



Eye Care International
El Salvador

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Volunteer Letter

Dear Friends,

It is time to start working on our annual mission trip to El Salvador. Next year we will be visiting **Perquin**, which is approximately a 4-hour drive from Monsignor Romero (formerly Comalapa) International Airport outside of San Salvador.

The schedule is as follows:

Mission – Prescreen Week

Description	Start	Finish
Prescreen – Arrival	January 31, 2027	Arrival by 3:00 PM
Prescreening	February 1, 2027	February 5, 2027

Mission – Week 1 Schedule

Description	Start	Finish
Mission Week 1 Arrival	February 6, 2027	Arrival by 3:00 PM
Mission Week 1 Set Up	February 7, 2027	February 7, 2027
Mission Week 1 Patients	February 8, 2027	February 12, 2027
Mission Week 1 Departure	February 13, 2027	Early morning, one trip

Mission – Week 2 Schedule

Description	Start	Finish
Mission Week 2 Arrival	February 13, 2027	Arrival by 3:00 PM
Mission Week 2 Free Day	February 14, 2027	February 14, 2027
Mission Week 2 Patients	February 15, 2027	February 18, 2027
Mission Week 2 Packing	February 19, 2027	February 19, 2027
Mission Week 2 Departure	February 20, 2027	Early morning, one trip

Pre-screening will be held Monday, February 1, 2027 through Friday, February 5, 2027 the week before our mission (please get in touch with me directly if you are interested in participating in the pre-screening).

Patients will be examined Monday, February 8, 2027 through Thursday, February 18, 2027. Friday, February 19, 2027 will be a clean-up and packing day, and all will leave early Saturday morning, February 20, 2027 for flights home.

PLEASE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FLIGHT HOME IS SCHEDULED AFTER 1:00 PM TO ALLOW TIME FOR TRANSPORTATION FROM PERQUIN TO THE AIRPORT.

The weather in Perquin in February will range from the 80's during the day to a low in the high 60's at night. **Please make it a point to dress conservatively and appropriately out of respect for the people we are serving.** Pack a hat to protect you from the sun, sunscreen, a light jacket or sweater, insect repellent, a flashlight to help with the dark, and an extra toothbrush in case you forget, and use tap water

to rinse your toothbrush. Bottled water will be provided in the rooms as well as at the work sites. There will be a limited laundry service provided at the residential compound. Think about labeling your clothing if possible.

Although we will be in the country during the dry season, please take steps to reduce the risk of mosquito bites that may carry viruses and other diseases. These steps include wearing long pants and shirts, as well as socks with shoes. Additionally, please bring and use insect repellent with at least 20% DEET. Finally, consider buying pre-treated clothing or treating your existing clothing with permethrin. Permethrin can be purchased in most sporting and outdoor stores. Follow directions for its use, including preventing direct contact with skin. For more information about Zika and infection prevention, please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (cdc.gov).

The fee for volunteers attending 1 week of the mission will be **\$450.00** to cover the week's room and board and ground transportation; for volunteers attending both weeks, the cost will be **\$850.00**. The fee will also cover travel and liability insurance. Each volunteer is responsible for their own airfare and reservations. American, Continental, Delta, and Avianca (formally TACA) all have regularly scheduled flights into Monsignor Romero Airport near San Salvador.

Please arrange to arrive at the airport no later than 2:00 pm on January 31, 2027, for prescreening; February 6, 2027, for week 1 of our mission; and February 13, 2027, for week 2 of our mission. The bus is scheduled to arrive at Hotel Quality at 3:00 pm and transport volunteers to the place of mission.

If you arrive before January 31, 2027, February 6, 2027, or February 13, 2027, you can arrange accommodations at the Quality Hotel near the airport; the cost is approximately \$125 per night. Regardless of when you arrive, **please take a taxi or shuttle over to the Quality Hotel**, as there is not a satisfactory place for the bus to meet people at the airport; it will be more comfortable to wait for everyone, and you will be easier to find. Calling the hotel directly and mentioning that you are part of the Eye Care International group will sometimes save you \$20 or more.

Again, we will be picking up people at approximately 3:00 on January 31 for prescreening, February 6th for the week 1 mission, and February 13 for the week 2 mission at the **Quality Hotel Real Aeropuerto KM, 40.5 Carretera Al Aeropuerto de El Salvador, San Salvador, SV, 1601. Phone (503)2366-0000 Fax (503)2366-0001 www.choicehotels.com**.

Please send your \$450.00 check for 1 week of accommodation, or \$850.00 for 2 weeks of accommodations to the address listed below, or pay online via the donate button on our website, <https://eyecareint.org>.

Please also scan and email the liability form with your T-shirt size to Anna Klee, kprivate987@gmail.com **by October 1, 2026**. Checks may be made out to "Eye Care International". PLEASE NOTE THAT EYE CARE INTERNATIONAL IS A 501(C)3 REGISTERED CHARITY. If you want to send the funds through your favorite non-profit, Rotary or Lions Club, the "Cleveland Diocesan Mission" or Concern for Children", please confirm with the treasurer of that organization and have them forward the funds to Eye Care International at the following address:

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Please feel free to contact me at kprivate987@gmail.com, 440-541-6642 with any questions.