

27 June 2024

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for showing interest in the Philippines Missions trip scheduled for late November/early December 2024. We have been connecting with our Elim partners in the Philippines and an exciting opportunity is developing for our students. The trip will be led by Mr Charman and include Mrs Liu, as well as a local church staff member in the Philippines. This Missions trip is aimed to serve and support local Philippine communities, as well as transform the lives of our students by fostering a deeper sense of compassion, service, and faith. We want every student who joins this Missions trip to achieve the following:

- *Reach, serve and influence - to bring hope and encouragement - Jer 29:11 - that God has a hope and a future for every person.*
- *To grow Kingdom-minded disciples - Matt 28:19 - to experience God as bigger than just our local congregation, as we step into the call to go and make disciples in and of all nations.*
- *To develop maturity - John 13:14 - interdependence - a heart to serve others, and a recognition that we reach the world for Christ in partnership together with others - them and us.*

This Missions Trip Team will spend time in two main locations:

- Quezon City, Manila
- The Island of Coron (a tropical island famous for scuba diving)

The information outlined below aims to build an understanding of where we're going, what we're doing, and the exciting activities our students will get to be a part of. *Please note: We are awaiting final confirmation of some finer details regarding this trip.*

We will send a meeting invite shortly for students and their whānau to meet for an Information Evening on **Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 pm in the Learning HUB at Botany Campus**. We will also provide a Google Meet Link for those who cannot attend.

During our trip, our students will be involved in supporting different ministry activities alongside local churches.

**These activities include:**

Living Epistle Church - Quezon City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Youth Work</li> <li>● Lead and participate in x3 church services.</li> <li>● Involved in 'Feeding programs' as part of our church outreaches.</li> </ul>
City Gates Academy - Antipolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Help cook and serve food to students. Help with classes as teacher assistants.</li> <li>● Kids Work</li> <li>● Lead and participate in x1 Church Service</li> <li>● Involved in 'Feeding programs' and Kids work, as part of our church outreaches.</li> </ul>

City Gates Academy - Coron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assist Teachers</li> <li>● Cook and prepare meals for students</li> <li>● Bible Study for Parents</li> <li>● Children's Club</li> <li>● Tweens &amp; Teens</li> <li>● College Students</li> <li>● Senior Citizens</li> <li>● Sta. Monica High School</li> <li>● Coron School of Fisheries Extension</li> </ul>
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**Proposed (DRAFT) Itinerary November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

<b>Day 1 – Thursday 28/11/24</b> Sleep: Manila	<i>Travel</i> Auckland, NZ to Manila, Philippines (via Sydney) Dept: 07.40am. Arr: 5.30 pm
<b>Day 2 – Friday 29/11/24</b> Sleep: Manila	Orientation Living Epistle Church
<b>Day 3 - Saturday 30/11/24</b> Sleep: Manila	Living Epistle Church
<b>Day 4 – Sunday 01/12/24</b> Sleep: Manila	Living Epistle Church City Gates Academy - Antipolo
<b>Day 5 – Monday 02/12/24</b> Sleep: Manila	City Gates Academy - Antipolo
<b>Day 6 - Tuesday 03/12/24</b> Sleep: Coron	City Gates Academy – Antipolo <i>Travel</i> -Fly to Coron at 2.45 pm
<b>Day 7 - Wed. 04/12/24</b> Sleep: Coron	City Gates Academy Coron
<b>Day 8 - Thursday 05/12/24</b> Sleep: Coron	City Gates Academy Coron
<b>Day 9 - Friday 06/12/24</b> Sleep: Coron	City Gates Academy Coron
<b>Day 10 - Saturday 07/12/24</b> Sleep: Coron	Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maquinit Hot Spring, Coron</li> <li>➤ Ultimate Tour, Cullion Island Escapade</li> </ul>
<b>Day 11 - Sunday 08/12/24</b> Sleep: Coron	City Gates Academy Coron Leave on the Ferry 2 pm
<b>Day 12 - Monday 09/12/24</b> Sleep: Manila	Pick-up at 2Go port - Early Morning Day out on a Manila shopping trip Check-in at the airport hotel
<b>Day 13 - Tuesday 10/12/24</b> Sleep: Manila	Last day relax and Packing. <i>Travel</i> - Manila, Philippines (via Sydney) to Auckland, NZ Depart: 7.20pm (Manila)
<b>Day 14 - Wed. 11/12/24</b> Sleep: overnight flight	Arrive: Auckland 2.05pm; Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (TBC)

**Costs**

Please note these are estimates and guidelines. **Total cost: Approx. \$4000 (TBC)**

Includes:

- \$3000 (approx.) for international flights, Travel insurance/person; Internal flight x 1; 1 Internal Ferry trip:
  - ❖ International Auckland-Manila-Auckland: \$2000 pp
  - ❖ Travel insurance: \$260 pp

- ❖ Internal flight and ferry (Manila-Coron-Manila): \$600
- ❖ 1 X night hotel accommodation near the airport
- \$1000 for all accommodation, food, tours, and any miscellaneous
- Additional personal spending money

Prices are subject to change and currency converter dependent.

Other important costs not included: *Please ensure that you seek medical advice regarding travel vaccinations, ensuring your student is up to date with the recommended NZ Childhood Immunization schedule, which provides vaccination for Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella etc. A general physical and mental well-being checkup at least 3 months before travel is highly recommended.*

With the costing's guideline and itinerary in draft form, we are keen to have confirmation of registration in joining this Missions trip. [Registration Form link](#) and [EOTC health form link](#)

Once final flight costs are confirmed, and we have final student registrations, we will then seek a non-refundable deposit\* of \$500 towards the final cost, to secure your child's involvement in this trip. The trip costs will be added to your KAMAR parent portal.

**The total cost is \$4000. The key payment dates are:**

**\$500 - Friday 26th July 2024. (Non - refundable deposit)**

**\$2000 - Friday 25th August 2024**

**\$1500 - Friday 27th September 2024**

**\*If your child decides not to go on the trip, we will refund the deposit only if another student has been pre-approved and can take their place. The final payment for the trip is due by 27th September 2024. If the trip is cancelled, the full payment will be refunded.**

*We look forward to meeting with you at the **information Evening on Thursday the 4th of July in the Learning HUB at Botany Campus.***

Any questions, please email: [daniel.charman@elim.school.nz](mailto:daniel.charman@elim.school.nz)

Nga mihi

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