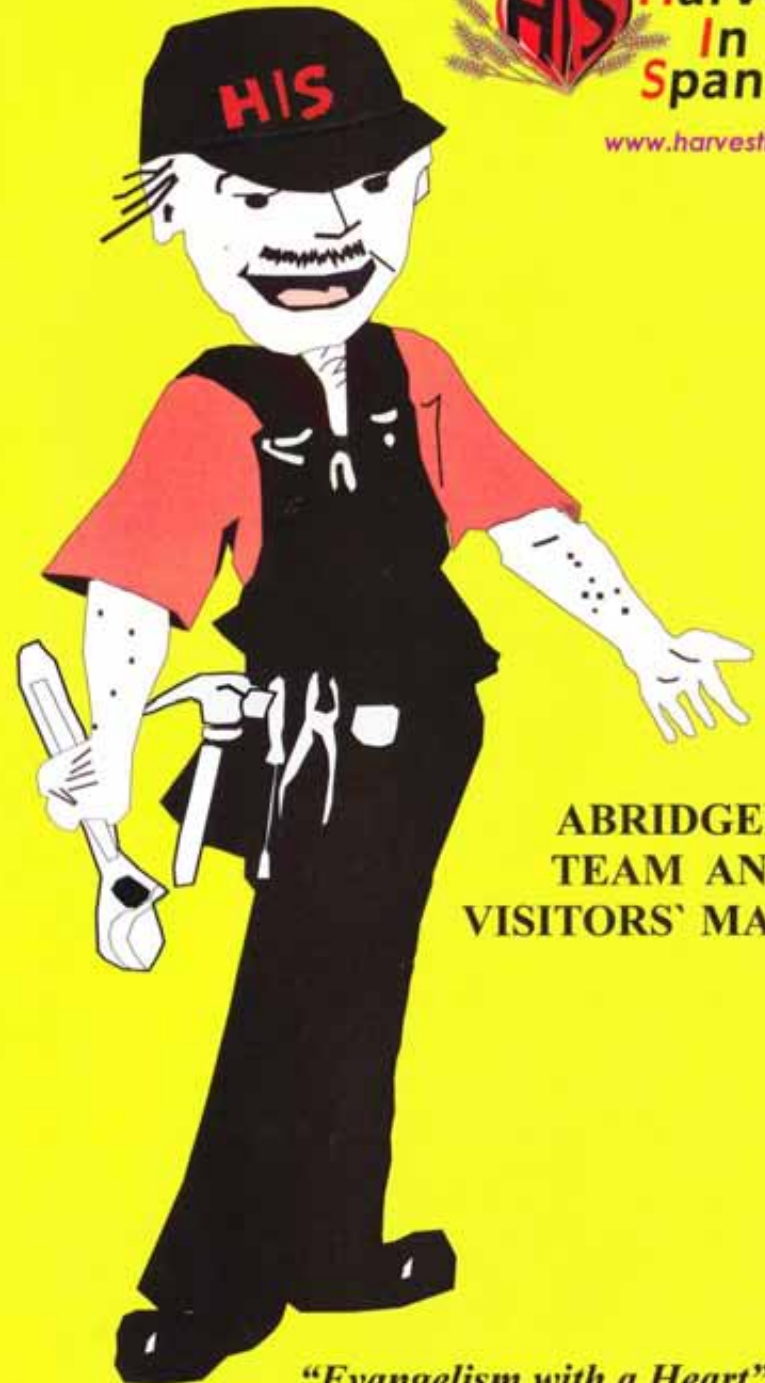


HIS Harvesting
In
Spanish

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**ABRIDGED
TEAM AND
VISITORS' MANUAL**

"Evangelism with a Heart"

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Brief History

In 1977 Don and Rose Ann arrived in El Salvador after studying Spanish in Costa Rica for a year. They came to establish a literature ministry just as the civil war started in El Salvador, and a few years after that they started to help many orphaned and abandoned children.

In 1980 Harvesting In Spanish (HIS) was granted non-profit corporate status in the U.S. by the state of Colorado and tax exemption by the IRS as a publicly-supported 501 (C) 3 non-profit charity.

In 1981 HIS was established in El Salvador as "Asociación Amigos para Latinoamérica" (AMILAT), a non-profit Salvadoran corporation whose office is in San Salvador, the capital.

In 1982 the Benners took responsibility for 13 needy children. In 1984 these children were moved to the Shalom Children's Home, on property purchased from an ex-president of the country, located approximately 20 minutes south of the Capital, San Salvador.

AMILAT operates a large Christian school and a ministry to ex-gang members. Another El Salvador corporation called "Templo Piedras Vivas" was founded in 2000. It operates the Shalom Children's Home, the church and the feeding of those living in Comunidad Oasis. Teri Benner de Dominguez is the president and CEO of HIS and both corporations in El Salvador: AMILAT and Templo Piedras Vivas.



Don and Rose Ann



Teri and Osvaldo

Outreaches

The headquarters offices for AMILAT includes the book distributorship & warehouse, of our literature outreach which is located in the Capital, San Salvador. That office handles all bookkeeping and accounting, and supervision of all the ministries and 125-person team of workers.

There is still much to be done for the vision to be fulfilled that the Lord has given Harvesting In Spanish. We are building a large clinic in 2010, and home for seniors and a home for handicapped children is planned for the future.

The AMILAT Bilingual Christian School opened in January 1994 with grades pre-kinder through third grade. Each year another grade was added and now we have grades through High school. A missionary teacher, to assist in teaching English, is needed for each school year, which starts mid-January and ends in November. **Please apply.**

The ultimate goal of Harvesting In Spanish through all of these means is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ while meeting the needs of the needy and destitute. AMILAT also works with Focus on the Family teaching in all public schools about proper sexuality and the hazards of abortion.

A community clinic called Shalom Family Medical Center will soon be under construction near the campus of the Shalom Home and AMILAT school.

PROJECTS OF H.I.S

EVANGELISM (LIVING STONES CHURCH)

REHABILITATING GANG MEMBERS (PROJECT NEHEMIAS)

FEEDING NEIGHBOORS (OASIS COMMUNITY)

DISTRIBUTING GOSPEL LITERATURE (AMILAT)

TEACHING (FOCUS ON THE FAMILY)

HOUSING CHILDREN (SHALOM CHILDREN'S HOME)

EDUCATING (AMILAT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL)

DOCTORING (SHALOM FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER)

Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE...

...**THAT THE BIBLE** is the written word in the 66 books comprising the Old and New Testaments, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the only infallible and authoritative Word of God, and the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

...**THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN** Son of God, that He is God the Living Word, the Christ.

...**IN THE DEITY** of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His voluntary, vicarious death atoning for the sins of men, in His bodily return to this earth, consummating the earth's history and the eternal plan of God.

...**THAT THE ONLY MEANS** of being cleansed from sin and gaining eternal salvation is through sincere repentance and absolute faith in the substitutional sacrifice of the Son of God and the precious blood He shed on Calvary's Cross, which satisfied justice through this act of love and mercy.

THAT REGENERATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT is absolutely essential for personal salvation, which is a gift of God's free grace.

...**IN THE SANCTIFYING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** By indwelling at salvation the Christian is enabled to live a holy life, not fulfilling the lust of the flesh, but bearing fruit to the glory of God, and in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

...**THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH** which is the intended Bride of Christ, His body, which is composed of all people, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.

... **IN THE RESURRECTION OF BOTH THE SAVED AND THE LOST**, the one to everlasting condemnation and damnation, the other to eternal life with Christ.

We have no conflict with any other doctrine embraced by others, provided they do not nullify or replace those outlined above.

Being interdenominational (inter-congregational), we seek to fellowship with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 6:24), and to love all who love Him. (John 15:12 and I John 4:20,21).

Our Vision-Purpose-Values

Our Vision - To prepare disadvantaged children to become ethical, productive Christian men and women through superior scholastic and spiritual education which promote intellectual growth, social grace, an attitude of servant hood, and emotional stability.

Our Purpose - To be God's hand of mercy extended to needy, orphaned and abandoned children in El Salvador as a means of winning them to Christ and inspiring them to live for Him.

Our Core Values - Respect and courtesy, responsibility, integrity, self discipline, compassion, morality, Christian Testimony, and Servanthood.

Our Mission- The mission of Harvesting In Spanish is to care for the poor, the widows, and the fatherless, while fulfilling the Great Commission



A TEAM ENJOYS THE BEACH
1 HOUR A WAY

Cost

Teams must send to HIS at the Miami address (on page 13) a check for \$300.00 (U.S.) as a deposit to secure the dates of their visit. This deposit **applies towards the living costs**, even if the dates are changed during the same year, but is not refundable if the trip is cancelled.

Room and board is \$25.00 per night. This does not include any transportation costs. See below.

For example: For a team of 15 members to stay 9 nights, the cost of room and board while here would be \$25.00 x 15 members x 9 days for a total of \$3375.00 plus transportation, minus the \$300.00 deposit made to hold the date of the trip.

Supervision

All construction and maintenance for projects and ministries of HIS are under the leadership of a Salvadoran construction superintendent, Alfredo Calvo, who is on the Shalom Staff.

Templo Piedras Vivas (TPV, our church) is responsible through HIS for recruiting, receiving, preparing and supervising groups and teams for work and evangelism.

Transportation:

The Home's pickup and two mini vans can be used to facilitate the visit and work of teams. Van usage for teams costs **\$20 per team per round trip**. This is a flat rate, therefore it does not matter how far the team travels. The \$20 rate includes gas and driver of vans. (See page 16 for renting buses).



DON'T FORGET TO
LEAVE ROOM KEYS

If a team member has a specific need or desire for food or beverages, he should bring that with him. Coffee and tea can be provided at the home for teams by request.

Remember that it takes one hour or more to get something from a general store. No stores are near the Home.

Rooms must be kept clean and orderly, especially as a good example to the children, and cleaning supplies and toilet paper can be obtained from the ladies in charge of Casa Murphy (Hermana Beatriz). The Home's office is by the kitchen, where one can ask for supplies.

The Home is equipped with clothes washers and dryers. Laundry detergent is not provided by the home. Use laundry machines carefully and sparingly.

Food is served in El Comedor (dining hall) three times per day. Most of the time a bell will ring when food is served. Breakfast is at 6 am on weekdays when the children are in school and at 7:30 on the weekends or when school is not in session. Lunch is served at 12:30 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm every day. All times are subject to change.



TEAM ON A VOLCANO

Dress Code

All visitors and volunteers are asked **NOT** to wear:

Short shorts (shorts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee)

Tight or revealing clothing (such as flesh showing between blouse and pants or skirts).

Sleeveless tops

T-shirts with suggestive words or pictures

Halter tops or tops showing midriff

Spandex shorts or leggings

2-piece bathing suits without a cover-up or T-shirt

Tattoos (cover them up as much as possible)

More than one set of earrings at one time, no other body piercing, if possible.

The children and staff do not wear such things because in the Salvadoran culture it is unacceptable.

WHAT TO WEAR WHEN

For Church

Men:

Nice jeans, slacks or suit

Collared shirt

Tie is optional

NO t-shirts, shorts, sweat pants or torn/stained jeans

No- flip-flops.

Women:

Dress or skirt and blouse (jeans material is ok)

High heels, fiat shoes or sandals (no flip-flops)

No pants, shorts, t-shirts or sundresses.

For Work

- Old jeans, slacks or long shorts.
- T-shirts are OK
- Closed toe, covered shoes (tennis shoes or boots) because of bugs

For Child Care or a Casual Setting

- Jeans, slacks, or long shorts
- T-shirt, blouse, polo shirt, etc. is fine
- Dress or skirt
- Tennis Shoes, Sandals, loafers

Hair Styles and Jewelry

Men: Hair styles for men should not include unusual colors. Any hairstyle with a ponytail for men is not very common. Earrings are best left off by men while visiting the Home, if possible.

Women: Certain jewelry is ok to wear, however expensive jewelry should be avoided as theft is a common problem. Multiple earrings and jewelry in other body parts should be left out if possible. Make-up should be worn in moderation.

Helpful information

Telephone Numbers

The country code for El Salvador is 503

Shalom Children's Home.....	2-220-8501*
HIS office	2-220-8501
AMILAT Office in Capital.....	2-279-0579*
HIS Fax.....	2-218-5064
AMILAT School.....	2-220-3539*

*** Answers in Spanish**

Internet Usage:

Laptops can be brought if there is a desire to use the internet at the Home. We have wireless. There are also local internet cafes that charge an average of 1\$ per hour for internet use.

TYPES OF WORK FOR TEAMS

There is always a lot of maintenance required at the Shalom Home and the Amilat School, such as repainting, repair plumbing and leaky faucets, rewiring a light and changing bulbs, gardening, and so forth.

By the end of 2009, Harvesting in Spanish should be in the process of building the Shalom Community Family Health Center on the property near our school building, purchased for this purpose. This is a building that will require a lot of manual labor to move a lot of dirt, make forms for concrete work, build walls, install Basic electric and water lines, etc.

The design engineer will be on hand from time to time to oversee the work. Our construction/maintenance crew, headed by Alfredo Calvo, will be totally involved. Just like our school, church and other buildings were erected, teams from churches of different denominations and from different parts of USA and Canada, will play a major role in completing this Project.

Teams like to be helping further the Kingdom of God, and supplying this Health Center for the poor people in our neighboring communities, is doing just that. Souls will be saved, people won't die, and suffering will be eliminated in the name of Jesus!





DIRT MOVING

There is usually a lot of debris to move, and holes or canals to dig. Maybe gardening, too. Team members with muscles, male or female, are good at doing this kind of work.



PAINTING

Our humid climate attacks paint, so a fresh paint job is needed every year to keep the Home and School looking good. Usually the ladies paint or fix up the kids' clothing storage room. Bring brushes and rollers if you want to.

PLUMBING WORK

Sometimes plumbers come and there are always leaks to fix and pipes to install for sewers, water lines, and bathrooms. Bring some plumbing tools if you want to.



WOOD WORKING

Sometimes there is rough carpentry work building forms, trusses or framing. Bring all kinds of carpentry tools if you want to.



ELECTRICAL WORK

Electricians are always needed. Installing wiring, repairs, and replacing wall plugs or bulbs can be done. Bring some of these types of tools if you want to.



CEMENT WORK

No experience is necessary. Our crew works alongside teams to show how to do it, or you can carry sand and gravel, and mix cement. Bring trowels and other such tools if you want to.



OTHER HELP MINISTRIES

Teaching our kids a craft; cutting hair; teaching English; teaching cooking or sewing; teaching and/or playing soccer; basketball; swimming; volley ball, pitching horseshoes; chess; checkers; and driving a van or truck are activities a team can do. Bring stuff to do some of these.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING YOUR TEAM



To: Harvesting In Spanish
VIPSAL 723 Box 25364
Miami, FL 33102-5364
missions@harvesting.org

WE WANT TO SEND A TEAM

Name of Group _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

We want to send a team in year _____

Date: from _____ to _____

Send full Team Manual to: _____

At address above. This address _____

Submitted by _____

MONEY

1. Don't bring any money higher than \$20 bills. \$50 and \$100 bills are not accepted anywhere here. There is no exchange of money here. We use U.S. Dollars
2. Put some \$1 bills in a place easily accessible for giving tips during your trip.
3. \$100 to \$150 per week would be sufficient, we believe, to bring for incidentals while living here. You can use credit and debit cards almost everywhere. Because you will pay HIS for room and board, you'll always have a place to sleep, plus water and food. The rest of your money is for your personal needs.
4. When you get to an immigration agent on the street floor of the airport, you should have \$10.00 ready to give him for your tourist visa.

RECOMMENDED TO BRING

Consider bringing things with you, that when you leave, could be donated to our children. The electricity voltage is the same as in the US. Use this as a check list. Items. Underlined in red are required

- sneakers
- sandals
- dress shoes
- rubber flip-flops (for Shower, home and beach use)
- 2 bath towels, wash cloths, hand towels, etc
- pajamas
- socks
- work outfits
- swim suit (one piece only) or with T-Shirt
- church outfit
- casual outfits
- Personal toiletries (deodorant, toothbrush, soap, etc.)
- Battery-operated alarm clock
- Twin size sheets and pillow case
- Pillow
- Light blanket
- Underwear (bras, slips, etc.)

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Sun glasses
 Hat, bandana, etc.
 Bag for dirty/wet clothes
 Photos of home, family, friends, pets, etc.
 Journal/Diary
 Several books to read
 Safety pins, small sewing kit
 Spanish-English dictionary
Your own dish (at least a bowl)
Your own flatware (at least a spoon)
Your own cup and/or mug
 Other items to consider:
 Musical Instruments
 Construction tools or auto mechanic tools
 Sports equipment
 School supplies (if teaching)
 1 lightweight jacket
 1 umbrella (during rainy season, APR 15-NOV 1)
Insect repellent
sun-block
Bible (Spanish-English if possible)
 Stationary
 U.S. postage stamps
 Small mirror
 Razor and shaving cream
 Water bottle
Personal Medications
 Ibuprofen (Advil, Tylenol, etc.)
 Camera, film (lots), camera battery
Passport and 1 photocopy
 Backpack or small duffle bag
 Eye glasses or contact lenses
 Contact lens solution
 Addresses and emails of supporters, friends and family



A TEAM TEACHES A CRAFT TO OUR KIDS

Teams should bring these- -they can be left at the Home if you wish.

Marbles
 Go go's
 Kites
 Journal
 Tops to spin
 Baby doll
 Small fan/hand fan
 Hair dryer, curling iron, etc.
 Snacks (granola bars, dried fruit, candy, coffee, tea)
 CD's and a CD walkman
 Crafts or hobbies
 Cards or games to play
 Spiral notebook or paper
 Pens, pencils, highlighter
 Cold medicine
 Anti-diarrehea medicine
 Travel or regular iron
 Soap (body and hand soap)
 Work gloves
 Laptop computer
 Bible stories for children in Spanish
 Laundry detergent
 Tracts inspanish

COST OF TEAM TRANSPORTATION IN EL SALVADOR

Travel on weekdays in two H.I.S. Vans , to and from airport, your tour day, and others... '85
 \$20.00 per trip.

Travel on weekends:
 (When we have no drivers)
 Airport trips and others...
 \$75 to \$160.00 per bus.*
 (the air-conditioned bus can be rented for any other occasion)

*Depends on the distance





Travel Tips

1. Carry on you your tickets, passport and any other documents relating to your entry in El Salvador. Also put your valuables, toiletries and extra underclothing in your carry-on, in case your luggage is delayed or lost.
2. Check with your airline's group desk to ask if you can have an Exception on your luggage because you are carrying things to an orphanage in El Salvador.
3. Make sure your name is on all luggage and carry-ons. Tie a piece of the same-colored bright ribbon or yarn on each team bag you will check through so bags can be easily identified and counted.
4. Carry in handy way, some one-dollar bills or change for use as tips during your trip(at least .50 a bag carried for you).
5. Be sure HIS knows your travel itinerary, arrival date and time, airline and flight number, and number of bags and people, so we can meet you at the airport with proper vehicles. On Saturdays and Sundays we do not have a driver available, so try to arrive and leave on other days, if practicable. Watch for someone carrying a sign with a HIS logo on it when you walk out of the Terminal.

Measurements

El Salvador operates on the metric system, with a few exceptions. Fuel is sold by the gallon, and weights are occasionally measured in pounds as well as kilograms. Lengths are usually in meters except material like sheets of 8x4 foot plywood and 2x4's.

Food and Drink

Salvadoran food is inexpensive, simple, occasionally unhealthy, and sometimes delicious. Pupusas (pronounced poo-pooses) are the Salvadoran main-stay, although fast-food restaurants make hamburgers and pizza a competitive second. The country also has tons of fresh, exotic fruit like pineapple, mango, papaya, watermelon, etc. Pupusas are 4" round thick tortillas" filled with soft white cheese, beans, pork, or all 3. They are made out of rice or corn flour and cost 50 to 75 cents each. Mostly traditional Salvadoran food is served at the Home. This includes beans, rice, tortillas, soup made with chicken or beef, tamales, eggs, local vegetables, bread, local fruits, salad, etc.



One team brought Marshmallows



Oasis Community where team evangelizes



A team rebuilds entrance to the Home



Teaching the gospel at Oasis Community

Separate Team Accommodations for men & women

ROOM TO RELAX



THE KITCHEN IN TEAM ROOM



MODERN BATHROOMS



GOOD BEDS





Your Team can participate in our church services



Teams sometimes take our kids to a water park for a day

Some teams buy shoes



Shoes for all costs \$ 1200 purchased in San Salvador



These are activities of some past teams. Some teams do more than others, and some don't do anything extra.

Some teams bring toys for different genders and ages.



Air conditioned buses rent for up \$ 75 to \$160 for a day, with driver. Teams can rent one for their free day.



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