



Cucuta & Cartagena, Colombia

April 19th (Sunday) – April 26th (Sunday) 2020

This mission is designed to bring medical/dental care to those in great need among the thousands that are leaving Venezuela. More than 1.5 million have fled in the past three years. This situation is dire, and physicians, dentists and support personnel are needed.

We will be working in Cucuta, Colombia with Father David and his outreach on the border. Read his comments at <https://psmag.com/social-justice/colombia-is-not-dealing-with-its-refugee-crisis>

This mission starts April 19th in Cucuta. This is a Level I mission, which means you will have a comfortable hotel in a safe area. The travel to the clinic site is by van. After our clinic days Flying Doctors of America (via Avianca) will fly you to Cartagena. You will be two nights in Cartagena and are free to return to the USA or continue exploring on Sunday.

You must be flexible as we are dealing with peoples that have been robbed by their own government and are fleeing a society that is collapsing. In Venezuela the medical system is decrepit and may of the people have not had medical care in years. Please consider going. We know this is a short notice, but the needs dictate that FDoA should respond. Please read some of the recent articles on this situation:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/17/world/americas/venezuela-crisis-colombia-migration.html>

<http://www.unhcr.org/refugeebrief/refugee-brief-8-mar-2018/>

& listen to this story <http://wlrn.org/post/escape-venezuela-do-colombians-forget-they-were-once-refugees>



April 19th Sunday – Arrive in Cucuta where we will pick you up at the airport.

The team will assemble in the Afternoon for our traditional “drug party” and after we sort the meds, we will meet the interpreters and local doctors and have a Pizza Sunday event at the hotel.

April 20thth Monday -- Medical/Dental Clinic- working with Padre David Caña Perez at *Casa de la Divina Providencia, La Parada, Cúcuta.*

April 21st Tuesday -- Medical/Dental Clinic - *Casa de la Divina Providencia, La Parada, Cúcuta.*

April 22nd Wednesday -- Medical/Dental Clinic – *Casa de la Divina Providencia, La Parada, Cúcuta*

April 23rd Thursday -- Medical/Dental Clinic – *Casa de la Divina Providencia, La Parada, Cúcuta*

April 24th Friday – Travel to Cartagena, Colombia

In the morning we will fly to Cartagena where you will stay in the Old City.

April 25th Saturday– Cartagena, Colombia

Early morning walking tour of Cartagena is planned, and we will explore some little-known places and show you where the best shops are located. You have free day to shop and explore. Lunch not provided

Our ‘Adios Amigos’ dinner is at 7:30pm

April 26th Sunday –Return to the USA or explore Colombia.



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Donation for the Mission is \$2685

Your (**tax deductible**) donation to FDoA includes the following:

5 nights’ accommodations in Cucuta (single occupancy)

2 nights’ accommodation in Cartagena (double occupancy)

All Meal are provided (BLD) except for your lunch on the 25th in Cartagena.

Flight to Cartagena from Cucuta

Cartagena Walking Tour

Purchase of Medical Supplies and Medications

Interpreters (6-8) and

Area Coordinator(s)

Ground Transportation

Flying Doctor T-shirts

All mission donations include \$685 which goes to Flying Doctors of America general fund.

2020 Membership required. For more information about membership <https://fdoamerica.org/donations>

Not included: Your airfare from USA to Cucuta, Colombia and return flight to USA, any alcoholic beverage, phone calls, personal room charges and departure/airport taxes. Flying Doctors recommends that you book ahead and use your frequent flyer miles for your USA to Cucuta and return via Cartagena. Travel Insurance.

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