

IDENTIFY

Livingston Mission Experience
North Metro Baptist Church

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THE HEART OF IDENTIFY

About Us

Identify is a non-profit 501c3 mission organization built out of a passion for not only life, but life to the fullest. Through our work and service to the global world, we want each person - the mission team member *and* the one in the foreign land - to have every opportunity possible to thrive, no matter the circumstances or environment in which he or she lives.

Identify's Vision and Mission

Our mission is to engage a spirit of global awareness and initiate life change through Mission Experiences and relationships in the name of Jesus Christ.

Through previous mission work and exploration, Identify forms partnerships with motivated leaders in developing nations. Beside them, we seek to serve the impoverished, yet emerging of the world. With a clear understanding of their community vision, we work to strengthen each of the Foreign Host Partners and Leaders, as well as the Mission Recipients.

We do this by developing Teams with the purpose of focused mission encouragement. Under 4 strategic umbrellas of mission service, we direct our efforts in the hopes that these areas of intentionality will bring the most lasting change. Teams participate in the following global mission projects or others as needed:

- **Education** (Educator Workshops, Classroom/Student Assistance, Resource Contributions, Themed Camps, Community/Family Training, Improvement, or Education)
- **Medical** (Medical Education, Dental Clinics, Rehab Therapy, Hygiene & Lice Clinics, Eye Care)
- **Spiritual** (VBS, Teen, Women's, Men's, or Prayer Ministries, Evangelism)
- **Wellbeing** (Stove Installations, Feeding/Nutrition, Sanitation, Clean Water, Supply Distribution, Building/Repair)

Where We Serve

There are places where hope is ready to explode... that is where we are. Some look at the impoverished areas of the world and see dull, fragile, and impossible cases. Identify looks at these areas and sees strength, hope, and amazing possibilities.

Our Teams are led to areas with very few resources. We witness children playing in garbage dumps, teens involved in gangs and crime on the streets, adults who are homeless due to drug addiction. Many families struggle on just dollars a day. With this, we witness the cycle of poverty in an all-consuming rage of destruction.

However, in these same areas, we also see community leaders who are passionate about making a difference. We witness parents and children who seek out opportunities and new avenues to end the cycle of poverty despite the number of obstacles they encounter. Light in the darkness isn't hard to find, when you take time to ask questions, listen, and roll up your sleeves to join the efforts of those living in the harshest environments. Often, it is only a moment that we need to identify the beauty that lies just below the surface.





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A UNIQUE MISSION APPROACH

Our Strategy

It is simple..... We are INTENTIONAL about our time HERE and THERE.

Here - We choose to call it a mission "experience," not just a mission "trip." The leaders of Identify believe that engaging in a Mission Experience is about much more than spending a powerful week or more in a foreign land. We feel certain that the entire experience, from the initial application to the story told back home, is incredibly important!

Teams are created from core groups and individuals of various organizations to serve together in a specific mission assignment. Once a Team is formed, we journey with the Team Members through an approximate 10 meeting Mission Experience (at home and in the foreign country), providing teaching through 3 phases of equal importance and the following topics:

- **Preparatory** (Mission Experience Introduction, Perspective, Purpose, Project Planning, Fundraising, Trip Preparation, Mission Experience Administration, Team Building Exercises)
- **In-Field** (Community Relationships, Ministry Experiences, Mission Project, Morning Encouragement, Evening Decompressions, Team Building Exercises, Cultural Discovery/Excursion)
- **Reentry** (The Mission Story, Celebrating Growth, Looking Ahead, Community Outreach)

There - Once we head out to our foreign mission field, things quickly get our hearts pounding. The out-of-the-ordinary sights, smells, people all create heightened senses and alert us that we are here to meet God in action. But we remember that we are not just walking onto the scene - we have actually spent months preparing and learning so that our time with these people can be extremely effective.

As a Team, we have learned and agreed that it is not *our* vision that we are here to impart. It is the community, the families, and the leaders who have shared their hearts with us and invited us to be a part of their mission. Although these people have very real needs, they are full of ideas and dreams for their own people. Once introductions have been made, we stand beside our friends in these foreign lands. We work together to serve the impoverished and to provide hope through our partnerships. We strive to build meaningful relationships with individuals and communities and to connect in ways that will make us life-long friends and encouragers.

Upon completion of the Mission Experience, our hope is that the Team Member's investment of time, head, and heart will result in a positive change in many areas of life. We find that this personal growth often affects not only the individual Team Member, but also his/her home organization, local community, family, and career.

It is rare that lasting change happens overnight, but with consistent encouragement and Team work over time, we see success and improvement in quality of life for all - the Team Member, Foreign Partner, and the Mission Recipient.



A NORTH METRO/IDENTIFY MISSION EXPERIENCE

Mission Team Overview

Identify's Mission Projects provide opportunities for individuals who possess a specific skill, expertise, or interest and want to share it with others. A Team of approximately 10-25 individuals with these qualities will be built and developed during many months. The Mission Team will be matched with an Identify Team Leader and a Foreign Leader who will all work together throughout the entire experience - growing, exploring, preparing, and delivering.

Target Team Members

An initial focus on those gifted or interested in the area of mission service would have priority as we begin. Families and friends of these people are also welcome.

Mission Project Overview

Through hands-on activities, trainings, shadowing, sharing, resources, and attention, we will offer relief and encouragement to those who are living in impoverished communities. In addition to the home side of the project, the Team will travel to complete our planned mission project together. In the foreign field, we may interact with those in the workplace, clinics, schools, community centers, churches, orphanages, individual homes, or even those on the street. Based on the area of interest and ability, we will build outreach opportunities for our Team that match the needs of the community. For example, a Mission Team of Culinary Arts students might work together to cook after-school meals for children in rural communities, teach families the importance of proper nutrition, install a stove for a family in need, and in turn, learn the secrets of Mayan recipes from the locals.

Project Goals

- To bring the Gospel to life for those in need
- To encourage the hearts of children, families, leaders, and the local church working in impoverished areas through fellowship, creating a support network, and speaking words of life and love into them
- To carefully rejuvenate and encourage people of the community through mission partnership and in turn foster belief in their own purpose and abilities to transform generations
- To encourage in Mission Teams a greater global mindset and heart for those living and working in impoverished/broken areas through the overall mission experience
- To provide a platform and next step growth opportunity for those of the local church



Sample Itinerary

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Travel	Relationships	Project	Project	Project	Project	Excursion	Travel	Travel
Travel to Guatemala City Lunch Travel to Livingston Dinner	Breakfast Meet Community Leaders and tour village Lunch Prep Meeting w/ Host Partners Begin Mission Project Dinner	Breakfast Church Service w/ Community Lunch Home Visits Visit to 7 Alteras Dinner	Breakfast Mission Project Lunch Mission Project Dinner Cultural activities	Breakfast Mission Project Lunch Mission Project Dinner	Breakfast Mission Project Completion Lunch Mission Project Wrap Up Community Celebration & Ministry Event	Day Excursion (It is possible we could combine Thursday & Friday if we need an extra day to complete the project)	Travel to Guatemala City	Travel home

General Mission Experience Info

- Project Dates – Oct/Nov 2021
- Mission Host Info - www.identifythemission.org
- Mission Experience FAQs - www.101.identifythemission.org

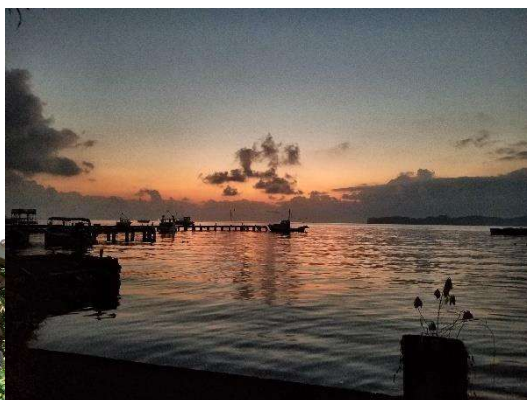


MISSION PROJECT – BRIDGE BUILD IN LIVINGSTON

Located on the eastern coast of Guatemala, between Honduras and Belize, the small community of La Libertad provides homes for 30 Mayan families. It is a remote jungle community found only by boat or a long coastal foot hike. The community finds income through fishing and “succeeds or fails” based on the health and provision of the ocean.

Identify partners with the local “cocode,” the elected leader of the community. He is responsible for the care and guidance of the families living there. Identify teams are able to visit approximately 5-8 times per year. After the boat and hike into the community, our team members often find themselves overwhelmed as they step into this hidden jungle paradise.

The most evident needs of the community are improved education, a footbridge from the coast to the village, daily resources, and opportunity to learn about Christ. **This year, Identify is seeking partners to assist us in building a simple bridge needed especially in the rainy seasons of Guatemala. Through this project, opportunities to teach the children and evangelize become available as well.**



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