

1st Team FL Email

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Greetings Team Florida!

Exciting opportunities are upon us as we partner together to go to Costa Rica this summer for this Work & Witness Trip! My name is Pastor Jeff Hinkley. I'm a full time youth pastor in Winter Garden, FL. I also serve as our FL District NYI VP. I am one of the Leaders/Coordinators. Pastor Ada Lopez is our other Leader/Coordinator. Pastor Ada serves as the Mission Pastor in St. Johns, FL and as our FL District NMI Work & Witness Coordinator. We are thrilled to partner our NMI & NYI together this year!

Our official Registration Deadline is passed as of November 25th. Right now we have a total of **37 people** on Team Florida. This is a great sized team! There are several things we need you to be aware of as we are making preparations for this coming June. Please be sure to **read this email completely** as it outlines both the business and ministry sides of things. We don't want you to miss anything.

Business :)

Registration

- If you know of someone at your Church or another Church who is planning on going to Costa Rica with us (FL District), please have them contact me (Jeff) immediately so we can finalize our Team and move forward with necessary reservations with Encuentro Missions and with the Airlines. Our cutoff for any more registrations will be December 31st. After that date, we will not be able to register anyone else, unless it's a replacement for someone who needs to drop out for any reason.
- Anyone who does Register between now and December 31 who has not submitted any payments as of today December ____, will need to pay a higher rate of \$1,400 due to a higher Encuentro Registration Rate.

Cancellations/Refunds

- Due to the need to start paying bills during the month of December, no money will be able to be refunded to anyone. However, should you need to pull out for any reason, we will leave it up to you to recruit a replacement and work out the refund of any paid money between yourself and that person.

Payments

- This is everyone's favorite part! :) It is very important that everyone follows the payment plan. We have tried to spread out the payments to make it easier for most of you to be able to raise and pay the funds. In following the payment plan, one of the biggest keys is that you send in \$650 as soon as possible before the end of the year. We do have one additional request: If any of you are able to send in your full payment of \$1,300 before the end of the year, that would be helpful as we have bills that will need to be paid beginning in December.
- Here is the payment schedule that we need each of you to follow:
 - \$650 due immediately
 - \$150 due January 2 (postmarked by)
 - \$150 due February 2 (postmarked by)
 - \$150 due March 2 (postmarked by)
 - \$200 due April 2 (postmarked by)
 - Late Registrants between December __--31, should add \$100 to their April payment.
- ALL PAYMENTS should be made payable to **The Florida NYI** and MAILED to the following:
The Florida NYI
PO Box 784834
Winter Garden, FL 34778
- The only exception to this is if you are submitting your payments to your local church and they are then sending one church check to the above listed address for The Florida NYI.

Passports

- As soon as you have your Passports in hand, please take a picture/scan and email it to us, because we'll need your info for flights. Please do not delay in getting your passports and remember to double check spelling of your name.

Ministry

Work Projects

- We want to remind you of our work projects that we'll be doing in Costa Rica, so you can begin praying and preparing your hearts and minds for what role you will be playing on Team Florida. Since we've extended the trip from 7 days to 10 days, at no additional cost, we will be able to serve 2 different Churches and their Communities.
 - The first one is _____. There we'll be laying tile in their main worship space, putting on a Sports Camp, a Children's Crusade (vbs), and hopefully assisting with a Medical Clinic.
 - The second one is _____. In _____ we get to build classroom walls, lay tile, put on a Sports Camp, a Children's Crusade (vbs), and Paint a Basketball Court in a nearby Park.
 - At both places, we'll get to worship with the Church and eat meals with them.
- As we begin preparing for these specific projects, we need to identify one key leader for each project. If you are gifted with the ability to effectively lead others in one of the following areas, please respond to this email to let me (Jeff) and Ada know what you're thinking and we'll follow up with you accordingly. Each of you know what your strengths and weaknesses are, so please keep these in mind when volunteering or not volunteering for one of these spots.
 - **Construction Leader** (laying tile, building walls, painting basketball court)
 - **Sports Camp/Clinic Leader**
 - **VBS Leader**
- We also need to know if anyone on our team is trained in any of the following: First Aid, CPR, Nursing, or Doctor of any kind. Please respond to this email to let us know.
- Lastly, if you are a musician and/or lead worship in your Church, please respond to this email to let us know.

Mandatory Team Florida Meetings:

- In order to get to Costa Rica fully prepared and able to function as a Team, we will be having at least 2 mandatory Team Florida Meetings. We need absolutely everyone to plan on participating in these meetings. These will be times when we get to know each other, prepare for our work projects, share relevant information pertaining to the Trip, and pray together. So, please save the following 2 dates in your calendars now and let us know right away if you already have a conflict.
 - **February 10th @ 10am**
 - **April 14th @ 10am**
 - We'll work through lunch together to prepare and get ready for our Work & Witness Trip. More details to come regarding location and how long we anticipate each meeting to take. We assure you that regardless of where the meetings are, your travel to and from will be worth it.

T-Shirts Available

- We do have some Team Florida T-Shirts designed and available for purchase, if you'd like to have one for yourself AND if you'd like to sell some as a Fundraiser at your Church or elsewhere. Prices are as follows:
 - 1 = \$20 each
 - 2 = \$19 each
 - 3 = \$18 each
 - 4 = \$17 each
 - 5 = \$16 each
 - 6 = \$15 each
 - 7 = \$14 each

- 8 = \$13 each
- 9 = \$12 each
- 10 + = \$11 each
- Come time for the actual trip, each of you will receive a T-Shirt as it is built into your cost. We just wanted to give you the option to have one or more early to continually build the excitement among your family and your Church. It's a great way to include others who aren't going!

Prayer

- Please be praying for God to move in a mighty way as we prepare to serve Him in Costa Rica together. Pray on your own, pray with your family, and pray with your Church. Something that our Church will be doing soon is creating Prayer Partner relationships between those going to Costa Rica and those not going. We'll encourage folks to get together for a meal every now and then, pray together, maybe help each other with a project around the house, and who knows, maybe there could be some financial support that comes from it too?

This is all we have for now, but please know that we are working on a document to share with you that lays out all the information you'll need to know. In the meantime, please do 2 things for us: **1)** Let us know that you received this email & **2)** if you have any questions regarding the information in this email, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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