



Heartland International Mission
Delegation Skeleton Agenda

Delegation Trip – standard trip framework/ plan:

Day 1: *Travel Day*

1. Leave Des Moines airport (early morning)
2. Arrive in San Salvador (late evening)
3. Pick up at airport and travel to Guest House for overnight stay in San Salvador (45 min drive)

Day 2: *San Salvador, introduction to the country & culture*

1. Visit Center for International Solidarity (CIS) for basic understanding of current economic/political climate in the country
2. Visit Divina Providencia to see where Mons. Oscar Romero lived and was martyred. Learn a little of his life and work
3. Visit University of Central America (UCA) to learn of the massacre of 6 Jesuit priests and their housekeeper and her daughter – an illustration of the constant threat of violence against those who advocated for education and human rights
4. Visit Museo de la Palabra
5. Visit Parque Cuscatlán to see war memorial of the ‘disappeared’ during the war
6. Visit Artisan Shops for lunch and an hour of ‘touristy’ shopping:
7. Depart for Berlin, El Salvador: Approximate 2 hour drive through El Salvador countryside
8. Arrive Berlin, Pastoral house – meet Pastoral Team and settle in rooms
9. Free time: available time for reading, walking, reflecting, etc
10. Dinner at La Casa Pastoral
11. Brief Pastoral Team meeting to make introductions and review the week’s agenda and trip goals
12. Evening Reflection time: group meets to review updates to weekly schedule

Day 3: *Massacre site visit*

1. Breakfast at La Casa Pastoral
2. Trip to massacre or historical site to further understand the historical threats against those who simply yearned for justice and human rights
3. Tour and learn about the massacre or historical site:
4. Lunch on way to or home from trip
5. Travel home to Berlin
6. Dinner at La Casa Pastoral
7. Evening reflections

Day 4: *Day in Canton and potential overnight*

1. Breakfast at La Casa Pastoral
2. Pack truck and travel to Canton
3. Arrive at Canton and unpack truck -
4. Meet with local Directiva on status of community projects, priorities and initiatives
5. Lunch in Canton



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5. Planned activity with community – (door to door or other relationship building activity)

6. Either travel home or prepare for dinner and nights stay

7. Evening reflection

Day 5: Day in Canton

1. Breakfast

2. Meeting with community on joint projects and status

3. Lunch in Canton

4. Free time to continue to build community/church partner relationships

5. Travel back to Pastoral House

6. Dinner at La Casa Pastoral

7. Evening reflections

Day 6: Day in and around Berlin, visits and meetings

1. Breakfast at La Casa Pastoral

2. Marginal school visits – get an understanding of the educational needs of the communities

3. Lunch at La Casa Pastoral

4. High school visit – hopefully tour the building – speak with principal and have time to talk with students

5. Women's prison visit: (This is not possible due to the women being moved to San Salvador)

6. Berlin Market tour and visit. Get a sense of the community and every day life in town

7. Meetings with "partner" groups in Berlin (Possibly a visit with the mayor's office, ProVida, InterVida – these are all organizations who work with the Pastoral Team to further the projects in the Cantones.

8. Final meeting with Pastoral Team to review week and express our gratitude and confirm any future action items for our partner community

9. Dinner at La Casa Pastoral OR treat the Pastoral Team to dinner in Alegria (a 10 minute drive)

10. Evening reflections

Day 7: Day in and around Berlin

1. Breakfast at La Casa Pastoral

2. Trip to the Lagoon in Alegria and/or visit the larger 'typical' Salvadoran market in Santiago de Maria OR visit La Finca Santa Emilia to see where the Don Justo Coffee is grown and processed

3. Lunch at La Casa Pastoral

4. Walk to the Cross (wear comfy and secure walking/climbing shoes) OR free time to explore Berlín, pack, journal or visit the coffee toaster where Don Justo is roasted and bagged.

5. Dinner at La Casa Pastoral

6. Evening reflections

Day 8: Travel Day

1. Breakfast at La Casa Pastoral

2. Pack truck, Group photos and goodbyes

2. Travel to San Salvador Airport