

About the Trip Leader

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About the Trip

Location: Lampang, Thailand
Dates: May 7 to 17, 2017
Cost: \$1,360
Expected group size: 12 to 15
Trip Number: 47010



Hey everyone. Thanks for checking out our trip. I'm so excited to be going back to Thailand on a build and this time with the Fuller Center for Housing. This will be my 4th international trip. In 2013 I was on a build with Habitat for Humanity in Rayong, Thailand. In 2014 I led a HFH team to Matale, Sri Lanka and in 2015 as a team member to Pondicherry, India. A little about me. I grew up in Pennsylvania and my father had a masonry restoration business. So, even though I went to music school, pursued a career as a professional musician and eventually went to law school and became an attorney, I always worked with my dad and learned the trade. I still do masonry work and feel these trips allow me to share my skills and in some small way, make a difference for one family by helping to provide them with decent housing.

We arrive in Lampang on Sunday May 7th. The team will assemble, have orientation, be treated to a fabulous Thai meal together and prepare for our mission. We will work Monday through Friday approx. 8:00 to 5:00. It's a masonry home so the duties will include digging, mixing cement, laying blocks and generally, anything that our local Masons need from us to get the home built. No special skills are required except a desire to work hard and to be a good teammate. After work we will have dinner as a team and the rest of the evening is free to enjoy the local culture. The jobsite is on the outskirts of town but our hotel is right downtown so there are tons of restaurants, shopping, and cafes etc. that are within walking distance. Lampang is a very cool non-touristy city. Google it or look on trip advisor to see all the temples, history etc. We will have Saturday and Sunday off and the team will do some cultural travel in the region. It's not set but we probably will travel to Chiang Mai and perhaps Chiang Rai. It's back to work Monday through Wednesday when will have the dedication of the home and depart for home.

While the main focus of our trip is to build a home for one family in need, I sometimes have trouble communicating just how rewarding and how much fun we will have. To bond together as a team in an exotic country like Thailand. To work together, eat together, play together, and sweat together, all for a common purpose. It's just an awesome feeling and the memories, friendships and associations you make will last a lifetime. Feel free to call, text, or email me with any questions. Thanks!