Texas MAP Nicaragua 2015: Itinerary

The following itinerary is a working document and is subject to change:

**July 18th, 2015: USA to Nicaragua: Travel Day / Orientation in Esteli**

*Saturday*
- Program participants are expected to arrive at Managua International Airport no later than 1:00 PM on Saturday July 18th, and may arrive as soon as 5:00 PM on Friday July 17th.
- Representatives from Building Bridges Worldwide will be at the airport to meet each volunteer as they arrive.
- Program participants will congregate at the Best Western Las Mercedes Hotel, directly across from the airport.
- After everyone has arrived, the group will travel by bus to Esteli, a town closer to the project area (approximately 4 hours).
- An orientation for the group and overview of the week will be provided to everyone in Esteli and a welcome dinner will be hosted.

- **Overnight accommodations**: Hotel reservations will be made for the group in Esteli for Saturday night.

**July 19th, 2015: Arrive at project area / Welcome ceremony**

*Sunday*
- The group will have breakfast at the hotel and depart by bus for the project area near Cusmapa.
- We will meet briefly with Fabretto Children’s Foundation staff (our partner in Nicaragua) in Cusmapa and proceed to the village where we will work for the week.
- Once arriving in the village, the group will be welcomed by the community and settle in to their living accommodations.

- **Overnight accommodations**: The group will be staying together in one house each night we are in the village. Living conditions will be modest; lacking running water and electricity.

**July 20th, 2015: Begin construction at worksite**

*Monday*
- After breakfast, the group will head to the project site to meet the construction team they will work alongside for the week.
- Volunteers will receive instruction on the various jobs on the site, and help each other learn to master each step of construction.
- We will break for lunch and rest or “siesta” each day, to break the work into morning and afternoon sessions.
- Dinner will be prepared back at the house for the entire group.

- **Overnight accommodations**: House in village

**July 21st, 2015: Work on site / Teach at school**

*Tuesday*
- The group will get into a routine of living and working in the village, with each day bringing more comfort with the kids and families in the community and more camaraderie with construction team on site.
- Volunteers will spend the afternoon with the children in the community reading books and playing games.

- **Overnight accommodations**: House in village
July 22nd, 2015: Work on site / Activities in community

**Wednesday**

- With greater acceptance from the community the volunteers will spend less time on the worksite and have more free time to spend as they wish in the village.

**Overnight accommodations**: House in village

July 23rd, 2015: Depart village in afternoon / Evening celebration in Leon

**Thursday**

- On our final day in the village, we will say our goodbyes to the community and travel by bus to Leon. In Leon, the group will check into a nice hotel and head out for a celebratory dinner.

**Overnight accommodations**: Hotel in Leon

July 24th, 2015: Vacation day at resort style hotel

**Friday**

- The group will travel by bus to a beach resort on the Pacific Coast at Montelimar. The group can spend the day as they wish, relaxing by the pool or at the beach; a well deserved reward after their work in the village.

**Overnight accommodations**: Barcelo Montelimar Beach Resort

July 25th, 2015: Depart Nicaragua / Return flight to Austin

**Saturday**

- The group will depart the hotel in the morning and head to the Managua International Airport for their return flights back to the United States.