of their situations of poverty, violence, and natural disasters. You will make friendships with people who are dedicated to "developing transformative global disciples for Jesus Christ."

"Mission is not just about evangelism or just about humanitarian aid, but is (Missio Dei) God reconciling humanity to himself and reconciling human to one another."
from Dr. Howell's book, "Short Term Mission."