

Many lives have been touched by the work being done at Agua Viva. The children's home is supported solely by individual people through child sponsorships, general donations and donations for specific projects to enable those at



Agua Viva to do God's will for the ministry.

As the Lord blesses the work and children there, they are able to share those blessings and the good news of Christ with the people of Guatemala.

Experience the blessing of serving the children of Agua Viva alongside caring believers who are making a difference in the lives of children.

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background

Agua Viva Children's Home is located in Chimaltenango, Guatemala. It was founded in 1977 by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church member, Joyce Heinlein, and her family after a tragic earthquake that killed over 20,000, leaving many orphans in its wake.

Agua Viva is now home to over 82 boys and girls ages 3 to 17. Some are orphans, some from broken homes with no father. All suffered extreme poverty.

Many of the children enter Agua Viva hungry, dirty, and without hope. They have only the clothes they are wearing. Within weeks the Lord works a transformation and their faces beam with hope.

Agua Viva's vision is to rescue and educate children to be successful Christian adults with the desire and ability to help their own people.

Agua Viva's property covers 14 acres. An on-site school was established for grades K-8, while the older children attend a private Christian school in the area. Everilda Tzirin Bal (Evy) is the Guatemalan Director. Guatemala Children's Mission is the stateside organization that oversees the work and organize service project for the home.

Hundreds of adults and teenagers have come to Agua



Viva to do short-term mission work, bringing with them a heart for these children and needed supplies. The Sherwood Oaks team will be interacting with

the children and doing work projects on the grounds. No prior experience in construction or teaching is necessary.

What does God want to do through you—and in you—as part of this mission team?

specifics

DATES: Oct 3—Oct 10, 2015

PROJECTS: The team will be interacting with the children (playing, teaching, learning), doing work projects on the grounds as assigned by the Agua Viva staff, and touring cultural sites in the Guatemala highlands.

TEAM: A maximum of 25. The only criteria are flexibility, patience, and a servant's heart. No children under 14.

TRAVEL: Air travel from Indianapolis to Guatemala City. A bus will transport the team to Chimaltenango and while touring.

HOUSING: The team will stay at Agua Viva in dorm-like facilities.

FOOD: Varied Guatemalan and American meals will be prepared by the staff cooks with the team's assistance. The best tortillas in Latin America are made in Guatemala!

R&R: The team will tour in Antigua, the colonial capital of Central America. There will be time to be refreshed spiritually, and to build relationships with God's family there.

COST: \$1300, includes airfare and ground costs, food and lodging at Agua Viva, and insurance. It does not include food on travel days, souvenirs, and exit taxes. Please bring additional personal funds as desired for extras.

DOCUMENTS: A valid US Passport is necessary to enter Guatemala and reenter the US. Passport applications are available at any US Post Office. The cost is \$110 plus photo charge and the process takes 4 to 6 weeks.

FUNDRAISERS: Fundraising packets are available through SOCC after registration. All funds raised are applied directly to individual project costs.

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application

PARTICIPANT:

Name on Passport _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Medical or Dietary Concerns _____

Do you speak Spanish?

_____ None _____ Some _____ Fluent

US Citizen? _____ If not, state citizenship.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Relationship _____

Payment Schedule

Registration deadline July 22, 2015

\$100 non-refundable deposit with registration

Balance due September 25, 2015.

**Guatemala, October 2015
Mission Project**

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