

A LITTLE ABOUT US

Dwellings is a charity that is committed to building homes and changing lives by providing shelter and hope for recipient families as well as a life changing experience for those involved in the building process.

We are so excited that you've decided to join us in Roatan and build a home for a family in need. Dwellings has been working in Roatan, Honduras for more than 2 decades. In the past 10 years we've built over 100 homes on Roatan alone and have partnered together with over 1000 build participants. We know this island and we can't wait to introduce you to just how special this place is. There are a few things we'd like for you to know before you board your flight.

Let's introduce you to our incredible build coordinators in Roatan, Geovany and Lilian Pavon, or Geo and Lili. This incredible brother and sister due have been serving with Dwellings for several years. They have been faithfully vetting our build recipient families and prepping the properties before your team arrives. These two will be there to meet you at the airport when you arrive and will take you to where you will be staying. They will be with you each day of the build and take care of all of your meals. If you have any questions regarding your upcoming trip, don't hesitate to contact Lilian by email at lilian@alternativemissions.com.

So why do we focus so much on providing homes for people?



WHY HOMES?

Dwellings is about shelter and dignity. Everyone needs shelter. Everyone wants dignity

Dwellings goals are plainly stated. We want to build homes and change lives. We organize around legitimate needs and relationships. We are driven by compassion and the long term difference that love can make. We provide homes that are a fusion of simplicity and quality. As we partner with individuals, schools, churches and more, we give people the opportunity to work in a well organized environment and provide them with an amazing, life changing experience. The week long build will forever change not only the trajectory of the recipient family, but the outlook, attitude and passions of the individual and team that participates. Now let's take a look at what you can expect each day during your time here on the island

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good and what the Lord requires of you. To live justly, love mercy and walk humbly.



You can expect a fantastic balance between work and play as your team builds a home for a deserving family



Teams work each day alongside the recipient family. This daily exposure enables team members to build strong relationships with local families. You'll leave Roatan with lifelong friendships and life changing memories.

THE DAY TO DAY

Here's what you can expect as you look ahead at your week in Roatan. We've also broken it down so you can see what each day will look like

WEEK

(Saturday to Saturday)

Day 1 - Travel day

Day 2 - Free day

Day 3 - Begin build

Day 4 - Continue build

Day 5 - Finish build

Day 6 - House dedication

Day 7 - Travel day

Travel days include arriving and departing hotel. Day 6 following the house dedication, teams enjoy free day activities including shopping, diving, beach time, snorkeling, zip lines and more.

DAY

Daily schedule

7:00am - Breakfast

8:00am - Work begins

12:00pm - Lunch

1:00pm - Work continues

5:00pm - End work day

6:00pm - Dinner

All meals are provided by Dwellings. Breakfast and dinners are at local restaurants. Lunch is provided by the build recipient family. Each day there is ample time to rest, recoup and enjoy time on the island.

WHAT TO BRING

Roatan has every modern convenience you need, including wifi at the hotel. Here are a few items you should bring along.

Casual work and beach clothes
Good shoes for construction work
Personal medications
Sunscreen, (can be purchased locally too)
Bug spray, (also available locally)
Water bottle, (the bigger the better)
Money - Roatan experiences a high number of identity theft issues. Only use debit/credit cards in an emergency. Current in small denominations, (\$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20's) are best.

Snacks Sunglasses Hat You'll want to be sure to bring comfortable clothes you can work in.
Be sure to bring a good pair of work gloves as well.

Dwellings provides all of the tools you'll need to construct a home for a family in need. Our staff will bring needed items to the work site each day, such as saws, generators and extension cords. In addition, all lumber will be delivered on site. Some lumber will be pre cut and ready where other lumber will need to be prepared.



THE ISLAND OF ROATAN

Located just 30 miles off the north coast of mainland Honduras, Roatan is an extraordinarily beautiful island destination.

LANGUAGE

English used to be the primary language of Roatan, but since there has been more migration from mainland Honduras, Spanish has become more prevalent. You may sometimes hear Garifuna, the language spoken by the native Garifuna Indians, a mix of African tribal and Spanish dialects. However, currently the majority of the population of Roatan speaks both English and Spanish. Don't worry, the Dwellings staff is bilingual and will be there to translate for the team. Language is a great way to connect with the culture. It might be fun for you and/or your team to learn a few key phrases in Spanish to try out during your time on the island.

TEMPERATURE

Located in the Southern Caribbean, Roatan is a tropical destination. Known as one of the top dive destinations in the world, Roatan attracts divers and adventurers the world round. Temperatures here are extremely hot and humid from the months of April - September. Roatan experiences it's hurricane season during September and October and it's rainy season, October - January. The months of February and March are relatively mild and enjoyable. Be sure to check online before packing for your trip and plan accordingly.

