

Guatemala Vision Trip Light Company Spring Break Mission Trip

Dates: March 15-22, 2025

Cost: @ \$3000 (this price includes travel/lodging/meals and project costs)

Location: San Jose Guachipilin, Gutamala.

Mission: March 15-22, 2024 Light Company, along with Bethel Church, will be sending a team to Guatemala to assist Chad & Jami Bader with ministry projects in the village of San Jose Guachipilin. The trip cost is \$3,000, and a deposit of \$250 is due by December 17th to save your spot. For more information, please contact either Pastor Geoff Safford (geoffsafford@bethelnp.org) or Jim Strecker (jim@bethelnp.org).

The Bader family serves in impoverished rural communities of Guatemala. Their ministry is called 'Transformando Vidas' (Transforming Lives). Their vision is to work alongside local pastors and allow the church to be 'the church', a facilitator and catalyst of hope, change, reconciliation, and transformation. As Christ's ambassadors, their task is to provide leadership, guidance, and resources to see poor rural communities redeemed spiritually, socially, and economically for the glory of God.

Their first community, San Jose Guachipilin, comprises approximately 65 families (350 people) located about an hour's drive from Antigua, at the very end of several miles worth of sugar cane plantation. The town has no electricity, no clean running water, teachers arriving sporadically, and limited to no work opportunities. In other words, most people would call this place a hopeless situation. But where others see darkness, they see light. They are now serving in three distinct areas.

Through their Guatemalan friend, Helbert Castellanos, the Bader's learned about the community of San Jose. Helbert's passion is also to see this community and others redeemed by the power of the gospel. They've partnered with Helbert to support the local church, local leaders, and the people there to see God do spiritual and physical wonders.

Expectations of participants:

- Be engaged in pre-trip gatherings and activities.
- Participate in conversations and required readings/studies before and during the trip.
- Exhibit a learner's posture. Be curious; ask questions!
- Listen to leadership and abide by trip guidelines.
- Constantly ask: "What am I learning, and what should I do with this information?"

We advise students to bring extra funds to cover personal items they might like to purchase, such as souvenirs, snacks, morning coffee in town, etc.

We are also working with local partners to see if they can cover some meal costs and other needs, which would lower the amount students need to raise to travel and serve.