*SHUARHANDS, INC*. and *NIñOS SHECANOS*

Humanitarian Medical Mission

San Marcos, Guatemala

**Trip Information**

Within the western highlands of the Department of San Marcos, Guatemala, Central America is where you will find “Policlínica Social Asociación Niños Shecanos”. The Clinic provides services for the local community members and for those who live in poverty and extreme poverty in distant rural areas. The Clinic is located in San Pedro and consists of three consultation rooms, a pharmacy, a complete laboratory, and dental office. In addition, our Mobile Medical Unit travels regularly to remote areas focusing on the indigenous population.

Volunteers travel from across the United States to provide humanitarian assistance to the beautiful people from this part of the world. The assistance and kindness you offer will be a precious gift.

**Our Medical Mission Focus**

* Medical Mission Teams performing specialized treatments in our Clinic
* Mobil/Rural Medical Teams providing health clinics in remote villages
* Dental Teams that work in our clinic or in remote villages
* Educational Teams working with families and children

**Proposed Schedule (subject to change)**

* Saturday

 Arrival to Guatemala City between 6:00PM and 11:00PM, Guatemala Time

 Transfer to hotel via our van

 (if you arrive at an earlier or later time, you must seek out a local taxi)

* Sunday

 AM Departure to San Marcos/Breakfast/Lunch on-route

 Visit Mayan Ruins in Iximche

 Check in hotel in PM

* Monday through Thursday

 Work at Clinic/Rural Areas

* Friday

 Work in Clinic/Rural Areas

 Appreciation Dinner and celebration

* Saturday

 AM departure for Antigua

 Overnight Antigua

 Travel from Antigua to Guatemala City is easy & less than $20

* You can decide to extend your time in Guatemala:

 Visit Antigua

 Explore Mayan Ruins in Tikal for a day or more

 Travel to Lake Atitlan/Shop in Chichicastenango

 Here are some travel websites to explore:

 [www.turansa.com](http://www.turansa.com/)

 [www.irc-travel.com](http://www.irc-travel.com/)

 [www.bonvoyageguatemala.com](http://www.bonvoyageguatemala.com/)

 [www.tropico.biz](http://www.tropico.biz/)

**Cost of the Humanitarian Medical Mission**

The cost includes the following: Our Saturday ground transportation from Guatemala City airport (between 6PM and 11PM, Guatemala time) to hotel; hotel accommodations for 8 nights (Saturday through Saturday) at designated hotels; our ground transportation from Guatemala City to San Marcos; breakfast and lunch daily; our ground transportation to and from the Clinic, dinner on Friday night but not drinks, our Saturday ground transportation from San Marcos to Antigua.

The following is NOT covered: Round trip air travel to/from Guatemala City, travel insurance, taxi (if arrival is not within designated times), dinners (except for Friday), transportation from hotels in Antigua to the Guatemala City Airport, excessive baggage fees or additional taxes or fees, departure/security fees; personal items and souvenirs.

**-Cost (subject to change) as of May, 2012: $1600 for one week**

**Trip Registration**

If you wish to participate in our humanitarian medical mission, please visit our sister organization [www.womenforworldhealth.org](http://www.womenforworldhealth.org) and sign up as a volunteer. You will be part of a data base for their organization as well as ours. Look for emails regarding our requests for medical personnel and mission dates.

We also welcome you to visit our website at [www.shuarhands.com](http://www.shuarhands.com) Please go DISCOVER where you can review trip information. You may send us an email using CONTACT US if you wish to participate.

A member of *ShuarHands, Inc*. will review your requested information, matching it to our needs, calendar and availability. Please check your email for a response within a few weeks. Acceptance is conditional upon completing and submitting the required documents, and paying the required fees by indicated dates. Payment in-full, in the form of a cashier’s check or money order made out to: *ShuarHands, Inc*., P.O. Box 1411, Pine Valley, CA 91962 is due 30 days prior to departure. Failure to submit documentation and meet all deadlines results in disqualification or postponement in your participation.

There are limited spaces available and we book quickly. Your itinerary is required to schedule airport transportation. There are NO refunds. If you are unable to participate following the receipt of your payment, your monies will be used to assist families living in poverty and extreme poverty in areas of health and education.

*ShuarHands, Inc*. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

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