



## Faith In Practice

Life Changing Medical Mission

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# Volunteer FAQs

## *How do I become a volunteer?*

If you are a doctor, dentist, nurse, other kind of medical or dental professional, or have other skills and you would like to volunteer a week of your time to serve on a Faith In Practice mission trip to Guatemala, please complete an online application by going to [www.faithinpractice.org/become-volunteer](http://www.faithinpractice.org/become-volunteer) and clicking on Apply Now.

## *How much does it cost to participate in a mission trip to Guatemala?*

The trip fee for a seven-day mission trip is \$930, and an eight-day mission trip is \$975. This amount covers travel insurance, lodging, in-country transportation and most meals for seven days. This does not include the \$125 annual application fee which is paid separately at the time of application. Therefore, the total cost for a Faith In Practice seven-day mission trip is \$1055 and \$1100 for eight-day trips. Additionally, each volunteer receives flight information from their team leader and is responsible for purchasing airfare to and from Guatemala City. Other expenses may include, unofficial transportation, some meals, and any tourist activities that there may be time for, such as city tours or shopping.

Those participants serving twice (or more) in the same mission trip season will receive a 15% discount on the second trip fee on consecutive teams and a 10% discount on the second non-consecutive team.

## *Are there age limitations for going on a Faith In Practice mission trip?*

Faith In Practice is an adult mission trip. Only volunteers 18 or older should apply and anyone applying under the age of 18 needs to schedule an interview with the COO as part of the application process. The reason for this is the lack of supervision while the parents fill their role on the medical team.

## *Can I join my family member, friend, or colleague on the same team?*

Applications are reviewed on an individual basis. We cannot promise that multiple volunteers will be placed on the same team. Applications are accepted based on skill and availability for a particular role on the team.

## *When and how long are Faith In Practice mission trips?*

Our main mission season generally runs from January through June, with a few teams serving from July through November. Mission teams serve for approximately one week each. During our 2016-17 season, we successfully facilitated 40 different trips, at times having two to three teams in country at once, one at the hospital in Antigua and others working in rural village family practice clinics or regional partnership hospitals.

## *How does Faith In Practice raise support for medical mission trips?*

We ask all volunteers to participate in our **Share The Mission** program, which provides vital support to the work our volunteers do in Guatemala. Share The Mission funds a substantial portion of the general budget, paying for patient care, patient transportation, training for medical personnel in Guatemala, logistical support and the administrative costs associated with arranging the trips to Guatemala. Funds raised through Share The Mission do not pay for participants' trip fees.

Each team is set up with a team fundraising page on our fundraising platform, and each volunteer can fundraise for their team or set up an individual fundraising page to share personal stories and photos with their contacts. Share The Mission is an opportunity for your friends, family, churches, and networks to participate alongside the work you will be doing, providing desperately needed healthcare in Guatemala.

If you are placed on a team, you will receive more information about setting up your personal Share The Mission fundraising page.

*Email [teams@faithinpractice.org](mailto:teams@faithinpractice.org) for more information on how to join a Faith In Practice team.*