

# Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where are we going in El Salvador?
  - a. San Salvador
2. What is the name of the ministry partner we are working with?
  - a. Sus Hijos/His Children
3. How long have we been partnering with Sus Hijos?
  - a. This is St. Martin's 5<sup>th</sup> trip to San Salvador, working with Sus Hijos. The first trip was an Adult/Family trip in March 2018.
4. What will we be doing?
  - a. Possible activities are:
    - i. Visiting orphanages where we will play with the kids and share a Bible story or a personal testimony.
    - ii. Building a house.
    - iii. Visiting an orphanage for special needs adults.
    - iv. Having a beach day with kids from an orphanage.
5. How much does the mission trip cost?
  - a. Land cost will be published later in 2023 (scholarships will be available). Airfare to be purchased by participant.
  - b. We will tell you which flights to purchase.
  - c. It is a direct flight out of Houston Intercontinental airport on United. The direct flight is around 3 hours long.
  - d. Scholarships are available on a per person basis and each person needs to apply.
6. Where do I sign up?
  - a. Applications will open in October. A link will be on the St. Martin's website or you can e-mail [worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org).
7. Do we have to know how to speak Spanish?
  - a. No, translators will be provided, but it is a great place to practice/learn Spanish.
8. Where will we be staying?
  - a. We will be staying at the Mission House of Sus Hijos.
    - i. There is one bunkroom for the boys and one bunkroom for the girls.
      1. Sheets, blanket, and pillow will be provided.
    - ii. There is an on-suite bathroom for each of the bunkrooms that includes 2 sinks, 2 toilets, and 2 showers.
      1. Please bring whatever toiletries you need.
      2. Towels will be provided.
      3. There is hot water.
    - iii. The Mission House is air-conditioned.
    - iv. There is WIFI at the Mission House.
    - v. Filtered cold water is available at the Mission House. If you have a water bottle, you are welcome to bring it and fill it up often.
9. What do I need to bring?
  - a. A packing list will be provided.
  - b. You may have 2 carry-ons and 1 checked bag. You may have a second checked bag full of donations (we will be coordinating this as a group).

10. If you need to maintain contact with family/friends in the States, we suggest you get an international plan through your cell phone carrier for the time you are in El Salvador (you may be able to purchase certain days).
11. Do I need to bring money?
  - a. Meals, lodging, and transportation in El Salvador are included in your cost of the trip.
  - b. You may want to bring some cash (they take US dollars) for the following:
    - i. We will be going to an outdoor market on the last day, so bring money if you want to buy souvenirs.
    - ii. We will be stopping at gas stations on our way to some of the activities. You may want to bring some money to buy snacks and/or drinks.
    - iii. Sometimes the kids in the orphanages make bracelets. You don't have to buy them but you can. They usually cost a few dollars.
12. What if I have more questions?
  - a. E-mail [worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org)