

Following are some characteristics of a successful missionary:

- Enthusiasm for serving God through WORK and WITNESS
- Ability to get along easily with others
- Sensitivity in dealing with cultures different from your own
- Ability to handle challenging situations and circumstances that may arise
- Flexibility with other team members, the team leader, the project host and the project itself
- Willingness to identify and share your own spiritual gifts

Briefly describe how these characteristics are evident in your own life:

By my signature below (and my parent's, if I am under 18), I understand and agree that...

- I am **emotionally mature** enough to handle the challenges of living in and engaging with another culture.
- I will go with a **spirit of humility**, and will never presume to be better than those I go to serve.
- I am able to **accept differences without passing judgment** and realize that the "American way" is not always the best way.
- I will go as a **learner, open to what I can receive** from my Nicaraguan brothers and sisters in Christ, and
- I commit to **partner** with them in the work they are already doing and to **serve** them in any way that I can.
- I will remember that **relationships** are always more important than projects.
- I am **representing** Christ, the Church, and my country, and will do my best to **honor** them with all my words and actions.
- I will **participate** in monthly trip planning and preparation sessions, team training and fund raising activities.
- I am **able to disconnect myself from home** in order to immerse myself in the Nicaragua culture during the week, being present to my fellow team members and the people and places where we will serve.
- I will **abide by the "no cell phone/electronics policy" and my family understands and agrees** to the communication arrangements (separate info sheet will be provided) for the week.
- I will **fully comply with the team rules**. I will not put the team leader(s) or fellow team members in the position of having to enforce these rules as I will be **responsible for my own behavior**.
- I will **share my Nicaragua experience** in our team's report to the congregation when we return from our trip.

If you agree with the statements above, please sign your application and, if you are under 18, have at least one parent sign it also. Return your completed application along with a signed permission form and \$100 deposit (checks payable to LUMC) to Marlene Passarelli via the church office by November 3rd.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Thank you very much for your interest in the 2020 Nicaragua Mission Team. Those LUMC Youth in Grades 9-12 during the 2019-2020 school year will be considered, along with college students and adults, as space allows (maximum of 20 team members). **Because of the nature of an international trip, students must be well-known to trip leaders through active involvement in LUMC (weekly worship, Faith Formation classes, small groups, youth group or missions) and have participated in previous overnight events and service activities.** Applications will be accepted through Nov. 3rd, and team members will be notified of acceptance by Nov. 10th. If there is any other information you would like us to consider, please use this space (or attach additional notes) to provide it. Thank you, again!