

NOTE ABOUT EXPENSES

The Abraham Project is committed to its volunteers and short-term mission teams. We view each person that gives of their time and energy as a gift from the Lord and part of His merciful provision to our ministry.

Since we believe that all money belongs to God, it is our desire to be excellent stewards of what the Lord entrusts to us. We especially desire to honor Him in the handling of your team's finances. Once your team's schedule is finalized, we will send you an expense summary that breaks down every dollar that your team is budgeted to spend. This summary includes all of your team's expenses except airfare, insurance, and personal expenses. We even budget \$35 per person for any unforeseen expenses or emergencies (hopefully this money will be left untouched and returned to the team leader before leaving Costa Rica). During your trip to Costa Rica, our short-term mission team leader will meet with your group's leader(s), review your team's expenses, and turn over any receipts and change that he or she may have. We go to great lengths to make sure that every dollar is accounted for.

Unlike some other ministries that charge a flat rate for hosting mission teams, we customize each trip according to each group's wishes and only charge teams for the cost of their trip. By doing so, we do not make any profit off of our teams and are able to minimize the cost of your trip. We do have something called an optional construction fee, which is an opportunity for your team to donate to our ministry's building/construction fund and guarantees that we have materials and resources for your team to work with when you arrive. The fee is \$150 per person and is a line item in your expense summary.

Upon your team's return home, our staff will prepare and email your team leader an expense report that sums up your team's expenses while working with the Abraham Project. This will serve as your team's receipt. Again, we believe that God calls us to be trustworthy and transparent when working with your team's finances and that is our intention.

*Please note that along with your team's expenses, your team will be expected to pay for 2 missionaries to accompany your team to all activities and meals away from your place of lodging. This includes excursions, special events, dinners, lunches at the Abraham Project, etc. and the amount budgeted for each missionary will be the equivalent of the amount charged to one member of your team for that particular event. (Example: \$8 per person on the team budgeted for eating at McDonald's. We would also budget \$8 for each missionary to eat with the team)

**Also note that the \$7 per person that we charge our teams for lunches at the Abraham Project work site allows our construction workers and Abraham Project staff to eat with the team. This money also goes toward paying our cooks, paying for eating utensils, and maintenance on kitchen appliances used specifically for teams, plates, napkins, cups, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information above, please contact:
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