



MEDWISH MEDWORKS MEDICAL BRIGADE

July 10 - July 16, 2025
NUEVO PARAISO, HONDURAS



Participating in a MedWish Medworks Medical Brigade is a wonderful way to give your time, talents, and compassion to those in need. During this Brigade, participants will be serving the local community and surrounding area of Nuevo Paraiso, Honduras.

Both medical personnel and non-medical volunteers are welcome on this trip; however, to ensure that there are enough medical personnel to run a successful clinic, a number of spaces are reserved for medical professionals. Registration is first come first serve and will close once the trip reaches capacity.

Please review the following trip information carefully before registering. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Horan at choran@medwish.org or call 216.692.1685. We hope you will be joining us for the 2025 Honduras Brigade!

ABOUT MEDWISH MEDWORKS

MedWish Medworks (formerly MedWish International and Medworks) is a humanitarian nonprofit dedicated to advancing health equity and environmental sustainability. We achieve this by providing essential care, redistributing surplus medical supplies, and connecting medically underserved communities with vital resources, in Northeast Ohio and around the world. Our international Medical Brigades have been part of our programming for 20+ years. Past Brigades have been to Honduras, Kenya, the Dominican Republic, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

MedWish Medworks diverts roughly 600,000 pounds of medical surplus from our local landfills every year. This is done with the support of local hospitals and healthcare providers, who generously donate medical supplies and equipment to MedWish Medworks. Roughly 3,500 volunteers help sort through these donated supplies annually. Supplies are distributed locally and all around the world to support people and communities in need. All Brigade participants will take 50 pounds of medical supplies with them on the Brigade for use at the clinic and to support our host location.



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MedWish Medworks hosts free pop up clinics locally all throughout the year. At these clinics, we provide 100% FREE medical, dental, and vision care to uninsured and underinsured residents of Cuyahoga County/Northeast Ohio with no qualification questions asked. Our team then works to connect these individuals to ongoing care through health insurance, medical homes, and other needed social services. Like our international Brigades, volunteer medical professionals and community volunteers fully staff our local clinics. Since 2009, we have provided over 50,000 free health services to nearly 30,000 local patients.

MedWish Medworks envisions a world free from healthcare disparities, where everyone has access to high-quality care and essential resources. Harnessing the power of volunteerism and partnerships, we work to eliminate barriers to medical supplies, referrals, and care, empowering individuals to live healthier lives.

ABOUT HONDURAS

Honduras is a coastal nation in Central America, slightly larger than the state of Tennessee. It is tropical, predominantly mountainous, and borders Nicaragua and El Salvador. It is one of the poorest nations in Latin America and more than half of the population lives below the poverty line. Tegucigalpa is the capital and is home to over 1 million people. The official language is Spanish and Amerindian dialects are also spoken within some populations. The average life expectancy is 70.73 years. The majority of the population works in the service sector, 52%, with 23% - 24% working in industry, and 24% in the agricultural sector.

To learn more about Honduras, please [CLICK HERE](#)

ABOUT NUEVO PARAISO

Nuevo Paraiso is a small village roughly one hour from Tegucigalpa. It is comprised of homes, schools, a medical clinic, and centers that house over 100 children. This village was originally made up of single mothers and their families, but it has since grown and become a safe haven for local orphans to grow and learn with the support of services provided by the Sociedad Amigos de Los Ninos (Society of Friends of Children).

ABOUT SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NINOS

Sociedad Amigos de Los Ninos (SAN) was founded in 1966 by Sister Maria Rosa Leggol. Since that time, she has served over 35,000 Honduran orphans through her work. These children are rescued and receive an education and other skills training, in addition to being raised in a loving environment. Nuevo Paraiso is one of the locations of the organization's operations.



ABOUT SANTA ROSA DE LIMA MEDICAL CLINIC

The Santa Rosa de Lima Medical Clinic serves the local children and population, in addition to those living in the region around Nuevo Paraiso. Roughly 60,000 people rely on this clinic as their primary care facility as it is the only medical center in the area. The clinic was built in 2000 and it provides a wide range of services including emergency services, dental services, OB/GYN, and pharmaceutical distribution.

On this Brigade, participants will be conducting mobile clinics in the local community. These clinics will be set up roughly one hour (but potentially more) from Nuevo Paraiso so that populations without consistent access to care can be treated. Some medical professionals may have the opportunity to serve in the Santa Rosa clinic depending on specialties and where the need is most.



TRIP INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

Both medical professionals and non-medical volunteers are welcome. While we welcome volunteers of all backgrounds, we do reserve a number of places for professionals in the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry and eye care. We recommend that Brigade participants be at least 12 years old or older at the time of the Brigade. However, if a family would like to bring a child younger than 12, please contact us so we can further discuss. Any participant that is under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or authorized guardian.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We will be staying in the compound run by Sociedad Amigos de Los Ninos. The accommodations are basic with varied room sizes ranging from dormitory style to double occupancy. There are shared bathroom facilities with running water. Clean towels and linens are provided. All meals are served family style at the compound. There is also a small store in the compound to buy snacks, drinks, etc.

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

MedWish Medworks will arrange group airline transportation through Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Participants that do not wish to have their flights booked by MedWish Medworks must contact MedWish Medworks at the time of registration to indicate their intentions. Any participant traveling independently must coordinate arrivals and departures with the MedWish Medworks team and provide MedWish Medworks with his/her flight information by June 1, 2025.

COST

This MedWish Medworks Medical Brigade is \$2,750 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 is due by Wednesday, April 9, 2025 to reserve your place. Reservations are taken on a first come first serve basis. A percentage of spots will be held for medical participants, so secure your spot TODAY!

The remaining amount of the total trip cost will be due in increments leading up to trip departure as shown below:

Trip Payment #2 - \$750 – Due by May 9, 2025

Trip Payment #3 - \$1,000 – Due by June 9, 2025

Your Trip Contribution Includes:

- **Airfare:** Flights will be booked to and from Cleveland, Ohio
- **Lodging:** 6 nights at the SAN facility
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner when in Honduras
- **Trip Logistics:** Supplies for the clinics, translators, ground transportation while in Honduras, and tips for services provided to the team
- **MedWish Medworks Apparel:** Participants will be provided with one MedWish Medworks scrub top. Additional apparel will be available for purchase.

It does NOT Include:

- Any meals while traveling to and from Honduras
- Spending money for souvenirs or personal purchases
- Vaccinations or medications needed for travel
- Travelers Health Insurance

- Passport expenses
- Any transportation, lodging, or meals outside of the group MedWish Medworks Medical Brigade



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TRIP ORIENTATION

There will be a team orientation meeting prior to departure. At this meeting, participants will have the opportunity to meet, learn more about the upcoming Brigade, and talk with the MedWish Medworks team about what to expect and how to best prepare. The date and location of this meeting will be announced in May 2025.

SUPPLY PICKUP

MedWish Medworks will be providing the medical supplies needed for the mobile clinics run during the Brigade. Each participant is expected to transport one bag full of supplies with them to Honduras. Participants will need to come to the MedWish Medworks warehouse prior to departure to pick up the bag of supplies. The specific pickup times will be announced at orientation.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Once registered, participants will be provided with a participant information packet that must be completed and returned to MedWish Medworks by June 10, 2025. This packet may be returned via fax, email, or mail to MedWish Medworks.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND TRAVELERS HEALTH

You may need country-specific pharmaceuticals and/or immunizations when traveling to Honduras. To learn more, please visit the CDC's website. For health-related concerns, please speak with your primary care physician or a local travel clinic. [Click here for more details](#). Traveler's health insurance will not be purchased for Honduras Brigade participants and is the responsibility of each participant to secure if desired.

PASSPORT

A valid passport is required for entrance into Honduras. Make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after our date of return.

SAFETY

There is a travel advisory in effect from the US State Department for travel to and from Honduras. Please visit their website for further information, or [click here for more details](#).

Complete the following registration form and mail it, along with your \$1,000.00 non-refundable deposit per person, to MedWish Medworks. Registration closes Wednesday, April 9th.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Horan at choran@medwish.org or 216.692.1685.

Don't miss out on this amazing experience!



HONDURAS 2025 BRIGADE REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: FIRST: _____ LAST: _____

Day Tel: () _____ **Eve Tel:** () _____

Cell: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ | **Will you be booking your own flights?** Y/N

Date of Birth: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Other Skills: _____ **T-Shirt/Scrub Top Size:** _____

Spanish Speaking: (Y/N) _____

Terms and Conditions for MedWish Medworks Medical Brigades

By signing below, I affirm that I am 18 years of age or older and that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the following terms and conditions set forth by MedWish Medworks. I further state that I am legally competent to sign this affirmation and release; that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital; and that I have signed this document as my own free act.

MedWish Medworks reserves the right to change, edit, and alter the following terms and conditions. In such a circumstance, participants will be notified immediately via email. I also certify that all information provided to MedWish Medworks in the above Brigade application is valid and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Terms and Conditions:

- Should a participant's conduct be found to be dangerous or inappropriate during the Brigade, that participant may be asked to leave the trip or denied participation in future MedWish Medworks Brigades. Refunds will not be provided to participants that are asked to leave.
- Traveler's health safety is the responsibility of the participant. Participants are encouraged to visit the CDC website for travel recommendations and seek the counsel of a physician or traveler's clinic before this trip.

- Upon the completion of registration, participants will receive various communications via email, phone, and mail from MedWish Medworks with information and updates on the trip. Participants are responsible for reading and listening to all materials provided by MedWish Medworks pertaining to this Brigade to ensure that they are fully prepared for the trip.
- Participation in this Brigade may present participants with opportunities for various levels of physical exertion. Each participant is responsible for determining what he/she is safely capable of doing. If a participant is uncertain if he/she is fit for international travel or the activities outlined in the Brigade description, it is his/her responsibility to consult with a physician before registering for this trip. By signing below, each participant certifies that he/she is fit for international travel and agrees to only act in ways that are within the limits of his/her own health and safety while on the Brigade.
- Participants are responsible for providing MedWish Medworks with any health information that will be relevant to this trip. This includes, but is not limited to, dietary needs such as food allergies so that MedWish Medworks can accommodate. If accommodation is not possible, MedWish Medworks will inform the participant immediately.
- By signing below, the participant authorizes and gives full permission to MedWish Medworks for the use of the participant's name and photograph, still or video, in connection with this Brigade and consents to the use of such material or its reproduction in any manner and by any medium which MedWish Medworks deems appropriate. The participant equally authorizes and gives full permission to MedWish Medworks for the use and reproduction of any personal photos or videos that were taken on the Brigade by the participant and then provided to MedWish Medworks.
- Participants agree to follow directions and safety guidelines set forth by the Brigade leaders and local hosts and to act in a manner that is safe, both with regards to each individual participant and the group.
- Participants agree to follow the laws and regulations of the host country.
- Participants will be sensitive and respectful of local culture.
- Participants agree to represent his/herself and MedWish Medworks in an appropriate manner both in-person and through online publications during the Brigade.
- Participants are each responsible for transporting one bag of medical supplies with them to the site location of the Brigade. Each participant agrees to travel with those supplies and take them through customs in the host country.
- Participants agree to only act within the bounds of their professional training and experience while on the medical Brigade. Although non-medical participants may assist in medical services, they will not be administering medical counsel or care.
- Should a participant choose to extend the length of his/her stay in the host country, either before or after the dates of the Brigade, the participant understands that MedWish Medworks is not liable or responsible for these supplemental arrangements.
- The participant affirms, understands, and agrees that MedWish Medworks and the Brigade leaders are only responsible for making reservations or arrangements for: lodging, transportation, and meals during the trip. MedWish Medworks and Brigade leaders will be held harmless for any occurrence in connection with or operation thereof, which may result in injury, death, or other damage to the participant. MedWish Medworks and the Brigade leaders will not be held responsible for loss of or damage to any equipment, luggage, or personal property taken on the Brigade.



- The participant personally assumes all risks in connection with this Brigade and further releases MedWish Medworks and the Brigade leaders from all claims, demands, and actions and for any harm, injury, or damage which may befall the participant while on the Brigade, including all risks in connection therewith whether foreseen and unforeseen, and further to save and hold harmless MedWish Medworks and representatives, arising out of the participant's participation in this Brigade.
- In order to prevent disruption and assure a meaningful Brigade environment, it is MedWish Medworks policy to prohibit unauthorized solicitation of participants and/or distribution of non-MedWish Medworks related materials during the Brigade.
- MedWish Medworks Brigade participants are asked NOT to give any money and/or gifts to any of the locals, children or staff of the organizations we visit. This is for the safety of the recipients and members of the MedWish Medworks team. If a participant feels compelled to give gifts or leave items such as clothes, shoes, candy, etc., he/she must consult with the MedWish Medworks Staff person in advance.
- In the event that an extended stay or quarantine is required due to COVID-19, MedWish Medworks will review the travel and financial logistics on a case-by-case basis and may require that additional, incidental costs are covered by the brigade participant.

Signature of Applicant (Or legal guardian if under 18): _____

Name of Applicant (Printed) : _____ Date of Affirmation: _____

Payment Method:

- Check Enclosed (\$1,000) Please charge my credit card \$1,000 for one Brigade participant.

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ CVV: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Authorizing Signature: _____

***Return to MedWish Medworks / 1625 E. 31st St./ Cleveland, OH 44114
Before Wednesday, April 9th to secure your spot!***