



WHY COLOMBIA?

From the Andes Mountains to the Caribbean coastline and the Amazon Rainforest, Colombia is one of the most ecologically diverse countries in the world. Colombia sits at the crossroads of Central and South America, allowing for a widespread diversity DATES: JUNE 16 - 27 COST: \$2,500

of cultures. Currently, there is a large influx of Venezuelan refugees coming through Colombia, putting a strain on its economic resources.

Many in Colombia have been affected by homelessness, drug addiction, or violence from drug trafficking, but God is bringing hope and restoration. It is also home to unreached tribes, a large student population rapidly rejecting the Gospel, and thousands of children living on the streets.

Our team will serve in Medellin, known as the "City of Eternal Spring" for its temperate weather and host of beautiful native flowers.

While in Colombia, we will be partnering with AIM alongside of a ministry known as City of Refuge. The vision of this ministry is to provide a refuge for those in need through the provision of humanitarian aid and holistic programing.

- Men and Women's Recovery Programs: Serve women coming out of homelessness, addiction, and prostitution through a one-year Christ-centered restoration program. Through daily Bible classes, counseling, and life skills training, City of Refuge seeks to give men and women an opportunity to find total and complete healing in Christ.
- **Feeding Program:** People from throughout the community gather for a nice meal and a chance to feel the warmth of someone who cares for them.
- **Homeless Ministry:** Join a diverse team of local and international volunteers who go out on the streets weekly to minister to the homeless, addicted and displaced. This is the first step in the ladder of Ciudad Refugio's recovery programs. An invitation is given to those who live on the streets to come and sleep in the Ciudad Refugio shelter.
- Youth Development Program: Minister to the youth program which is a safe haven for at-risk youth where they can learn, grow and develop positive relationships with God, self and others.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Strange food
- Hot weather
- Bugs
- Long days
- Scripture memorization
- Evangelism + language training
- Hardwork

- Monthly trainings
- 4 Worldwide Weekends
- Strict payment due dates
- Personal fundraising (+ 2 team fundraisers)
- Strenuous physical activity
- · Growth in your walk with Christ

REQUIREMENTS:

Must be at least 16 years of age by 1/01/25 through age 25.

Must have been attending **Pursuit Youth** regularly for the past <u>six</u> consecutive months.

Must be a part of a ministry team.

Application must be approved by the Worldwide Missions board.

*COVID vaccinations are NOT currently required for travel. Please note, if the CDC institutes a mandate requiring proof of vaccination to travel, our trip will be relocated or canceled.

WHAT DOES \$2,500 INCLUDE?

- Food
- Airfare
- Cooking
- Loding
- Training materials
- Field costs, from day of arrival to day of departure
- Set-Up costs

- Project leadership
- Team apparel
- Worldwide curriculum
- Health insurance coverage
- Returning hotel costs
- Ministry expenses
- Free day activities
- Other associated costs

WHEN DO I HAVE TO DECIDE BY?

All applications are due by Sunday, April 7, 2024 with a fee of \$50. This fee will either count towards your trip upon approval of your application or be refunded if denied approval. Within one week you will receive a follow-up email from our Worldwide Missions board regarding your approval or denial. At the discretion of the Worldwide Missions board, interviews may be scheduled for further inquiry.

We will have a brief **Team Initiation** on Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 12:30 - 1:30p with the accepted applicants.

The first payment of \$250 will be due at our first Worldwide Weekend on **Friday, May 3** - **Saturday, May 4, 2024** and will secure your position on the Colombia missions trip per approval of your application.

There will be no add-ons or cancellations beyond this point. If you opt out after **May 4**, **2024**, your money will not be refunded and you will be responsible for covering the cost of your plane ticket with possible additional feeds.

APPLY ONLINE: weareoneyouth.com/missions



	TOTAL	\$2500
WW Weekend	May 16, 2025	\$250
InHouse Training	April 6, 2025	\$300
InHouse Training	February 16, 2025	\$250
WW Weekend	January 17, 2025	\$300
InHouse Training	November 10, 2024	\$300
WW Weekend	September 20, 2024	\$550
InHouse Training	June 9, 2024	\$250
WW Weekend	May 3, 2024	\$250
Application Fee	April 7, 2024	\$50

Upon the approval of your application, the initial \$250 due on May 3, 2024 will secure your position on the Colombia missions trip. There will be no add-ons or cancellations beyond this point. If you opt out after **May 4, 2024** your money **will not** be refunded and you will be responsible for covering the cost of your plane ticket with possible additional fees.

<u>For all Worldwide Weekends</u>: all checks should be made payable to "Gateway Assembly" and turned in on the specified payment due dates above. Please turn in all of your checks or cash in a sealed envelope labeled with your name.

<u>For all inHouse Trainings</u>: all checks should be made payable to your home church ("Gateway Assembly" / "Harbor Church" / "Community Christian Church") and turned in on the specified payment due dates above. Please turn in all of your checks or cash in a sealed envelope labeled with your name.

LATE PAYMENTS

Because each payment is used to meet specific deadlines (i.e. flights, trip insurance, etc), meeting the due dates is highly important. If you do not turn in your funds by the payment due date, you will be charged a \$15.00 late fee that will not count towards your final payment but will be added to the general trip funds.



TRAININGS + FUNDRAISERS COLOMBIA

MARCH	
24	Interest Meeting
APRIL	
7 21	Application Deadline \$50 Due Team Initiation
MAY	
3-4	Worldwide WKND 1 Payment Due: \$250 Location: WE ARE ONE
	2796 S Van Dyke Rd Imlay City, MI 48444
JUNE	
9	InHouse Training Payment Due: \$250
SEPTEMBER	
20-21	Worldwide WKND 2 Payment Due: \$550
	Location: PURSUIT YTH 42400 Ryan Rd Sterling Heights, MI 48314
NOVEMBER	
10	InHouse Training Payment Due: \$300
JANUARY	
17-18	Worldwide WKND 3 Payment Due: \$300
	Location: HARBOR YTH 311 E Lincoln St East Tawas, MI 48730
FEBRUARY	
16	InHouse Training Payment Due: \$250
MARCH	
22	We Are One Conference 2025 Workshop



APRIL	
6	InHouse Training Payment Due: \$300
MAY	
16-17	Worldwide WKND 4 Payment Due: \$250 / PAID IN FULL
	Location:
	WE ARE ONE
	2796 S Van Dyke Rd Imlay City, MI 48444
JUNE	
15	Final Details (Brief Team Meeting)
16	Depart for Colombia
27	Return Home

*Above is the list of required dates for all team members. Additional fundraising dates are TBD.

