



**SAFE HOMES
MOVEMENT**

Architecture & Engineering for Low-Income Families Everywhere

DEVELOPMENT SERVICE LEARNING TRIPS





WE ARE THE MEDLIFE MOVEMENT

MEDLIFE is a **501(c)(3) non-profit organization** that partners with low-income communities in Latin America and Africa to improve their access to healthcare, education, and safe housing.

In order to achieve the ultimate goal of a world free from the constraints of poverty, we empower students and volunteers to become advocates for change through traveling on Service Learning Trips and participating in on-campus Chapters.



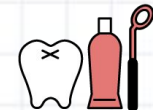
WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENT SERVICE LEARNING TRIP?

Development Service Learning Trips is a week-long trip that allows students interested in architecture, engineering, and community development to work hand in hand with local professionals and community members on the creation, execution, and planning of a development project.

MORE THAN A MISSION TRIP

Short-term medical missions and voluntourism have been fraught with ethical problems for decades. MEDLIFE was born out of a desire to do better. Rather than imposing traditional approaches, **we follow the lead of local professionals and community leaders** who've spent a lifetime understanding the issues on the ground.

Even when the trip comes to an end, our team continues following up on our projects and patients, ensuring we create the **long-term impact** that our partner communities deserve.



WE CURRENTLY HAVE DEVELOPMENT SERVICE LEARNING TRIPS IN PERU AND ECUADOR.



WHY PERU & ECUADOR?

Urbanization and Informal Settlements: Rapid urbanization in many Latin American cities has led to the proliferation of informal settlements, commonly known as "pueblo jovenes" or "asentamientos humanos" in Peru. These settlements often lack basic infrastructure such as paved roads, sewage systems, and reliable electricity or water sources. This rapid urban migration often surpasses the capacity of cities to provide adequate services, leading to significant infrastructure challenges.

Investment Deficit: Despite the obvious need for infrastructure development, countries like Peru invests a lower percentage of its GDP in infrastructure compared to other regions. This investment deficit can lead to aging infrastructure, which can hamper economic growth, hinder access to basic services, and perpetuate inequality.

TYPE OF PROJECTS YOU COULD WORK ON!



STAIRCASES



PARKS



GREENHOUSES



HOMES



**WATER
PROJECTS**



**SCHOOL
REHABILITATION**



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP



PROJECT CREATION

- Visits to communities where MEDLIFE works outside of Lima, Peru.
- Evening meeting with the locals to listen to their basic human needs.
- Live brainstorming on future project ideas.



PLANNING

- Dynamic workshops on the planning and designing of MEDLIFE projects.
- Talks focused on the management of projects.
- Strategies to provide solutions to social problems in the areas where MEDLIFE works.



EXECUTION

- Hands on construction of the project side by side with locals.
- Interaction and learning led by local professional architects and engineers.
- Inauguration of the project to celebrate a week of hard work.

SAFE HOMES SLT ITINERARY

Transfer in & Orientation	Reality Tour	Mobile Clinic	Mobile Clinic	Mobile Clinic	Project	GLE (optional)	Transfer Out
Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:00 PM-11:00 PM TRANSFER IN	7:00 AM Breakfast	6:30 AM Breakfast	6:30 AM Breakfast	6:30 AM Breakfast	7:00 AM Breakfast	OPTIONAL TOUR	3:00 AM-9:00 PM Back to Home
	8:00 AM Bus to community	7:30 AM Bus to community	7:30 AM Bus to community	7:30 AM Bus to community	8:00 AM Bus to community		
	8:30 AM - 2:00 PM Reality Tour	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM MEDLIFE Development Project	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM MEDLIFE Development Project	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM MEDLIFE Development Project	8:00 AM - 2:30 PM Project Inauguration		
Sunday	Bus to Hotel	Bus to Hotel	Bus to Hotel	Bus to Hotel	Bus to Hotel		
		5:00 PM Talk 1	5:00 PM Talk 2	5:00 PM Talk 2			
	6:00 PM Dinner	6:00 PM Dinner	6:00 PM Dinner	6:00 PM Dinner	6:00 PM Dinner		
9:00 AM Walking Tour							
5:00 PM Welcome meeting & Orientation							

*Schedule might change depending on destination. Contact a MEDLIFE Advisor for more information at info@medlifemovement.org

THE MEDLIFE DIFFERENCE



Bringing Development to Marginalized Neighborhoods

Development Service Learning Trips brings long-term, sustainable development initiatives to vulnerable communities in need of community organizing or urban planning solutions.

Partnering with Local Professionals on the Ground

Our projects are staffed by local architects and engineers who speak the language, understand local systems, and provide culturally sensitive development.

Providing Quality, Long-Term Solutions

When MEDLIFE encounters a development or urban planning issue, we find a solution and we do it right. We ensure that our work is high-quality and up to industry standards so that the issue is resolved for a long time to come.

Hand in Hand Development with the Communities

MEDLIFE goes beyond treating the initial issues; we educate communities on sustainable development and ask that they split the work 50/50 with us to ensure an invested interest from the community.

THE ABCs OF SAFE TRAVEL WITH MEDLIFE

Service Learning Trips Safety. At MEDLIFE we take safety seriously. We encourage you to read this page in conjunction with our [FAQs](#) and [booking conditions](#).



Vaccination & Testing Requirements: COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing are no longer required to attend a MEDLIFE Service Learning Trip. However, we highly recommend all participants get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (three doses) before traveling to their SLT destination.



Compulsory Safety Briefing: All participants must attend a mandatory Pre-Trip Safety Review aimed to ensure that all participants are aware of MEDLIFE procedures, precautions, and protocols. Upon arrival, volunteers will attend an extensive safety briefing.



COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Options: Emergency medical insurance is included in the cost of your trip with a deductible of \$250 USD. However, **insurance for trip cancellation or disruption is not included**. We highly recommend purchasing upgraded insurance for more comprehensive protection.



PRICING & INCLUSIONS

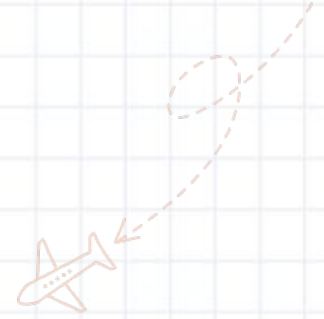
Pricing varies depending on group size and destination. Please visit our [SLTs website](#) for updated pricing or email info@medlifemovement.org for more information.

INCLUDED

- ✓ 7 nights dorm room accommodation
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday to Friday
- ✓ Transport to Service Learning Trips activities
- ✓ English-speaking Trip Leader
- ✓ Safety equipment (including face masks)

NOT INCLUDED

- ✓ Flights
- ✓ Tips
- ✓ Pre or post-trip accommodation
- ✓ Optional excursions
- ✓ Weekend meals



Any questions? Feel free to [book a call with a MEDLIFE Advisor](#) to find out more about our available scholarships and discounts for students and groups.

