

Mexico Mission 2010

Informational Meeting

FAQ's

To assist you and your student, below is some basic information including "Frequently Asked Questions" for the Mexico Missions trip. Please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Phil if you have further questions.

REQUIREMENTS:

- (1)** Involvement in a small group. If you are NOT involved in a small group, you will need to meet with the Student Ministry Pastor.
- (2)** Attend the Training Sessions
- (3)** Participate in the Fundraising Events
- (4)** Be knowledgeable and responsible for DUE DATES. There will be a "Mexico Box" at the Administration Building to turn in forms, letters, and envelopes with your letter fundraising support money.

Where are we going?

We are going to an AMOR campsite outside of Rosarita, (or possibly out of Tecate or Tijuana). All of these cities are close to San Diego. Details on the exact location will be provided prior to departure, and a full itinerary of our travels with contact information will be available upon request.

What are we doing?

Our purpose is to love God and love people as we bring Christ to their world. We do this in two primary ways while in Mexico:

- Our service to the Mexican community: Each team that we put together will build one 11 X 22 two room home with a slab floor and stucco exterior.
- We will reach out to the Mexican families that we come into contact with on our building sites by leading songs, games and telling Bible stories to the children.

What identification will my student need for Border crossing?

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE PASSPORTS!

It is recommended that you apply for a passport immediately. Participants who do not receive their passport in time will not be able to travel into Mexico. You can do so at our Port Angeles Post Office or at the City location.

Your student will need to carry with them the following forms of PICTURE ID:

- (1) Drivers license, or picture ID and/or (2) Passport.

We will take copies of all identification prior to traveling.

What are the conditions?

- **At Campsite:** The camp set-up is on a rock quarry, on a big open piece of land. We will tent camp with other like groups. Portable toilets are on site. Showers are very rustic (cement slab with walls, bucket of water provided).
- **At Worksite:** The family we build for will have a piece of property (most sites are in the hills), which may or may not have a dirt floor shack, or structure on it. They will be on site with us, as well as others in the neighborhood that will, by curiosity show up at our site. **It is a safe environment and our presence there is very welcomed.**

Are there any immunizations required?

It is highly recommended that you are up to date on your Tetanus vaccine, and have 2 doses of MMR (students usually receive prior to Middle school), and 2 doses of Hepatitis A. Hepatitis A is given in 2 doses, the second after 6 months. At this time, you will only be able to receive one dose before travel.

You are encouraged to check with your Health Care Provider and/or the Washington Health Department for their recommendation of what is required.

How are we getting there?

We will bus to SeaTac Airport. We will fly in and out of San Diego. In addition, we will need 2 Suburban/Vans capable of pulling trailers for our gear.

What does supervision look like?

We will have a team with a ratio of 5 -6 adult staff per team of 12 students. Our maximum will be 2 teams with a total of 25 students/ 10 staff. Each group will also be assigned one AMOR staff Intern that is accustomed to the culture to assist us.

Our group is made up construction experts, translators, parents, and present ministry leaders.

What does this trip cost?

Cost for the trip is \$900. All meals while in Mexico are provided. The only additional money would be traveling spending money. We will be encouraging students to bring their own snacks, and shopping money if they wish to purchase mementos.

How do we handle meals and water?

While we are in Mexico, we bring our own cooking team, food and water from the states. On the job-site, we will have AMOR delivering an unlimited supply of good drinking water. If needed, our staff can drive to San Diego to pick up supplies.

What does my student need to bring?

Mexico Mission's packet has detailed information with a list of stuff to bring and "tips" for the trip. This information is for you as well as for them. Please read the information carefully.

What about cell phones?

If you wish to contact anyone on the trip by cell phone they will need to have an International cell phone plan. Please find out who has International calling before making contact with the team while in Mexico. Also, note certain areas do not have reception. We may not be able to respond to your call right away.

How do I reach my Child in an emergency?

- In the event of any emergency, call the AMOR Ministries office at (619) 662-1200, and press '0' for the operator.
- State the emergency, and the message will be forwarded to the group in Mexico, by a two-way radio system. The message will be given to the group leader in the most discreet manner possible.
- In the event of an emergency, which takes place after-hours, call the AMOR Ministries office and the voice-mail system will offer an emergency feature. Leave a message and the system will begin paging the AMOR Management staff to pick up the message. The Management staff will then forward the message to an AMOR staff member in Mexico and onto the group.
- Please understand the primary form of communication we have with our staff working in Mexico is the two-way radio system. Two channels handle all the logistical communication for over thirty staff members (in the office and field), fifteen Interns, and hundreds of worksites.
- Non-emergency calls such as birthdays, and announcements of birth or graduations, tax a very limited resource.
- Please arrange in advance for check-in calls if you would like to speak to your student. Thank you.

Parents, you are invited to a final circle of prayer before we go if you would like to be involved with that.

Again if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Phil at 452.3351 X 21 or e-mail at: phil@indbible.org