

Application for the January–February 2017 MVP Trip to Occidente Presbytery

DEADLINE OCTOBER 10

Return to Rev. Jim Krapf, Occidente Partners Task Force Chair
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Name _____ Congregation _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Check the following areas in which you wish to participate (further descriptions on back):

Network Meeting Health Fairs Quilting Classes

What experience and skills do you have to offer in the areas that you have selected?

Spanish language skills: very limited conversational advanced

Why do you wish to participate?

Do you have a passport? yes no

Describe below any health concerns that might restrict your full participation?

Can you make arrangements to pay for your costs? yes no

Car to and from Minneapolis or Sioux Falls airport

Airline tickets (approximate maximum \$1000 roundtrip)

Additional incidentals (approximate maximum \$500)

Do you wish to apply for a financial supplement from the Task Force? yes no

Do you agree to participate in the following:

Cultural training and orientation for the experience provided by MVP's Occidente Partners
Task Force on October 15? yes no

Share your experience with the entire Task Force in spring of 2017 and within the year at a
Presbytery Meeting? yes no

Participate in Task Force meetings (usually two) and conference calls (usually three) for one
year if possible? yes no

Learning Best Practices from Other Partnerships Distributing Health Information / Instructing Quilt Making

This opportunity is open to all members of Minnesota Valleys Presbytery. You may use the **application form** printed on the other side of this sheet. Submit your application to Jim Krapf before the October 10 deadline. **Orientation** for participants will be October 18. You will be a part of a team that includes veteran participants. With in-country transportation accommodations, we can take up to eleven people.

Dates and Activities

You can sign up for either the projects or the Network Meeting and the projects.

Flights will be scheduled accordingly.

Guatemalan Mission Network Meeting – January 30 to February 2

Participants will join Occidente delegates in learning what is working well in other Guatemalan and USA Presbyterian partnerships. Event will take place at the Theological Seminary of Central America (near the airport in Guatemala City).

Projects: Health Fairs and Quilting Classes – February 2 to 11

Both projects will be offered together in two day sessions in three locations.

Additional days are allotted for travel, worship, and visits.

Participants in the Fairs will help distribute information regarding health issues (primarily women's concerns) You will team up with medical personnel from Guatemala.

Participants in the Classes will demonstrate and give instruction in quilt making for the personal use and the for additional income for their families.

Translators will be available during the Network Meeting and the Projects.

Cost will vary depending on airfare, housing*, a few meals when traveling, and personal shopping. You could anticipate your expenses being approximately \$1200 to \$1500. Currently airfares are \$700 to \$800. Previous participants have received support from their local churches, friends, and family.

From several sources, we have approximately \$2925 that can be allotted as supplements to people who request financial assistance.

* Housing and meals for the Network Meeting will be covered by the Task Force budget. During the projects, some housing and meals will be provided by our hosts. Some hotel stays (usually \$50/night) and meals in restaurants will also occur. You will experience a gracious welcome by all.

Passports are required. Make sure yours is current. The usual process takes close to six weeks.

The value of your participation will not be what you accomplish, but what you experience. Encouraged by MVP's financial support and previous participation, our partners have been empowered to take the initiative to carry out projects with their capable trained leadership. What you will experience is the nurturing of your faith by people who worship joyfully in spite of their situations of poverty, violence, and natural disasters. You will make friendships with people who are dedicated to "developing transformative global disciples for Jesus Christ."

*"Mission is not just about evangelism or just about humanitarian aid,
but is (Missio Dei) God reconciling humanity to himself and reconciling human to one another."
from Dr. Howell's book, "Short Term Mission."*