

These are the ministries we are partnering with on this mission opportunity to Medellin, Colombia.



Christ for the City International

CFCI's mission is to help people transform cities by transforming lives. They build ministries to meet the needs of the most desperate people in the world's cities — street kids, prostitutes, orphans, the homeless, the unemployed and the destitute.

Ultimately, they envision a world where there will be

- No place without a witness
- No church without a vision
- No person without hope



*Palabra, Pan, y Pez
(Word, Bread, and Fish)*

Palabra, Pan, y Pez is the local ministry (made up and organized by college and graduate students) with which we will be working in La Cruz, a barrio of Medellin, Colombia. This ministry works to establish local relationships while meeting the basic needs of food, clothing, medical care, and academic services.



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**CLC/ Consumed Student
Ministries Mission 2010:
Medellin, Colombia, SA**

**"You did not choose me, but I chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit—
fruit that will last." John 15:16**



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student ministries

April 8—17, 2010

**\$1,200 (including housing,
ground travel, food, and air travel
from Chicago O'Hare**

Facts about Medellin and Colombia

Situated in the northwest of South America is a paradise where the borders between reality and magic disappear. ... a paradise with infinite locations to discover, sensations to enjoy, experiences to live; it is a paradise called Colombia.

Medellin is the second largest city in Colombia. It is in the Aburrá Valley, one of the more northerly areas of the Andes Mountains. It has a population of 2.4 million. With its surrounding area, the metropolitan area of Medellín has more than 3.2 million people, and ranks as the 95th of the world's largest populated areas.

During the 19th century, Medellín was a dynamic commercial center, exporting gold and coffee. It was the first Colombian city to take part in the Industrial Revolution with the opening of textile companies and transport projects like railways that allowed its export business to develop. It also is important to Colombia because of its several universities and vocational training institutions.

In the last quarter of the 20th century, Medellín became the headquarters of an infamous drug trade (known as the Medellin Cartel) and corresponding terrorists wars that caused it to be known as the most dangerous city in the world.

Safety and security has been restored as of the end of the twentieth century, and Medellín is now a wonderful place to visit. The city is vital to Colombia and surrounding nations because of its universities, academies, commerce, industry, science, health services, flower-growing, festivals and nightlife.



Ministry in Medellin

Our ministry in Medellín will be coordinated to accompany two local Colombian ministries (which commonly work together. These are introduced in another area.) There will be a three-fold focus in the activities we will perform. One avenue of ministry will be that of training local pastors in the areas of apologetics, ministerial ethics, and accountability. Coordinated with this will be opportunities for some of the team to be in local churches and give testimonies through a Spanish interpreter.

A second avenue of ministry will be that of construction work in *Mi Casa Azul* (My Blue House.) *Mi Casa Azul* is an on-going ministry there in the Medellín barrio of La Cruz. High on this mountaintop are many fatherless children and their mothers. These children are fatherless either because their fathers are dead, they have left the area for a better life, or they are many hours away working in the coffee fields in order to provide monies for their wives and children in La Cruz. The effect is that these children are fatherless and the mothers are man-less. *Mi Casa Azul* is a place where these mothers can receive godly and motherly training regarding their walks with Christ, their responsibilities in caring for their children, and their basic needs for self-esteem and life. Unfortunately, because La Cruz is such a poor area, *Mi Casa Azul* needs major renovations and additions. Part of the work will directly address the conditions of the building.



Another part of the work will be actual ministry to the children and training of these mothers by various members of the team. These team members will be able to convey parenting skills, practical skills (such as hygiene, communication, etc.) and Christ-living skills (or how to walk in relationship with Jesus Christ on a daily basis.) We will also minister in Kid's Crusades and in provision of food for these mothers and children.

You will find your ministry for Christ in Medellín to be heart rending and life-changing, and you will have made a great difference in the lives of these children and mothers.

CLC Mission to Medellin Response Form

This is a preliminary response. Upon our receipt of your notice of interest, I will immediately send you an application to move to the next step. This will include a brief referral by your pastor. We look forward to serving together with you.

Pastor Jim

MY INFORMATION

Name

Address

Phone

MY INTEREST(S)

- I have pastoral gifts and would like to work with local Colombian pastors as they further their calling of God.
- I am skilled in building construction.
- I am a mother/grandmother and would love to help these young mothers who are raising their children in homes without fathers.
- I am willing to serve wherever needed.

Costs and Finances

Costs for this trip are estimated at \$1,200. That includes flight from Chicago O'Hare to Medellín Colombia, housing, food, and transportation. The variable is the amount for the flights as this can change until we confirm them.

1st payment-	\$200	February 1, 2010
2nd Payment-	\$500	February 15, 2010
Final Payment-	\$500	April 5, 2010