

COLOMBIA EXPEDITION



be emailed an Expedition Handbook in PDF outlining necessary preparations including cultural information, travel documents, and project itineraries.

Above all, each member of the group should psychologically prepare him- or her- self for the trip by agreeing to maintain a responsible attitude, reflecting at all times the highest moral character, and strive to be cooperative and friendly toward all members of the expedition. On this expedition, we work with indigent people who have been internally displaced from the guerrilla wars of the past.

The children come to us hungry and naked. Espinal is a hot, tropical farming town to which many “desplazados” fled seeking a better life. These are they who fled the guerrilla wars over the past 20 years, are internally displaced, and who live in extreme poverty. We will be inaugurating our Ibague home of 50 children, but expedition projects will be finalized spring 2017. Applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. We will limit this expedition to 25 people. We invite those who have already been on one of our expeditions or who have travelled to Latin America previously. Any supplemental travel plans should be cleared through the expedition leader.

Expedition Objectives & Preparation

As an expedition participant, you are a contributing Citizen of the World and will see life from the Colombian perspective. You will experience the joy of being a giver of humanitarian service and of acquainting yourself with the humble, yet cultured Colombian people and their colonial ancestry and history.

The purpose of the expedition is twofold: 1) To provide hope, hygiene, construction, food, skills, or medical needs to poor children; and 2) Enjoy cultural exchange with villagers or natives, thereby increasing your appreciation of the crucial need of humanitarian involvement. On expeditions, we will work with street children and build facilities for children. We provide hygiene kits and basic hygiene training. We also provide supplies for new born babies and their mothers with training as well. Projects may include building facilities or distributing humanitarian relief goods in our Espinal home of 60 children. Medical and dental projects are added if medical personnel sign on. After payment of your deposit, you will be notified to attend, if possible, briefing meetings as they will include the latest project details, work assignments, packing preparation, legal requirements, and immunizations. You will

Lodging – Accommodations/Food	\$ 600
Ground Transportation	\$ 200
Insurance (Emergency Medical Evacuation)	\$ 50
Administrative Costs	\$ 300
Tours* (Cathedral of Salt, Panacas)	\$ 50
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,200
Project Overhead	\$ 200
<i>(This is your portion of the cost of doing business in Colombia for your trip. Separately, we fundraise for construction materials, kits, medical supplies, etc., as applicable to the expedition)</i>	
TOTAL	\$1,400
<i>Plus international airfare of approximately \$400 - \$850 depending on your gateway city, timing of your airfare purchase, and fuel costs.</i>	

*Generations Humanitarian is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (IRS #26-3833358). Except for recreational Tours, expedition costs may be tax deductible. See your tax advisor. We reserve the right to refuse participation of anyone.

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Sample Itinerary

Colombia Expedition for 2017

The following is a sample itinerary for 2017, but final itineraries are made as we approach the dates.

Day 1 USA flight to Bogota, Colombia

Day 2 Arrive in Espinal, begin projects.

Day 3 Humanitarian projects.

Day 4 Humanitarian projects.

Day 5 Humanitarian projects. Possible visit to Panacas.

Day 6 Visit the Cathedral of Salt

Day 7 Fly home

Cost & Payments

\$1,400.00 price based on double/triple occupancy plus international airfare to be determined later.

Deposit: \$1,400 due anytime but no later than 90 days prior to departure.

Singles (rooms) pay an additional \$400 for hotels. Includes: travel insurance, hotels, bus, breakfast, some lunches. Does not include: some lunches and all dinners, museum/tour entrance fees, taxi rides, souvenirs, tips, incidentals. Itinerary subject to change based on airline schedules and availability as well as project needs in Colombia.

Cancellation & Refunds

International airfare is usually not refundable, but you may retain your ticket and negotiate directly with the airlines for future flights. If one or more persons cancel prior to 90 days, all but international airfare and \$300 of the package amount for each is refundable by check within 30 days. If you cancel between 90 and 60 days you will receive a refund for all but international airfare and 25% of the total amount by check within 30 days. If you cancel between 60 and 30 days you will receive a refund for all but international airfare and 50% of the total amount by check within 30 days. There are no refunds less than 30 days as all air, travel, tour, and accommodations are prepaid and/or have cancellation fees.

Expedition Operator and Leader Van C. Evans

Van C. Evans served a church mission in Peru ('79-'81) and is founder of Generations Humanitarian. He has led numerous expeditions and tours to Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, and Bolivia since 1998. He received a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Utah with an International certificate and a Master of Science degree in Nonprofit/NGO Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. His Ph.D is in Philanthropic Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University and teaches the nonprofit sector for the University of Utah and Indiana University. He was the 2012 summer associate for Council on Foundations in Washington D.C. Contact him at van@genhu.org and 801-859-1033.

EXPEDITION APPLICATION



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Humanitarian

Sign Up (Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____
(exactly as it appears or will appear on your passport)

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime phones: _____

Email: _____

U.S. Citizen? _____ Sex (circle): M F

Date of Birth: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle): S M L XL XXL XXXL

Team: Construction Medical/Health Agriculture/Literacy

Speak Spanish? Fluent Some None

List your passport number: _____

List skills which may be helpful: _____

List medical info we should be aware of and at least one contact (w/phone) in

case of emergency: _____

(Tel.) _____

Name of Doctor & Health Insurance Carrier: _____

Payment

Deposit due with application (\$1,400.00)	\$
Project costs <i>(please donate generously)</i>	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$

Make checks payable to: "Generations Humanitarian"

Mail to: 2607 Casto Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84117

You will receive a donation receipt at year end for your records.

Agreement

This document is provided as a summary of key items of understanding and agreement as a potential expedition participant/volunteer. You must review, sign, and submit this application along with your deposit before you will be considered as a participant with Generations Humanitarian (GH).

- 1. THIS IS NOT A VACATION.** I understand that GH expeditions are not tourist vacations and I need to prepare myself physically and mentally to face primitive, frustrating and disquieting conditions while traveling in Developing Nations, and working and living with indigent people. I agree to be patient, kind, hard working, and helpful at all times.
- 2. Preparation.** As a participant, I am responsible for reading and understanding the information in the Expedition Handbook, and to contact the the Expedition leader if I have questions. I understand that I am required to attend Briefing meetings, where locally possible, held by GH Expedition Leader.
- 3. Requirements.** I understand that I will not be able to participate in the Expedition until I submit the necessary forms, payments, passport copy, and other legal documentation required for travel by GH due dates. These items are listed in the Expedition Handbook.
- 4. Risk.** I understand that I am responsible for my own luggage, insurance claims, health, and belongings. While GH goes to great lengths to insure my wellbeing, GH is not responsible for the cost of my medical care or any theft, loss or damage I incur during or as a result of this expedition. I undertake this expedition at my own risk and will sign a disclaimer to that end.
- 5. Arrangements.** To help facilitate the expedition, GH may arrange for group travel, accommodations, and so forth. I understand that these services may be contracted with travel agencies, airlines, hotel chains, or other companies or individuals and that GH is not responsible for their performance, security, safety or my satisfaction. As an applicant for the Colombia June 2017 Expedition, I have read and agree to the terms of this Agreement.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____
(If applicant is under 18 yrs of age)

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Terms and Conditions



RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: This expedition is under the management of Generations Humanitarian (GH), 2607 Casto Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84117. GH has made all arrangements for accommodations and services furnished in connection with this expedition. While on this expedition, GH, as the principal, shall be responsible to the participant for supplying the services GH accommodations offered to the participant as set forth in the itinerary, except to the extent such services or accommodations cannot be supplied, due to delays or other such causes beyond the control of GH. In such event, GH will use its best efforts to supply comparable services and accommodations, but provide no refund. GH, in the absence of negligence on its part, shall not be responsible for any delay, substitution of equipment, or any act of omission whatsoever by the air carrier or by any hotel, guesthouse, lodge, bus supplier, or any of their employees or agents, or any of the services and accommodations to participants, including any results thereof, such as a change in services or accommodations necessitated by the same. GH shall not be liable for any death, nor for any damages or claims arising from negligence of any person not its employee nor under its exclusive control.

COST: All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars. They are based on tariffs, airfares, accommodation rates, and rates of exchange quoted to GH at the time of publication. These prices are expected to be in effect at the time of departure; however, prices are subject to change without notice. GH will make every effort to avoid price increases; however, any changes in price made by the airlines, hotels, vendors, operators, etc., with which GH has made arrangements, may be passed on to the participants. If such rates change prior to departure, GH is not under any obligation to pay extra expenses arising from unforeseen circumstances, such as a change of itinerary or means of transportation, etc. Extra charges are at the participant's expense and will require immediate settlement.

APPLICATION, PAYMENTS, AND CANCELLATION: Early reservations are strongly recommended, and a deposit per person is required at the time of booking. Final documents (including airline tickets) cannot be sent until final payment is received. Checks should be made payable to Generations Humanitarian. All applications are subject to approval by GH and the expedition leader. All cancellation penalties are the responsibility of the participant, including a minimum \$300 non-refundable deposit.

HEALTH: We advise each participant to have a physical checkup before applying for the expedition, and bring an adequate supply of any prescription medications. GH cannot be responsible for illnesses that may occur while traveling. Since projects and sightseeing can be physically taxing, we recommend that persons who suffer from heart disease, high blood pressure, or any physical impairment which could hinder them from normal participation contact the expedition leader prior to submitting an application.

INSURANCE: While limited theft, medical, and accident insurance is included with this program, GH is not an insuring agent and is not responsible for any injury to your person. Further detailed information on this insurance coverage will be given at an expedition briefing meeting. GH is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to your belongings. Baggage and cancellation insurance is recommended and is available at nominal rates through private insurance companies. In the event of a claim, you are responsible to process your claim directly with the insurance company.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Participants must carry a valid passport. Participants will be provided with information concerning passports, visas, and immunizations where needed, but obtaining them are the responsibility of the applicant.

ACCOMMODATIONS: We seek to provide well-located accommodations (not always in the center of the city) representative of the area, which provide typical cuisine; clean, pleasant rooms with private bathrooms and efficient management. The class of lodging is consistent with the price category of the expedition. In some rural project areas expedition participants will sleep in tents and/or other rustic encampments without permanent bathroom facilities or heating. Expedition participants should make themselves fully aware of the living conditions provided with each expedition before applying.

ROOMMATES: Single participants may request specific roommates and will be assigned roommates of the same sex only. Those seeking a private room, where available, agree to pay the increased cost to the expedition leader prior to departure.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED: Items of a personal nature, such as excess baggage or portage charges; personal, trip, or baggage insurance; room service; laundry; phone calls; bottled drinking water; food or beverages not part of the group menu; gratuities for special services; passports; immunization fees; etc.

NOTICE: GH reserves the right to make changes or substitutions in the interest of the expedition in order to meet unexpected situations, such as increases in fares and lodging rates, airline failures, changes in currency rates, etc., prior to departure. Additional charges or refunds will be made to participants where applicable. However, no refund will be made for lodging or services, included in the price, which are not utilized during the program by the participant. We reserve the right to cancel the program, if deemed necessary for reasons including insufficient program participation and circumstances beyond GH's control, such as strikes, lockouts, riots, wars, or Acts of God. In such an event, GH shall have no responsibility, beyond the refund of deposits and monies paid to GH by the participants. A refund will then be made to participants, within 30 days, by means of a bank check.

STANDARDS: Expedition participants are ambassadors of the United States and Generations Humanitarian and individual behavior should be of the highest calibre, so as to not jeopardize the good name of the group and GH. All participants are required to maintain ideals and standards in harmony with Christian ideals. High standards of honor, integrity, and morality (including sexual morality); graciousness in personal behavior; application of Christian ideals in everyday living; and abstinence from illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are mandatory. GH expeditions do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, gender, color, or ethnic or national origin, but all participants must maintain the ideals and standards of GH during the entire expedition.

SIGNATURE: I have read, understand, and agree to the Terms and Conditions as set forth above in order to participate on this expedition. Applicant Signature Date Parent Signature (If applicant is under 18 yrs of age)

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(If applicant is under 18 yrs of age)