

STA HONDURAN IMMERSION TRIP

November 17-26, 2011

St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center is currently sponsoring a Honduran immersion experience:

- ❖ **November Parish/Medical Immersion**, will primarily be focused on building relationships between parishioners at STA and Dulce Nombre de Maria. Participants may have the opportunity on one day to visit a few sites of a rural maternal and infant health program run by Caritas, supported by Catholic Relief Services. This trip will be led by ISU college student, Annette White. Preference given to those who attend Honduras Ministry Committee meetings, and who speak Spanish to some degree. Passport required, some immunizations recommended.

Trip participants will live in very simple conditions and assist in service, cultural immersion and/or learning experiences about poverty, homelessness or other appropriate subjects. Prayer and reflection are essential aspects of this immersion.

Participants are required to participate in:

- Minimum of two organizational meetings before their trip.
- A trip team service project or subject matter preparation session.
- Post trip re-orientation, and donation of photos/videos to STA for future advertising.
- Trip fundraising dinner in spring of 2012.

APPLICATION and \$250 DEPOSIT DUE:

July 18th for November 17-26, 2011 Trip

Please return this application to Shari Reilly at St. Thomas Aquinas, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014.

Electronic submissions are preferred – send to Shari@staparish.net.

Submissions are not considered complete until deposit is received.

Call Shari at 515-292-3810 ext. 15 or e-mail for more information.

REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION

Name _____

Local address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Birth Date _____

Major/Job _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Spanish Proficiency (circle one): Fluent Conversant Short phrases only None

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Relationship _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

REFERENCES

Please list two non-STA, non-student references. Include name, job title, and phone number.

HEALTH CONCERNS

Health insurance:

Company: _____ Policy number: _____

Do you have any allergies, medical conditions, or illnesses of which we should be aware? Yes No

Are you taking any medication of which we should be aware? Yes No

If you answered yes for either question, please explain:

NOTE: Trip costs will vary, and will include lodging, food, materials for use during the experience and some transportation. Expect them to be in the neighborhood of \$1,100.00 depending upon flight costs. The parish may have funds to help subsidize this, please fill out the financial aid part of the application if you are requesting financial aid.

1. Why are you interested in traveling to Honduras?

2. What are your expectations for this experience?

3. Briefly describe how one service experience has impacted your life.

4. Please list one strength and one weakness that you bring to this experience. How would you capitalize on the strength and minimize the weakness?

5. What skills would you bring to this experience? (e.g., carpentry, roofing, plumbing, prayer leading, cooking, language proficiency) What is your level of skill? Could you supervise others?

6. You may live in very simple conditions, including cold showers, outdoor toilets, sleeping on floors and/or sharing a double bed with another trip participant. How will you handle any discomfort or conflict that may arise in this situation?

7. How will you apply the experiences you anticipate having to your everyday life?

8. How will you share your experiences with St. Thomas Aquinas in order to help build the relationship between the two parishes?

9. How much financial aid might you need from the parish? Please describe all current sources of income if you are asking for financial assistance. Only registered members of St. Thomas Aquinas are eligible for assistance.