



El Salvador

TRIP OVERVIEW

Harvesting In Spanish

AREAS OF OUTREACH



SHALOM CHILDREN'S HOME



FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER



AMILAT SCHOOL



BENNER SCHOOL

Group Schedule

MAY 3RD - 9TH

Sunday: Travel Day, Orientation, & Grocery Store

Monday: Service Day

Tuesday: Service Day & Dinner Out

Wednesday: Service Day

Thursday: Excursion

Friday: Service Day

Saturday: Travel Day

The service days will be based on each volunteer's service preference. We can decide on specific projects for the home, school, clinic, and labor groups based on interest and skills of the volunteers in each group.

Depending on the time of your arrival, we may push the orientation and grocery store visit to Monday.

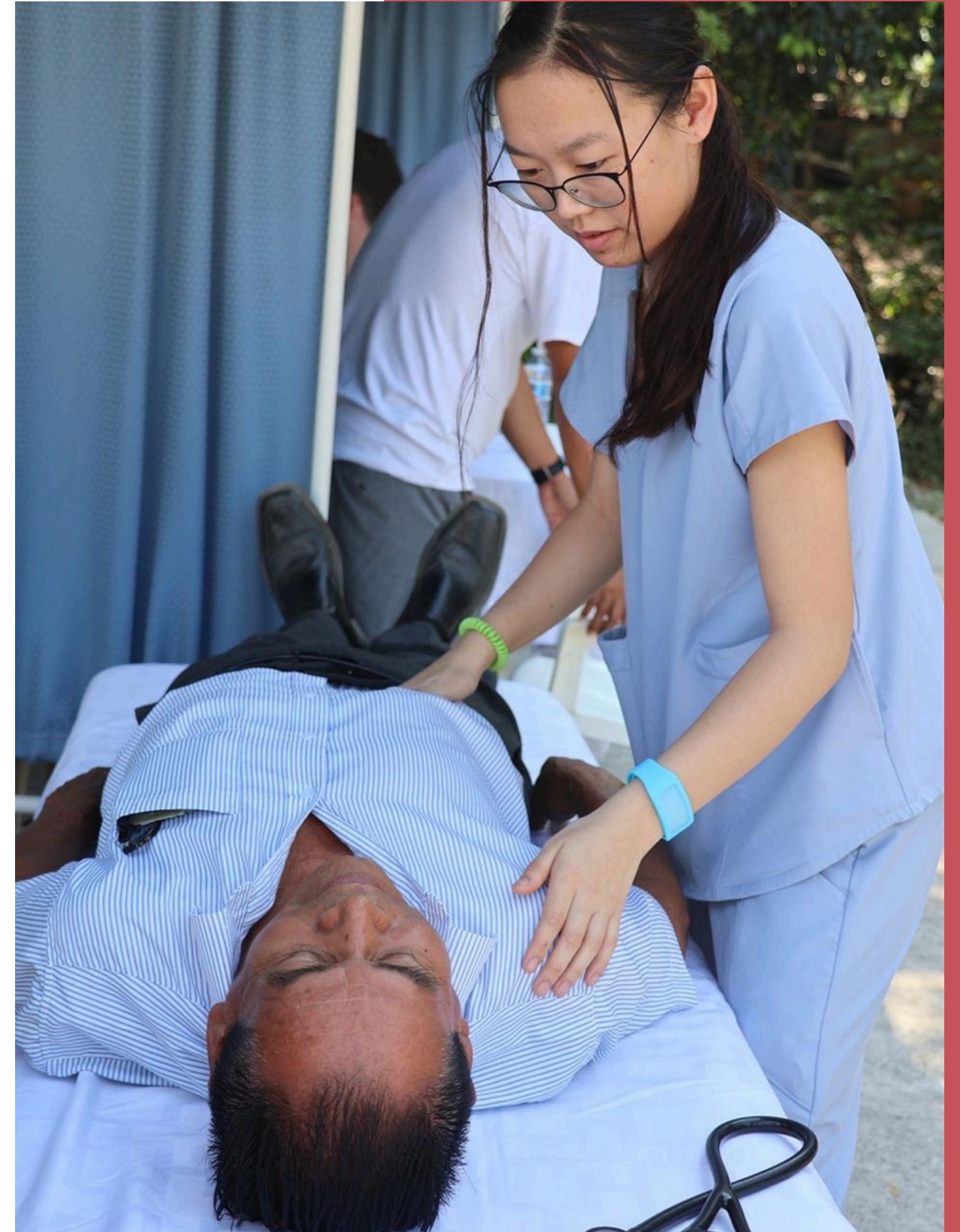


Trip COST

- A \$300 deposit secures your group's spot. This cost will be applied to the overall cost.
- A \$90 non-refundable registration fee is required per person. The cost for room and board is \$37.00 per person per night.
- May 3rd - 9th: **6 Nights**

\$90 (registration) + \$222 (room and board) = \$312

If a translator is required, the cost will be \$25 per day. A translator can be shared among a group and is only necessary for volunteers who will be interacting with Spanish-speaking individuals in areas where communication is essential.



Clothing & Packing GUIDELINES



- Pack modest clothing, hygiene essentials, and necessary documents
- Follow specific clothing guidelines for work, church, and recreational activities
- No display of sexually suggestive expressions or actions, profanity, obscenity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or political propaganda
- Shorts must come to your knees, and pants must not have holes above your knees
- Bring snacks, sunscreen, and spending money for optional purchases



The rainy season is May - November, so you may need to bring a rain jacket!



Travel LOGISTICS



Immigration has a \$12 fee on arrival. Can be paid with cash or card.



Once you arrive, we will pick you at the airport pickup area. A few days before we will send detailed instructions on who is picking you up.



The waiting area can be crowded. Be sure to keep your luggage and belongings with you at all times.

Accommodations

HOUSING, DINING, & SAFETY

- Apartment style accommodations with AC, hot water, and wifi.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner is provided on site in our dining hall. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions.
- The Shalom Home is completely fenced in with a security guard on site 24/7.
- Drink purified water; clean drinking water is provided around our facilities.



Samaritan's Purse **SECURITY ASSESSMENT**



- “The Shalom Children’s Home have outstanding security management; if I were assigned as the security manager for these facilities, I would hardly change a thing. Both their physical security on-campus and their management of off-campus activities are in keeping with standard security-industry practices.” - Eric Berntson,
- The campus is lit at night with both solar and grid-electric lights. They have a well, a four-week supply of food, a generator, and two-way radios to communicate around the two locations in case of a communications outage.
- They have a high-quality camera system, and combined with the camera systems on the school and children’s home, they can monitor activity in much of the surrounding neighborhood as well.
- All off-campus travel, including the one block from the children’s home to the clinic, is by vehicle. Visitors are only driven around by key staff and employed drivers. The key staff take visitors to pre-approved, low-risk tourist areas, and visitors are not permitted to travel outside the clinic or children’s home walls by themselves.



Social Media **REQUIREMENTS**



Pictures with the faces of our Shalom Home children are not allowed to be posted publicly if they are under the age of 18



You CAN post a photo if the child's face is blocked out, covered, or not fully shown



Please TAG us in your posts on Facebook and Instagram so we can share all the wonderful work you are doing



Serving with **EXCELLENCE**

GIFT GIVING

Do not hand out any gifts to children and individuals in the community or at the ministry sites as this can cause conflict and/or put people in danger. We will give you instructions on arrival regarding any items you have brought for donation. If you feel led to give a specific person or child something, please reach out to leadership in order to find an appropriate time and space to do so.

Be punctual and flexible with plans. Respect the community, children and volunteers.

Do's

- While some people in El Salvador speak English, it's helpful to know some basic Spanish phrases. Locals will appreciate your effort to communicate in their language.
- El Salvador has a more conservative dress code, especially in rural areas and in church settings. Dress modestly and appropriately for the occasion.
- Always ask for permission before taking photos of people, especially in rural communities. Some individuals may prefer not to be photographed.
- Keep your apartment on our campus locked when you are not there. Any valuables such as cameras, laptops, purses and cell phones should be kept with you or left in your apartment, please do not leave unattended in open-air or common areas.

AND DONT'S

- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry or displaying valuable items and large amounts of cash in public, as this can make you a target for theft.
- Avoid engaging in political discussions or expressing strong opinions about politics. To keep relationship doors open, it's best to avoid topics that could create distance or misunderstandings.
- While bargaining is common in markets, don't engage in aggressive haggling. Be respectful and fair when negotiating prices.
- Please do not give your personal contact information such as email address, phone number, social media handles, or home address to any of our children or teens at the Shalom Home, as they are with us through Salvadoran Social Services. If you desire to maintain contact with any of them, you may do so through HIS.



Next STEPS

1. Submit the \$300 deposit to secure your dates.
2. Finalize the head count and choose projects.
3. Have all Volunteers fill out our Volunteer Forms on our website.

Mission Opportunities → Teams → Volunteer Forms



ANY *Questions?*