

## Guidelines Sheet for a Good News in Action Mission Trip to Managua Nicaragua

This guidelines sheet has been specifically designed for you, a person who is either considering a GNIA trip to Managua, or who has already signed up for a trip. Please read this document all the way to the end. It is designed to prepare you and answer all your questions. Thank you in advance and we hope to see you very soon!

### 1. Where is Managua, Nicaragua located and what is some helpful information about it?

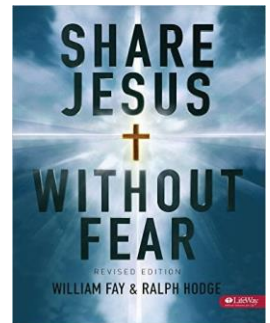
Managua is the largest and capital city of Nicaragua, located on the southwest shore of Lake Managua. The population of the greater Managua area is about 1.5 million. The climate is Tropical, which means hot and humid all year around with a rainy season from May to November. Unlike the rest of Central America where soccer is their number one sport, Managua prides itself on being strong in Baseball. The official Nicaraguan currency is the “Cordova”. The current exchange rate is about 37 Cordova’s to 1 USD (January 2023).



- 2. How will you get to Managua?** You will fly to the Augusto Cesar Sandino International Airport (**MGA**). You should book your flights to arrive on the Saturday the trip begins and depart on the Saturday the trip ends. You will be met at the airport by Vida Nueva Managua’s pastor Rodrigo Diaz ( [Vida Nueva Managua Nicaragua — Good News In Action](#)) and transported to the hotel via rented transportation for the week. It’s about a 20-minute drive from the airport to the hotel.
- 3. Are there any forms to fill out prior to landing in MGA?** Yes, it is very easy to fill out, just follow the instructions. Mark the purpose of your trip “TOURISM”. And if asked where you will be saying, say: **Hotel La Estrella**. [▶ HOTEL ESTRELLA \\*\\*\\* \( MANAGUA, NICARAGUA \) REAL PHOTOS & GREAT DEALS \(managua-hotels.com\)](#)
- 4. What does the airport arrival procedure look like?** Deboard your plane, follow everyone to Immigration. The immigration official will scan and stamp your passport. Proceed to baggage claim and pick up your bag(s), complete your process in customs and exit the building. You will be met by a Vida Nueva associate outside. If he is picking up a team that has never been there before and does not know the pastor, then the pastor will be holding a sign in his hand that says “Good News In Action” so he can be easily identified.

5. **What are the Hotel details?** You will be staying at the **Hotel Estrella Managua**. <http://estrella.managua-hotels.com/en/> Their room prices run about as follows: \$55 per night for a single, \$65 per night for a double, and \$70 for a triple. The prices may fluctuate due to changes in the monetary exchange rate. A very nice buffet breakfast is included in these prices as well as amenities such as wifi, a safe in each room closet, on site restaurant, pool, AC, and hot water for showering. The hotel accepts USD Cash (bills must be in pristine condition), or VISA and MasterCard as forms of payment. Be sure to call your credit card company or bank prior to your trip to advise them you will be traveling to Nicaragua and to preapprove charges that you will make. Failure to advise many times results in denied charges due to banks being on high alert to credit card fraud these days.

6. **What do you need to do to be prepared for a Mission Trip to Managua?** Your spiritual preparation is most important. All team members **MUST BE TRAINED** in Personal Evangelism and be highly competent in sharing the gospel utilizing a standard method such as “Share Jesus Without Fear”, Evangelism Explosion, The Four Spiritual Laws, The Roman Road, The Big Question Tract, 3 Circles, etc.



Approved Evangelism tools for the trip include:

The wordless book or Evangelism bracelets or necklaces with the presentation well memorized as well as the verses.

The Big Question Gospel Tract

The Evangelism Cube



7. **What is the best way to prepare children and/or preteens for ministry and evangelism?** Help them learn how to share the gospel using any of the above visual aids. Teach them the basics and encourage them to share with children their age.

8. **What are the recommended vaccines for Managua Nicaragua?** Please consult this US Center for Disease Control website for up-to-date health information: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/nicaragua>

9. **What does Good News in Action need from you?** We will need your **COMPLETE TEAM ROSTER** and your **FLIGHT INFORMATION no later than 8 weeks prior to your trip**. You will send this to [gniamissiontrips@gmail.com](mailto:gniamissiontrips@gmail.com) You will be provided with an Excel sheet and will be asked to fill it out for your Roster. The following information is required:

- Full legal name as it appears on the passport of each participant

- Team members grouped into hotel rooms as they desire to stay, Room #1, 2, 3, 4 etc (single, double, or triple) (La Estrella does not currently offer quad rooms)
- The US passport number for each person and its expiration date
- The gender and age of each person
- The relationship among roommates if applicable
- The email address of each team member
- A short description of any past mission experience
- A notation of any special talents (Spanish, Preaching, Music, Paint Board, Drama, Sports, Medical, Children or Youth)
- A notation of any special medical or physical needs a person might have
- A list of Prescriptions a team member is taking.

**10. What are all the costs associated with the trip?** (Please use this to make your budget)

- Airfare (Variable)
- Entry Visa \$10 (have that exact and in USD cash)
- Hotel Stay (About \$230 per person in a Double Room)
- Lunch and Dinner money (\$20-25 per day)
- Water bottles for the week (\$15-20)
- Souvenirs (\$30) optional
- Medical treatment or medicine in the event someone gets sick (\$50)
- Phone Calls (variable)
- An Offering for the church on Sunday (variable)
- A LOGISTICAL FEE: **\$375 per person** USD Cash. (Effective July 1, 2024) Every team member helps to cover the cost of logistics for the week. This fee will be collected during the initial orientation meeting. Please nothing higher than \$20.00 bills please. All bills must be in excellent condition. Please place the \$375.00 fee into an envelope and write the team member's name on the outside as well as the name of the church. The Logistical Fee will be used to help defray the costs of transportation, translators, all paper materials, stickers, permissions, fees, materials and supplies for the Family Festivals, hotel conference rooms, and any other logistical cost for the week. If you need or would like a Tax-Deductible Contribution Statement for this money, please request it by writing Pam Kern at [goodnewsinactionelsalvador@gmail.com](mailto:goodnewsinactionelsalvador@gmail.com) and it will be gladly provided.
- One 5 Pound Bag of Candy purchased and packed (Costco, Sam's, Target, Walmart)
- One Ball of your choice (Basketball or Soccer) purchased, deflated, and packed.
- Children's Prizes for a Family Festival
- (The candy, balls, and Family Festival prizes will also be collected during the initial orientation meeting.)

**11. What should you pack for the trip?**

- A Bible or Bilingual New Testament (paperback)
- pens
- hand sanitizer and/or wipes
- a pocket flashlight

- a hat & sun block
- insect repellent
- pain reliever & anti-itch cream
- Imodium in case of diarrhea
- Light weight conservative cotton clothing (no shorts allowed for ministry activities; shorts may only be worn during non-ministry times)
- Comfortable closed shoes
- An intestinal infection antibiotic such as Cipro
- Anti-allergy medication
- A poncho or umbrella (during the rainy season: May through November trips).
- Personal medications
- Conservative swim wear to use at the hotel pool

**12. What are some extra tools that could be brought that would be a blessing to Nicaraguans?**

More candy or snack packs

More soccer or basketballs

Gospel story bracelets

Fluorescent bracelets

Basic Hygiene kits to give away

Basic School Supply kits to give away

**13. What does the Basic (Approximate) Schedule for the week look like?**

Saturday: Arrivals, hotel check in, get settled, possibly an outreach activity

Sunday: Orientation meeting (bring \$375 per person logistical fee, candy, balls, and Family Festival prizes to turn in please), Church at Vida Nueva Managua (Auditorium B del Parque Amistad Japón- Managua, Nicaragua.) (1 service, 10AM to Noon), 3:30-7PM Afternoon-Evening Evangelistic Outreach

Monday-Friday: (approx. times) 8-9AM Devotional meeting, 9-Noon Morning Evangelistic Outreach, Lunch Break, 3-7 PM Afternoon-Evening Evangelistic Outreach

Saturday: Departure

You will be provided with a full printable schedule of the week a few days prior to your trip. Please be prompt to all the times listed on the schedule.

Also, team leaders, please count your people every time you board the bus as this will help us depart on time. We will always ask if all your team members are present, it is very helpful if you are able to answer this question quickly.

**14. What is the key Word for the week? "FLEXIBILITY".** Please be sure you possess a willingness to “go with the flow” while on the mission trip. Unexpected change is a common part of Latin American Culture and without a doubt, you will experience this.

**15. What kind of ministry will we be doing with Vida Nueva Managua?**

Every activity will have as its goal the reaching of people with the gospel. During the morning, the most common activity will be One on One Evangelism, possibly at parks or in

a neighborhood or at a pedestrian walkway. Afternoons and Evenings will be Family Festivals in large parks in populated neighborhoods where you will be sharing the gospel One on One and inviting neighbors to the Family Festival. If you lead a person to Christ or meet someone who is interested in the church, you will get their contact information and they will be followed up.

16. **What are the instructions regarding currency exchange?** The best places to exchange your dollars to Nicaraguan Cordova is the front desk of the hotel or at any one of the banks around the city. Take your physical passport with you when you go to change money, it is required.
17. **At the end of my trip, how will I get back to the airport?** You will be taken to the airport by the same rented transportation that picked you up within 2.5 hours of your departing flight. Be sure the leaders have your correct departure time.
18. **What is the Vida Nueva Managua Church information?** Vida Nueva Managua meets at Auditorio B del parque Amistad Japón- Managua, Nicaragua. The address is Colonial Los Robles, de Plaza El Sol 3cuadras al sur, media arriba. Sunday 10AM to Noon. Their pastor is Rodrigo Diaz. You can read about the church and Pastor Rodrigo at this link: [Vida Nueva Managua Nicaragua — Good News In Action](#)  
You can also visit their Facebook page here: [Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva Managua | Facebook](#)

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**We are looking forward to seeing you on a future trip to Managua Nicaragua.  
May God Bless you!**