



THE FRUIT TREE PLANTING FOUNDATION (FTPF) IS AN AWARD WINNING INTERNATIONAL NONPROFIT dedicated to planting fruit trees to alleviate world hunger, combat climate change, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water. Our mission is to strategically donate orchards where the need is greatest and the harvest will best serve communities for generations. One such place is El Salvador, a country facing devastating deforestation and food insecurity. Fruit trees offer a sustainable, healthy solution. Families often lack the resources to gain horticultural training & our programs offer both the trees and education to ensure a fruitful future.



SINCE 2013, FTPF HAS HELPED PAVE THE WAY TOWARDS A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR SALVADORANS by planting and distributing fruit trees throughout the country, including with families, schools, and women's groups. Working closely with two respected NGOs, **SHARE El Salvador & CONFRAS**, we have launched a ten-year plan to plant thousands of fruit trees each year. Some families are already supporting themselves through income from their orchards: "We have been able to feed ourselves, make money & have noticed a change in the environment. Thank you for all the effort you have put in towards the success of our land." -Don Pedro Juan de Jesus Avarca (pictured) standing next to a mango tree we planted at his home.



"Seeing a child plant a tree, and knowing that tree will live to be 100 years old, is a really powerful act."
-Mark Hockley, El Salvador project volunteer

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US by volunteering for a week-long fruit tree planting eco-adventure in July, 2018. Activities include planting trees and interacting with schools and families, and learning about best practices from our arborists. On the last day, an excursion to reflect and visit some of Central America's most important historical sites. A contribution of \$750 secures your spot, including the events listed below, as well as accommodations, local transport, and the excursion! Airfare, meals, and all other costs are the volunteer's responsibility. To join us for this unforgettable experience, apply via the form at the following website: www.ftpf.org/elsalvador.htm.

ITINERARY (June 30 - July 7, 2018)

June 30: Arrival at San Salvador airport, El Salvador

July 1: Orientation & rest day

July 2: School planting / Community planting

July 3: School planting / Community planting

July 4: School planting / Community planting

July 5: School planting / Closing

July 6: Excursion to Tazumal (historic pyramid) / Indigo dying workshop

July 7: Departure from San Salvador airport OR continue with FTPF to spend the day at the beach, eating coconuts & cacao fresh off trees before departing for Guatemala (see below)



***This year only, for an extra \$450, join us for three unforgettable days in Guatemala to work with a school and village in the rainforest that is only accessible by boat. Swim in the Rio Dulce and soak under a hot springs waterfall. Accommodations & transport included.**

[Itinerary: July 8 - depart for Guatemala, July 9 - planting at Casa Guatemala village, July 10 - hot springs waterfall & closing ceremony in the chocolate forest, July 11 - depart for Guatemala City airport]

APPLY TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROJECT: WWW.FTPF.ORG/ELSALVADOR.HTM