

Cucuta & Cartagena, Colombia

November 10th (Sunday) – November 17th (Sunday) 2019

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 Sunday, Nov. 10th 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 people 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. 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. Also check out the FDoA Facebook page for a video of our March 2019 mission.

November 10th 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 will meet the interpreters and local doctors at the hotel.

Nov. 11th Monday – Medical Clinic- "Calcuta's sisters – Hogar de Nazaret"

Nov. 12th Tuesday -- Medical/Dental Clinic – working with Padre David at *Casa de la Divina Providencia, La Parada, Cúcuta.*

Nov. 13th Wednesday -- Medical/Dental Clinic - Casa de la Divina Providencia, La Parada, Cúcuta

Nov. 14th Thursday -- Medical/Dental Clinic - Casa de la Divina Providencia, La Parada, Cúcuta

Nov. 15th Friday – Travel to Cartagena, Colombia
In the morning, we will fly to Cartagena where you will stay in the Old City.

Nov. 16th Saturday – Cartagena, Colombia
Early morning walking tour of Cartagena is planned.
You then have free day to shop and explore. Lunch not provided Our 'Adios Amigos' dinner is at 7:30pm

 $\textbf{Nov.}~\textbf{17}^{\text{th}}$ Sunday –Return to the USA or explore Colombia.



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 16th in Cartagena.
Flight to Cartagena from Cucuta
Cartagena Walking Tour
Purchase of Medical Supplies and Medications
Interpreters and Area Coordinator(s)
Ground Transportation
Flying Doctor T-shirts

All mission donations include \$685 which goes to Flying Doctors of America general fund. **2019 Membership also required.** 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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