

Sawyer Trip – El Salvador (Jan 10–18, 2026)

Trip goals:

1. Deliver high-quality distributions & follow-ups with dignity and accuracy.
2. Show the team not only the work we do, but also the beauty of El Salvador—its people, culture, and landscapes.
3. Strengthen local partnerships.
4. Build team bonding and reflection.

Daily Plan:

Sat, Jan 10 — Arrival (San Salvador)

- Depart LAX on Avianca (TACA) 523 @ 1:00pm PST, arrival 7:50 PM
- Dinner: pupusas in San Salvador
- Overnight: San Salvador @ Las Magnolias Hotel

Sun, Jan 11 — Ahuachapán (base: Ataco)

- 6:00 AM depart San Salvador → Ataco (≈2–3 hrs).
- Distributions & follow-ups in Ahuachapán.
- Overnight: Ataco @ Fleur de Lis

Mon, Jan 12 — Ahuachapán (base: Ataco)

- 8:00 AM depart for communities.
- Distributions & follow-ups in Ahuachapán.
- Overnight: Ataco @ Fleur de Lis

Tues, Jan 13 — San Salvador (base)

- 8:00 AM depart Ataco → San Luis la planta Sta Ana
- Distributions & follow-ups San Luis la planta Sta Ana
- Overnight: San Salvador @ Las Magnolias Hotel

Wed, Jan 14 — Volcano Hike

- Early start; long hike day.

- Overnight: San Salvador @ Las Magnolias Hotel

Thurs, Jan 15 — San Martín & Bonanza

- 8:00 AM depart San Salvador (≈1 hr).
- Follow-ups in San Martín / Bonanza.
- Lunch with Miguelito & family (reimburse for lunch).
- Return to San Salvador; overnight @ Las Magnolias Hotel

Fri, Jan 16 — Tapalhuaca

- 8:00 AM depart San Salvador (≈1 hr).
- Follow-ups in Tapalhuaca, la Camaronera
- Visit City Center, Library
- Overnight: San Salvador.

Jan 17 — Debrief & Beach

- AM Debrief — Reflections & Impact
 - What surprised you most on the trip—and why?
 - What did you learn from local leaders about dignity and agency?
 - Any shots or stories we should avoid using? Why?
 - How can we showcase families without tokenizing?
 - What assets do you wish you had (b-roll angles, data cards, captions)?
 - If you were running our social for 30 days, what would you post each week?
 - What one tool/process change would make collaboration smoother?
- Beach day
- Drive to San Salvador for dinner; overnight in San Salvador.

Overnight: San Salvador @ Las Magnolias Hotel

Jan 18 — Departures

- Depart San Salvador on Avianca (TACA) 522 @ 8:00am, arrival 11:35am