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TRIP GUIDE

SUMMER OF IMPACT

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A CALL TO THE FRONTLINES

A Letter from the Founder

Dear Summer of Impact Team,

This is not a vacation. This is not a church trip.
This is a ***divine invasion***—and you've been handpicked to be a part of it.

We are stepping into the story God is writing for this generation—a story where ordinary people are filled with extraordinary power. A story where cities are shaken, families are restored, and entire regions encounter the reality of Jesus Christ.

"The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."
—Daniel 11:32

This summer, Guatemala will not just be changed by what we do, but by who we carry. We don't show up to impress—we show up to release the Kingdom. In every village, every street, every city—we will go with the fire of the Gospel and the love of God burning in our hearts. Heaven is backing us. Hell is nervous. And the harvest is ready.

"Here I am. Send me!"
—Isaiah 6:8

Get ready to walk in miracles. Get ready to pray like never before. Get ready to be used by God in ways that will mark you forever. You weren't called to live a small, stale life. You were born for this.

Let's shake a nation. - Let's go the distance.
Let's make history—for the Lamb who was slain.

See you on the field,

Cody Graves

Founder, One Mandate

MEET THE MINISTRY

Key Terms, Locations & Vision

Get to know the different outreach initiatives that make up One Mandate, the systems we use to stay organized and safe, and the cities we'll reach throughout Guatemala during Summer of Impact 2025. This section will help you understand the vision, structure, and strategy behind the work we're doing together.

MANDATE GLOBAL

Mandate Global is the nonprofit missions organization that oversees all of our outreach, training, and mobilization efforts around the world. It serves as the covering and administrative structure that makes large-scale ministry, like Summer of Impact, possible.

ONE MANDATE

One Mandate is the active missions movement within Mandate Global. It focuses on leading evangelistic campaigns, international outreaches, and humanitarian efforts in cities and nations. If you're here for Summer of Impact, you're a part of the One Mandate movement—boots on the ground, carrying the gospel to the world.

SUMMER OF IMPACT

Summer of Impact is One Mandate's flagship outreach and discipleship experience, taking place this year in Guatemala. It brings together teams from across the globe for a week of evangelism, school assemblies, citywide crusades, leadership development, and hands-on ministry. This trip is designed to stretch your faith and transform lives.

MANDATE UNIVERSITY

Mandate University is our in-person missions training. It prepares believers to walk in spiritual authority, biblical truth, and boldness in ministry. Mandate University is where information and impartation collide.

SALVATION NOW!

Written by Cody Graves, Salvation Now! is a 15-day devotional given to every new believer during our outreaches. Available in Spanish, it provides a clear foundation for walking with Jesus. Salvation Now! is a growing suite of follow-up resources designed to disciple nations long after Summer of Impact ends.

ONEMANDATE.TEAM

The official team portal for all One Mandate outreach trips. This is where participants stay updated, access important resources, and stay connected with their mission team before, during, and after the trip.

WAYPOINT

Waypoint is One Mandate's daily field check-in system. We use it to ensure everyone is safe and accounted for — quick, simple, and essential for team safety and communication.



LOCATIONS

These are the cities where we'll be serving and partnering with local churches during Summer of Impact.



- **Quetzaltenango (Ket-sal-teh-NAHN-go)**

Often called Xela (pronounced "Shay-lah"), Quetzaltenango is Guatemala's second-largest city and the central base for our Summer of Impact operations. It's a beautiful highland city surrounded by mountains and volcanoes, filled with rich culture, deep spiritual history, and a hunger for revival.

- **La Esperanza (Lah Es-peh-RAHN-zah)**

Located just outside of Xela, La Esperanza is a rapidly growing town with both urban and rural neighborhoods. It's one of our key outreach locations, where we'll be preaching the gospel in schools, communities, and citywide events to reach every corner with hope and healing.

- **Almolonga (Ahl-mo-LOHN-ga)**

Known around the world as "The Miracle City," Almolonga is famous for its spiritual revival and supernatural transformation. Once gripped by darkness, it became a beacon of God's power—now flourishing in both faith and agriculture. This is a special location where we'll minister to youth and believe for a new wave of awakening.

- **Guatemala City**

The capital and largest city of Guatemala, Guatemala City is a bustling urban hub and likely the arrival and departure point for many travelers. It's the gateway to our mission, offering a glimpse of the nation's diversity, complexity, and incredible potential for impact.

- **Antigua (Ahn-TEE-gwah)**

Antigua is a charming, historic city known for its cobblestone streets, colorful colonial architecture, and stunning views of surrounding volcanoes. It's one of Guatemala's most popular destinations for culture, history, and shopping. On the final day of the trip, we'll head to Antigua for a fun day of souvenir shopping, exploring the city, and celebrating together with a special team lunch before departure.

IT ALL STARTS IN HOUSTON!

Your Launch City: Travel, Expectations & Logistics

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Before we take flight for Guatemala, our journey begins in Houston, Texas—the launchpad for everything God is about to do.

On August 28, 2025, our full team will gather for a powerful kickoff filled with training, teaching, worship, and fellowship. This is more than orientation—it's a moment of alignment, worship, and preparation for the mission ahead. Get ready to be equipped and ignited!

Hotel

Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental Airport
18700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032

Parking

Secured parking is available for One Mandate team members on-site at the Marriott. Discounted rate: $19 per vehicle, per day.

Check-In

3:00 – 3:30 PM | Main Hotel Lobby
Follow the signs, the sounds, and the smiling faces—we'll be ready to welcome you with joy and expectation!



2025 OUTREACH FOCUS

The Mission Ahead- Where We're Going & What We're Doing

Get ready to step into an unforgettable summer of Kingdom impact! Each outreach below has been prayerfully planned, strategically placed, and full of purpose. As we go, we go with power, love, and the presence of Jesus—ready to ignite cities and transform lives.

- **Almolonga Alive**

God is bringing the fire back to a city marked by revival. Almolonga Alive is a dynamic night of ministry for youth and young adults in a city once transformed by the Spirit of God. Many in the next generation haven't encountered that power for themselves—yet. We believe they will. This night will be full of worship, testimonies, and Gospel fire, calling a new generation into their Kingdom destiny.

- **Ecclesia**

We're honored to partner with Ecclesia, the home church of One Mandate's Culture Directors, Pastors David & Sandy Par. Our team will join them for powerful Sunday services, training sessions, and outreach that will strengthen and equip their church family. This partnership reflects our heart to build the local church and leave lasting fruit that remains long after we return home.

- **La Esperanza Plaza Outreach**

Imagine the entire city gathering in one place for hope, joy, and transformation—that's the vision of La Esperanza Plaza Outreach. We'll host a public celebration in the heart of the city, where families and neighbors will connect over food, fun, and fellowship. The event will culminate in a bold time of Gospel ministry. This outreach is a seed for city-wide awakening.

- **Kids Outreaches (Pop-Up VBS)**

We love kids—and so does Jesus! Our team will host high-energy, pop-up Vacation Bible School experiences in public schools and ministries within Guatemala. Through games, songs, activities, and creative storytelling, children will hear the Gospel in a way they can understand and never forget. These moments are packed with joy and eternal impact!

Together, these outreaches represent the heartbeat of One Mandate:
Bold ministry. Real relationships. Supernatural transformation.

WHAT TO PACK?

Here's everything you'll need to travel smart, stay prepared, and serve well during Summer of Impact 2025. Stick to the essentials and pack with purpose—space is limited, but the mission is big!

LUGGAGE REQUIREMENTS

One 50 lbs. suitcase (you may bring a standard checked bag, not just a carry-on)
One 15 lbs. backpack (your personal carry-on item)
Please note: If your suitcase exceeds carry-on size, you will be responsible for the cost of checking it both ways.
Due to space restrictions, we ask each participant to bring only one suitcase and one backpack.

TSA will not permit liquids larger than 3.4 oz in carry-ons.
Reserve space in your suitcase for 5 mission trip t-shirts provided by One Mandate.

THE ESSENTIALS

- Passport & Driver's License
- Bible
- Personal Journal + Pens
- Cell Phone + Charger
- Spending Money (credit/debit cards are recommended)
- Reusable Water Bottle

Travel Tip: No power converters needed—Guatemala uses the same voltage and outlets as the U.S.!
Planning to shop? Contact your bank at least a week before departure if you plan to use your debit or credit card abroad.

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste,
- Floss, Mouthwash
- Body Wash
- Comb/Brush
- Deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Personal Medications
- Hygiene Items
- Flushable/Baby Wipes
- Snacks/Energy Bars
- Small Personal Fan
- Liquid IV or Electrolyte Powder
- Personal Supplements/Vitamins
- Used-Clothes Bag

CLOTHING TO PACK

- Light Jacket, Sweatshirt, or Hoodie
- Shorts (mid-thigh or longer)
- Jeans/Joggers (breathable)
  T-Shirts (no sleeveless, low-cut, or midriff)
- Modest Swimsuit (hotel use only)
- Socks & Underwear (2 sets per day)
- 2 Pairs of Tennis Shoes
  (1 for work, 1 for sightseeing)
- Flip-Flops (shower/hotel only)
  Note: Closed-toe shoes are required for all outreaches.
- Baseball Cap or Bandana (sun protection)
  Note: Ball caps will not be permitted during church services (e.g., Almolonga Alive and Ecclesia), but are welcome for all other outreach activities.
- Clothes for Free Time or Sightseeing
  We ask that all clothing and hats be ministry-appropriate—free of political, offensive, or controversial messaging—as we aim to represent Christ and One Mandate with honor wherever we go.
- Clothes you don't mind getting dirty, stained, or possibly ripped during outreach

Expect beautiful weather!
Guatemala averages highs in the 70s with a chance of light rain—consider packing a light rain jacket.

TRAVEL FAST FACTS

Guatemala is 1 hour behind Central Time
WiFi is available at hotels, or you can use international travel packages—contact your wireless provider before the trip
Spanish is the main language, but over 20 Mayan dialects are also spoken.
No worries—translators will be with each team!

PLAN TO LEAVE AT HOME:

Expensive jewelry, high-end electronics, or **anything you can't afford to lose.** Theft, though uncommon, is always a possibility when traveling internationally.

First Aid available and administered by One Mandate Staff.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

During Summer of Impact, you'll stay in safe, comfortable hotels where you can rest and recharge after ministry. All meals will be provided by the One Mandate team or trusted partners, ensuring you stay healthy and energized so you can focus fully on the mission.



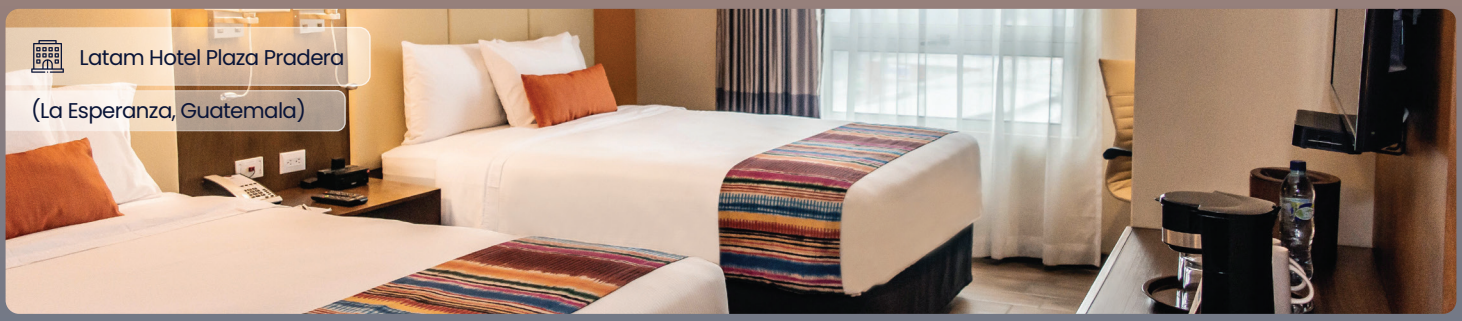
Houston Airport Marriott

Intercontinental (Houston, Texas)



Hotel Barcelo

(Guatemala City, Guatemala)



Latam Hotel Plaza Pradera

(La Esperanza, Guatemala)

All of our hotels are chosen with your comfort in mind, featuring cozy beds, hot showers, high-speed internet, air conditioning, a pool, a gym, and other amenities to help you relax and recharge after a full day of ministry. Rooms will have two beds and be shared by two people—no one will need to share a bed. You'll be roomed with someone of the same gender unless you're traveling with your spouse.







For meals, you'll enjoy a variety of traditional Guatemalan dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, giving you a taste of the local culture. We'll also include some familiar, U.S.-themed meals throughout the trip, so you can feel at home. Rest assured—you won't be eating anything extreme or unusual, just fresh, wholesome food to keep you fueled for ministry.

Traditional Guatemalan meals are full of fresh, flavorful ingredients you'll love. Expect warm corn tortillas, seasoned black beans, sweet fried plantains, rice, and tender roasted or stewed meats like chicken or beef. Meals are often paired with fresh tropical fruits and vibrant vegetables, creating hearty, delicious plates that showcase the best of local cuisine.

HONOR THE ASSIGNMENT

Trip Guidelines for Safety, Unity, and Kingdom Culture

This trip is more than travel—it's a Kingdom assignment. These guidelines aren't just rules; they're about honor—for God, for each other, and for the people we're sent to serve. When we walk in unity, we multiply our impact and reflect the heart of Jesus. The following guidelines are here to protect you, preserve unity, and reflect the culture of Jesus and HIS Kingdom.

Safety First
Prioritize your safety and the safety of others at all times. Follow the guidance of One Mandate staff and leaders, and remain alert and aware in unfamiliar environments.

Dress for Safety & Ministry
Closed-toe shoes and your assigned One Mandate shirt are required during outreach and ministry activities. All attire must be modest and ministry-appropriate. Always wear your One Mandate lanyard during official activities.

Field Safety Essentials
Only consume food and beverages approved or provided by the One Mandate team to ensure your health throughout the trip. For additional protection, we advise wearing sunscreen and bug repellent daily. Also, please avoid contact with stray dogs and other animals, as they may carry diseases and pose safety risks.

Hotel Safety
For your safety and the safety of our team, please remain on hotel premises unless accompanied by a One Mandate staff member.

Alcohol, Weapons, & Smoking
No alcohol, smoking, vaping, or weapons of any kind are permitted. Let's keep it clean, safe, and set apart.

Social Media
During your One Mandate mission trip, you'll engage with locals during outreach and ministry. While we aim for meaningful transformations, connecting with locals on social media outside those endorsed with a One Mandate lanyard will be done at your discretion.

One Voice
We carry the voice of faith and victory to every place we go. We celebrate every person's unique calling and personality. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. We encourage each participant to focus on what brings us together, not our individual convictions, theological stances, or political beliefs. Jesus is the main thing!

Covering & Accountability
For your safety and to protect the integrity of our mission, we ask that you do not engage in or accept ministry invitations from partnering ministries or organizations while in Guatemala-during or after the trip—as these activities fall outside the scope of One Mandate: Summer of Impact. We also ask that you avoid initiating ministry opportunities with other groups, including non-profit or for-profit organizations, during the trip. If you are approached about such opportunities, please inform a One Mandate staff member right away.

Financial Generosity
We kindly ask that you do not distribute money or collect offerings for any particular person, family, or church. While we understand you may be moved with generosity, this can be a safety risk for you and the recipient. If you feel led to be a blessing, please contact a One Mandate staff member for guidance on how to handle it appropriately.

Rooms & Shared Spaces
Remember to respect each other's space. Men and women should not enter each other's hotel rooms. You are welcome to hang out in communal spaces—it's a great opportunity to bond as a group.

We go as one! With faith, excellence, and honor.
Let's represent Jesus well and make Him known everywhere we go.


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