Pure Water Access: Nicaragua
May 12-26, 2018

Overview: Buck-I-SERV will partner with the Ohio State University Pure Water Access Project and the Nicaraguan organization, AMOS, for this service experience. AMOS programs respond to community-identified needs and build upon community strengths with the mission to improve the health of impoverished communities by working alongside them in health, education and development. This experience will critically analyze international development initiatives and seek to understand the challenges of a community-centered approaches to create a long term impact and help improve living conditions of the communities you work in.

Day-to-Day: During this experience, participants will receive extensive training in working with rural Nicaraguan communities by investigating critical theory, international health policies, global health interventions, community empowerment theory, water filter technologies, application of IMCI (Integrated Management of Childhood Illness) and extensive case studies. Upon completion of the training, students will travel to a rural community and work alongside community health promoters to participate in water filter supervisions through conducting surveys and water lab testing. Additionally, students will assist community leaders in malnutrition screenings for children under 5 and pregnant women and present results accompanied by nutrition education for the members of the community.

Nitty Gritty Details: Students should prepare to bring additional funds for souvenirs and some meals/snacks. Spanish language is not required. This experience is open to all majors.

This trip requires completion a supplemental application available below https://payitforward2013.wufoo.com/forms/m8ry0kn0ylbmwp/. The deadline to apply is January 14th. Applicants will be contacted for an in-person interview to be held in late January.

SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Nicaragua

Housing: Home Stays

Price: $2,600

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation to and from country
- Transportation in country
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
International Development, Poverty, Global Health, Education

Physicality Level: Medium

*Students will be required to have a passport or apply for passport as soon as they are notified of the trip placement. Passport application fees and immunizations needed are not included in the trip price.*