



## DISCOVER & LEARN TRIP FOR TEACHERS

EduDeo Ministries, in partnership with the Canadian Christian Education Foundation (CCEF) and other associations affiliated with Christian Schools Canada, has developed an exciting opportunity for Christian teachers in Canada to experience the global Christian school movement!

Through school visits, classroom observations, and interactions with teachers, students and community leaders, Canadian teachers will be challenged in their awareness and appreciation of the larger world in which we live and impacted in their understanding and appreciation of the transformational power of Christ-centred education. Professional educators from both Canada and Nicaragua will be able to interact with one another, learning from each other, and gaining a deeper appreciation for the craft of teaching.

### HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the application form at [www.edudeo.com/blog](http://www.edudeo.com/blog) or contact EduDeo's Canadian Partnership Coordinator, Phil Beck: [pbeck@edudeo.com](mailto:pbeck@edudeo.com) | 905.387.9927

The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2013**. Those selected to participate will be informed after April 22.



**TRAVEL** with us to the land of lakes and volcanoes. Let the rich culture inspire you and the diverse landscapes amaze you. Explore the largest country in Central America of almost 6 million people, and soak in the beauty of this tropical nation. Interact with students and teachers and be inspired by their stories of personal and community transformation because of Christ-centred education!

## Discover NICARAGUA



### COST

The total cost is approximately \$2,000 per person. This may be offset by various grants that are available.

### GRANTS

- » Canadian Christian Education Foundation: Participants will automatically be considered for a grant that will cover up to half the trip cost.
- » Christian Schools Canada: Selected participants are encouraged to approach their respective organizations to inquire about grant opportunities.
  - » Christian Teachers Association of BC
  - » Edifide
  - » Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools
  - » Prairie Centre of Christian Education
  - » Society of Christian Schools BC



**TRAVEL DATES:  
JULY 23 - AUGUST 3, 2013**

## TRIP ITINERARY\*

### DAY 1 ARRIVE MANAGUA

You and your team members will meet in Houston, TX and fly on to Nicaragua as a team. We will be warmly greeted by Lennin – our ever-so-friendly guide for the next 12 days.

### DAY 2 ORIENTATION & CULTURAL OUTING

We will spend some time getting to know our various team members, and being introduced to the staff and ministries of the Nehemiah Center and ACECEN. With some basic background of Nicaraguan culture and history, we will head out into Managua, visiting the Plaza de la Revolucion and enjoying a boat tour of Lake Managua.

### DAY 3 URBAN SCHOOL VISITS: MANAGUA

Today we will visit some of the ACECEN schools in Managua. Time will be spent to intentionally walk about the neighbourhoods and communities in which these schools are located. We will hear from local community leaders, pastors and the school principals about the impact these Christian schools have on the families and larger community itself.

### DAY 4 RURAL SCHOOL VISITS: MATAGALPA

Matagalpa is a unique community which demonstrates the holistic development efforts of the Nehemiah Center. As we drive the three hours to Matagalpa we will be treated to the visual splendor of Nicaragua. On our return, we will visit a coffee plantation to discover some of the local industry.

### DAY 5 EXPERIENCING NICARAGUAN CULTURE

Nicaragua has much natural beauty. Today we will explore the people, their culture, and the wonders that God has created in this country. With opportunities to visit the local markets, volcanoes, or historical ruins, you are sure to be in for a Nicaraguan treat!

### DAY 6 CHURCH AND HOME

The Lord has created much wonder and beauty! There is a real joy in worshipping within different cultural contexts. Today we will join hands with the church worldwide and worship our Creator! Following the church, we will spend time visiting the homes of our fellow Nicaraguan colleagues.

### DAY 7 – 10 CLASSROOM OBSERVATION & ENGAGEMENT

A key component to this program is having the opportunity to observe and experience Nicaraguan school life. This week is all about spending time with a Nicaraguan counterpart. We will match you with a Nicaraguan teacher who has similar school/teaching responsibilities as you. Your time will be spent shadowing them in their role, observing classroom instruction, etc.

As the week progresses, opportunities for you to participate and lead in classroom engagement will increase. But remember, this is about supporting, encouraging and learning from our Nicaraguan colleagues. Afternoons will be spent working on professional development assignments that will assist Christian schools in Canada to increase in their awareness of Christian education around the world or preparing for any classroom participation/activities that we have been invited to participate in. During the evenings, time will be spent discussing important ministry related issues.

### DAY 11 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

This morning we will spend time with our Nicaraguan colleagues encouraging one another, sharing observations from the past week, telling our personal stories, discussing the joys and challenges of the teaching profession. We will conclude our informal discussions over lunch and say our farewells. As a team, we will spend our afternoon with one last trip to the market, pack our bags and conclude with a time of debriefing and preparation for our return to Canada.

### DAY 12 HOMeward BOUND

The past twelve days will have given you plenty of exposure to the beauty of Nicaragua – its people, its culture, its landscape, and its schools and children. Today we board our plane for Houston and then on to our respective destinations...but the real journey has just begun!

