Mission Honduras “J” Term 2015 (January 5- 16th)

Site of Mission: Casa de St. Terese of Lisieux Volunteer Center, Comayagua, Honduras

This volunteer mission site is run by an organization called APUFRAM (in English it means Association of Franciscan Boystown and Girlstown). It provides academic and spiritual education to the poor children of Honduras. It also has locations in the Dominican Republic.

The kind of work we would be doing here would be teaching, painting, cleaning, home repairs, construction work and interacting with some children and youth. The morning work could be physically strenuous; however, the afternoon would be more relationship building with the people and learning about the culture and perhaps doing some teaching. Normally we would visit schools in the area; however, this is their summer vacation time. The director assures us there is plenty “to do”; however, this is meant to be a learning about the culture and sharing of gifts as well.

We would fly into Tegucigalpa which is the capital of Honduras. A van from the volunteer center would pick us up and take us to the volunteer site which is about 1 ½ hour drive. This van will also take us back to the airport. We would live at the center, where we have bunk beds and showers. There are times of prayer each morning and sharing in the evening.

My suggestion to all of you is that you set aside monies now for that ticket so when a good deal comes up we can do our ticketing quickly, normally in early Nov. .

Estimated cost for the trip: varies with what shots/passport you have already

- **Airline ticket:** $748.00. I need a $50.00 deposit when you are accepted in Sept. The total fee is due by Oct. 31.
- **Passport:** $135.00, plus photo: $150.00 approx.
- **Shots/Medications:**
  1. Hepatitis A: $80.00 each (two shots total, one at least a month before you leave, the other is six months later) may be covered by insurance?
  2. Hepatitis B: (all students should have these)
  3. Updated Tetanus shot: varies in cost, check your physician, should be covered by insurance
  4. Typhoid meds: $130.00 (taken normally in early December) should be covered by insurance (details about the kind will come later)
  5. Malaria meds: approximately $100.00- $130.00 ...details about the options will come later this fall.....should be covered by insurance (this is taken shortly before you leave in late December)

- **Food/Housing/Travel Costs in Honduras:** $150 per person & exit fee of $40.00 (this is covered by a grant received from the Sisters of St. Francis)
- **Other costs:** T-shirt; travel to Omaha (will be covered for you from donations)

**Fund raising:** will be done for supplies we need for our work

In summary: you are responsible for your airline ticket, passport and medication costs.