



Intern - Job Description

FIT Nicaragua is an adoption care ministry serving adopting families in Nicaragua.

Internationally adopting families must spend 3-6 months living in Nicaragua during the fostering part of the adoption. This can be an incredibly difficult process, given the families are living in a foreign country, where they don't speak the language, aren't able to drive, and are separated from their normal support systems. Our full-time, in-country missionaries serve these adopting parents and their new children, in an effort to make sure they begin their new life together safely, with a firm foundation for all that is to come. FIT Nicaragua also serves as an advocate for foster care and adoption inside of Nicaragua, and for the unprotected child.

Carlos and Sharla Martinez, with their four children, are currently serving as FIT Nicaragua's in-country missionaries. With the increase in internationally adopting families recently, they are in need of additional support help to serve all of the parents and children well. For this reason, we're seeking 1-2 female interns who are able to serve for 6-12 weeks at a time.

Housing: These interns will share a bedroom and private bath in the Martinez' home. The home is safe, large and spacious, and also has a pool. As is typical in Nicaragua, it does not have air conditioning or hot water.

Transportation: All in-country transportation is provided by FIT Nicaragua, in safe, air-conditioned vehicles, equipped with seat belts. No intern will be permitted to drive while in Nicaragua.

Responsibilities: The interns would essentially become part of the Martinez family to serve the adopting families. This includes helping with childcare, translation, fellowship, encouragement, understanding, and physical needs like cooking and grocery shopping. There is no set schedule, because each day looks a bit different, depending on the needs of the families.

Requirements:

- Minimum of 2 years high school or college Spanish (minimum grade: B)
- U.S. Passport
- Flexible, teachable spirit

- Love of children, experience caring for child care
- Desire to serve
- Interest in international adoption/orphan care
- Willingness to jump in and help however needed
- Good physical and mental health, to handle living in Nicaragua

Costs: The intern is responsible for her own airfare, contributing \$100/week toward food, and paying for any personal expenses in-country (i.e., a trip to the movies, souvenirs, etc.).

How to apply: Interested persons should send a resume and letter of intent, including answers to the following questions, to Wendy Willard at willard@fitnicaragua.org.

- Why do you want to intern with FIT Nicaragua?
- What experience, if any, do you have with adoption and/or foster care?
- What do you hope to gain through this experience?
- When can you arrive in Nicaragua?
- How long do you want to stay?