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You may download an application from our website by clicking “Join Us” and selecting the MET Application from the drop down menu. For more information and a link to our MET informational video click on the “Programs” and select MET on the drop down menu or follow the QR code below.

The application is in the form of a Word document, thus you will be able to complete the application, insert a photo of yourself, save the file and submit via e-mail to Bode Teague at bodeteague@gmail.com.

If you prefer to send your application via USPS, please use our Searcy, AR P.O. Box on the back side of this brochure.

While you are on our website, we encourage you to review the MET summary and other Health Talents programs. The blogs of our missionaries will provide great insight into daily activities and life in Guatemala.



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The MET Program



*...an exciting way for
college students to
experience medical
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What is MET?

Medical Evangelism Training is a program developed in 1981 by Health Talents International and presented yearly to college students. MET provides an opportunity for qualified college students to spend six weeks in a real life, hands-on medical evangelism experience in a developing country. Ideal candidates for MET are Christians within the Churches of Christ or other Restoration-Movement fellowships who are majoring in healthcare or mission related fields.



What is Qualified?

Candidates for MET are expected to have completed two years of college, preferably in one of the above mentioned fields. Students with other majors will be accepted as space allows. All applicants should have a strong interest in medical evangelism.

What is the financial cost?

Tuition* for MET is \$2,000, which covers a week of one-on-one language school, room/board and program materials while in Guatemala. Cost of total air travel and student stateside preparation expenses are not included. Students must have appropriate personal health care coverage which remains in effect while they are outside the U.S.A.

Where is MET held?

MET is now held in Guatemala, but the experience has also been hosted in Belize, Honduras and the Dominican Republic. Though sites have sometimes varied, MET is always held in the context of a working Church of Christ medical evangelism ministry. While in Guatemala, MET students will divide their time between the south coastal area where Clinica Ezell is located (near Chicacao) and Chichicastenango. They will work in clinics alongside physicians, dentists, nurses and evangelists on our Guatemala ministry team, as well as members of local churches. Former Guatemala missionaries will provide orientation training covering indigenous culture, missiology and medical evangelism.

After this orientation period, students will help conduct clinics in rural villages with such picturesque names as La Fortuna, Samayac and Chuchipaca.

When is MET held?

The 2025 MET program is scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 17 - June 28 and the 2026 MET program is scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 16 - June 27. This six-week period includes travel days on both ends, a week of one-on-one Spanish learning at a language school in Guatemala, and five weeks of hands on training.

*Program cost is subject to change though none is expected

MET students receive instruction in four areas:

- Language & Culture (techniques and theory earning a new language)
- Missiology (learn theories, strategies and methods of missions)
- Health Care Skills (learn basic skills for physical exams and explore preventive and promotive health care methodologies)
- Medical Evangelism (learn how holistic health care ministers to both physical and spiritual needs)

Students receive training as they work side by side with missionaries and Guatemalan team members during their regular daily activities. This might include working in medical and dental clinics, vaccinating children against measles or teaching hygiene classes in elementary schools. It could mean helping to build a clinic, painting a church building or hiking to remote mountain clinics. It could mean much, much more.

Students develop a keen appreciation for local cultures by living with local families. This accelerates the language learning curve and encourages the development of close friendships with indigenous families.

