

# GUATEMALA

## THE OASIS - SAN LUCAS, GUATEMALA KIDS ALIVE® FOR KIDS AT RISK

### Valley Short-Term Mission Trip July 7-14, 2018

**The Oasis, San Lucas** is a home for 60 abused girls who appreciate the interest and support of short-term mission teams. The girls range in age from 3 to 21. Girls older than 18 live independently of The Oasis site in San Lucas. Trip participants help with painting and light maintenance during the day, and spend time with the girls in the late afternoons and evenings.

**Leaders:** Howard and Cathie Branch | 860.459.8103 | [cathie.howard@aol.com](mailto:cathie.howard@aol.com)  
Howard and Cathie participated in Valley's first trip to The Oasis in 2016, and led the trip in 2017. They have also traveled to North Africa with a Valley team. Howard coordinates Valley's Community Service Day and Cathie is a licensed counselor. They are both Valley Growth Group Leaders.

**Ideal # needed:** 10.      **Participants:** Age 18 and older.

**Skills desired:** Basic construction and maintenance, women's ministry, and Spanish language.

**Lodging:** Guest house with bottled water, hot showers, and flush toilets.

**Food:** Prepared by national cooks and supervised by a North American missionary.

**Trip expense:** \$1,750.      **Deposit:** \$300 non-refundable, credited to \$1,750 total.  
Each participant must provide or raise funds. Please request guidelines if raising financial support. Trip payments are tax-deductible and must be paid in full by the final training meeting.

**Why this trip?** *Operation World* reports that despite rapid church growth in Guatemala, the future of evangelicalism is in question due to a lack of discipleship. The goal of Kids Alive International (KAI) is to develop deep Christian character in children and teens so that they will function as sound Christian citizens and leaders when they become adults. At The Oasis, this includes recovery from abuse, usually from a relative or family friend.

*Operation World* also states that the majority of children ages 6 to 18 live in extreme poverty and are without parents due to being orphaned or in homes broken by divorce, or partners separating that were never married. With approximately 15,000 street children in Guatemala there is an overwhelming need for ministries like KAI.

#### Comments from 2017 Trip Members:

**Maria Hodgson:** "Observing how God is using Oasis to give hope and healing to the girls was awesome and inspiring."

**Joyce Olsen:** "Just having a small chance to be a part of Oasis was a privilege."

**Kent Robbins:** "God is moving through Kids Alive, Guatemala! Everyone needs to go. Sign me up for every year."

**Immunizations required:** Tetanus/diphtheria      **Recommended:** Hepatitis A, typhoid, adult polio booster. Information concerning the Zika virus is available online at [valleycommunity.cc/trips](http://valleycommunity.cc/trips).

**Interest meetings:** March 25, following services, Avon & Bristol Campuses.

**Training meetings:** Mondays, May 14, June 4, 11 & 18, 7-9 p.m., room 206, Avon Campus.

**Applications now being accepted:** Available at World Outreach display or online at [valleycommunity.cc/trips](http://valleycommunity.cc/trips).

**Application deadline:** Sunday, May 13, or first-come, first-served.

