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## 2021 Mission trips in Guanacaste, Costa Rica - Covid19 info



During a global pandemic there are many uncertainties. 2020 probably ended up looking very different for you and your church than you had thought. It is very hard to plan ahead, because we don't know what life and ministry will be looking like. At YWAM Guanacaste we have had to adjust many things due to the closing of the borders and strict government restrictions. When asking God how to plan for 2021, we have felt to go ahead and plan for active ministry, but also to plan for flexibility. We are trusting that the situation will be better, that the borders will be open and safe ministry in our area will be possible. We aim to be wise and avoid unnecessary risks, while still being effective and walking in our calling to share the Gospel with the people of Guanacaste.

### **We want to invite you to come to Guanacaste for a mission trip next year!**

We are committed to organizing a safe and custom planned mission trip for your team, one that meets your security requirements and adjusts to the Covid-19 situation at the time of the trip. We want to make missions possible for you, even if it looks a little different from what we were used to before.

### **How will safe outreaches happen?**

- **Social distancing as necessary:** We are located in the countryside, isolated from people and crowds. According to the recommendations and the situation during the dates of the trip, we can keep the group as isolated as needed. We can organize ministry activities with three different levels of social interaction: **1) total isolation** where the team is only in contact with the missionaries

God's call and the Great Commission have not been cancelled!



doing work projects, prayer and worship ministry, helping around the ministry center etc; **2) safe restricted contact**, maintaining social distance with locals doing Bible distribution, presentations in schools and churches with face coverings etc; or **3) normal contact** where the team does ministry activities as done before Covid-19, playing with kids, doing youth nights etc.

- **Flexible cancellation policy due to Covid19:** We will plan and prepare the schedule together with you according to the knowledge of the possibilities and risks for the dates chosen. If the situation changes for the worse, international travel becomes restricted, the risks become too big or any other Covid19-related reason, you can cancel the trip with the following refunding policy:
  - Cancel up to one week before the trip with 100% refund of the mission trip fee (not including the booking fee).
  - Cancel 7 to 3 days before the trip with 90% refund of the mission trip fee (some food and supplies have to be purchased during the week prior to team's arrival)
  - Cancel 2 to 0 days before the trip with 80% refund of the mission trip fee (some food, supply and transportation costs are unavoidable few days prior to team's arrival)
- **Commitment to cleanliness:** We have increased the frequency and the detail that our common areas are cleaned. Cleanings with disinfectant are occurring several times daily. Staff and team members are asked to use hand sanitizers which we have placed throughout the common areas and in the vehicles. We also sanitize the vehicles and all used equipment daily.

Please contact us with your questions and concerns. We would love to connect with you and talk about how we can make missions possible for you in 2021. We are here to serve you and we will be able to organize trips even with short notice. You can find more information about mission trips in Guanacaste in our Manual for Short-Term Teams.



**Your co-workers in Christ,**

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