



# STARFISH OUTREACH

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

### **Our Mission “Empowering children’s lives through early-childhood Christian Education”**

- We depend on the faithfulness of short-term missionaries to complete long-term projects and develop life-changing relationships.
- We believe working alongside the local community in the spirit of love and friendship is sharing the truth of Jesus.
- We trust that empowering children's lives through Christian education will transform a community and change a nation.

Since 2013, committed team members from Sacramento, Los Angeles, and Nevada have worked together to support the Dangriga Church of the Nazarene and construct a new Preschool and Community Education Center. The building is nearly finished, with the roof installation planned for February 2023.

Although COVID restrictions prevented Work and Witness (W&W) trips for several years, the local Dangriga team has faithfully continued construction. Approval has finally been granted for W&W Teams to return in 2023 to finalize the structure.


We are excited for our partnering churches to join us this July 2023 in completing and preparing for opening this much-needed preschool and community education center. Additionally, we are happy to announce that outreach opportunities will be a part of this year's July 2023 Trip, including Children's Outreach, Sewing Ministry, Bible Studies, and additional community service.

Faithfully in His Name,

Directors of Starfish Outreach  
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#### Dates

- July 22-29, 2023, week one
- July 29- August 5, 2022, week two

#### Registration and Deposits

- Due January 30, 2023
- Limited space available
- Download the registration form via the Starfish website (starfishoutreach.org) beginning January 1, 2023, and email the completed forms to your church coordinator.
- Church coordinators must email all team members' registration documents to smith@starfishoutreach.org in one PDF attachment or zip file.
- Group Deposit of \$275 per person per week mailed to Glendora Community Church, 645 North Grand Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741 Attention: Belize W&W 2023 + Name of Group. One check per group.

#### Cost and Inclusions

- Weekly price is \$1 100.00 per person
- Hotel room with quadruple or triple occupancy A/C – private bath
- In Country Transportation
- Three daily meals
- Trip Health insurance

#### Airfare NOT Included in Cost:

- Southwest Airlines and American Airlines suggested carriers)
- Groups are to coordinate one flight per team.
- **Individuals arriving separately from their group will be responsible for in-country transportation to Dangriga - recommend Tropic air shuttle available daily.**

#### Travel Requirements & Baggage

- **The country of Belize does not require proof of COVID vaccination.**
- **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Doctor approval for travel.**
- Valid Passport that will not expire within six months of the return date to the U.S.
- Team members are allowed one suitcase and one personal backpack size.
- Additional check luggage will be needed for tools as requested.
- A packing list is included in the website registration link. Please adhere to all packing requirements.

#### Project Funds:

- Due March 1, 2023
- Send Church group funds to Glendora Community Church, 645 North Grand, Glendora, CA 91741. Attention: Belize Building Funds
- Glendora Community Church will issue a letter of receipt.
- Questions regarding Project Funds can be directed to Mike Downard at downard@starfishoutreach.org

Question to email: smith@starfishoutreach.org or call 213-631-8009 to speak to Belinda Smith.