



April 14, 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The 2010 Mission trip to Mexico is scheduled for June 24-July 2, 2010. Many have expressed interest in participating in this trip, and now we need a firm commitment. This Mission Trip is for adults and youth. It provides a great opportunity to serve God and our less fortunate neighbors in Jesus' name. Those who have participated before speak of this time as a positive, life-changing experience.

You will find further information enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact me at my cell phone 805-610-8826.

Please return the appropriate forms to the Trinity Lutheran Church office by May 31, 2010.

In Jesus' love,

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Mexico Mission Trip

### Dates and Details

1. Leave Thursday morning, June 24, 2010. We will drive directly to El Divino Salvador in Tijuana on Thursday evening.
2. Return Friday, July 2 depending on how our work progresses.
3. The location is El Divino Salvador in Tijuana.
4. We can have up to 45 people go. We need laborers to build the houses, workers in the kitchens, people to serve the workers, and volunteers to help with VBS. We also need drivers.
5. The minimum age is 14, unless accompanied by their own parents.

**Lodging facilities:** There are bunk beds with quilts and pillows. You may bring sleeping bags or sheets and pillow cases. There will be separate dorm rooms for adults and kids, males and females. There are bathroom facilities with toilets and showers. The plumbing is sensitive, so toilet paper cannot be flushed. Showers must be quick since water is scarce (1-2 minutes). The kitchen is equipped with stove and cooking utensils, microwave and a grill. Drinking water (bottled) can be purchased locally, and is to be used for all drinking and all mouth hygiene. Each person will bring their own refillable water bottle (with your name on it) to carry and keep with you throughout the trip. (It's good to take to the work sites, etc.) A fanny pack comes in handy as well. We will buy the majority of our food in Tijuana; several large markets such as Gigante and Calimax are available. (There is a possibility we may be able to eat out one or more nights for those who want to.)

**Dress Code:** Appropriate dress is important. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Please, no short shorts or crop tops while amongst the Mexican people (cover your torso and thighs). Bring a hat, work gloves, and plenty of sun screen lotion, insect repellent, and hand sanitizer.

**Mandatory:** Each person will be limited to **one piece** of luggage, preferably soft-sided and labeled and bedroll. Vehicle space is limited.

**Money:** U.S. currency is accepted everywhere. The exchange rate is about 12.2 pesos to the dollar. Personal checks, travelers' checks, and credit cards **are not** accepted in many areas. You should bring approximately \$50.00 for fast food to and from Mexico as well as any spending money. Bring mostly one's and five's as it's easier to barter and trade with. You will be responsible for your own money and its safekeeping unless you make other arrangements with the leaders.

**Identification:** U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card. Please make a photocopy of the picture page of your passport to carry with you at all times.

**If you are driving your vehicle into Mexico:** Mexican auto insurance is required by Mexican law. It can be purchased near the border (Mex-Insurance in Chula Vista, CA, I-805 & E Street exit, 619-425-2390; if you include the info on the application, I will fax the info in, 619-425-7760); or if you have AAA, check with them before you leave. Vehicle registration must be current and in the vehicle. The mission fund will cover the cost of insurance.

**No-no's:** Do not touch, feed, or pet any animals. They may be diseased. Do not give cash, phone numbers, or personal information or make personal promises to the people of Mexico.

**Vacation Bible School:** We will be planning Bible lessons, crafts, and activities for approximately 35-40 Mexican children. They love this special time and attention from you.

**Important:** We will arrive and depart Mexico as a group. Youths must remain with an adult leader at all times. You must have a passport to re-enter the U.S. You are a guest in Mexico and an Ambassador for Christ.

**IMPORTANT!! YOU MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN May 31, 2010:**

**ADULT PARTICIPANTS:**

- Adult Medical/Health Information Form, signed**
- Emergency Medical Information Form (to be filled out)**
- Photocopy of picture ID, i.e. driver's license, passport**
- Photocopy of Medical/Insurance Card (both sides please)**
- Photocopy of picture page of passport.**
- Mission trip application**
- A check for \$100 payable to Trinity Lutheran**

**PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE 18: (Note: If a participant's parent is traveling with the group, the first three forms are NOT required.)**

- Permission Letter, signed by parent(s)**
- Authorization For Medical Care, signed by parent(s) and notarized\*\***
- Consent Waiver, signed by parent(s) and notarized\*\***
- Behavior & Conduct Agreement, signed by parent(s) & participant**
- Emergency Medical Information Form (to be filled out)**
- Photocopy of Picture ID, i.e. student ID, license, passport**
- Photocopy of Medical/Insurance Card (both sides please)**
- Photocopy of your Birth Certificate or photocopy of picture page of passport.**
- Mission trip application**
- A check for \$100 payable to Trinity Lutheran**

\*\*Chris Iversen's secretary in Paso Robles is a Notary Public and will notarize free of charge any of the above documents, 239-2130, 605 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Paso Robles. Those needing to notarize documents in other locations may usually find notaries at their banks (usually no charge) or at United Parcel Service(UPS) drop off locations (for a fee).

*NOTE: Pastor Burch will be collecting and storing all passports so that they are safe. He will return them to you at the end of the trip. (You will not be able to attend without the appropriate identification.)*

## **Important Contact information**

213-351-6800 **Mexican Consulate in U.S.:**

656-613-1655 **American Consulate in Mexico:** (from U.S. dial 011 52 first)

[cdjamericancitizens@state.gov](mailto:cdjamericancitizens@state.gov), <http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/mx2/wwwhacs.html>

(emergency: 656-651-6019)

**Lutheran Border Concerns:** 619-286-2445

**Casa Concordia:** Carmelo and Esperanza Garcia: 011-52-664-971-9532.

Mex-Insurance in Chula Vista, CA, I-805 & E Street exit, 619-425-2390;

# THINGS TO BRING

## Mexico Mission Trip

[Please label everything you bring!]

### CLOTHING

- Tennis shoes/boots
- Shower Shoes
- Sweats
- Light jacket (for evenings)
- Hat (old baseball hats work great)
- Socks
- Work gloves
- Work clothes (dress modestly—cover torso and thighs completely)
- Swim suit and towel for beach
- Fanny pack

### OTHER

- Sunscreen
- Hand Sanitizer
- Chap stick
- Insect repellent
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag or sheets/pillowcase
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Towel
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Money for personal use (US dollars are accepted, but not checks or credit cards; there's no tax on purchases)
- Medications you usually take
- Water bottle (refillable)

- Photocopy of your passport or passport card
- NO electrical appliances: hair dryers/curlers, radios, etc.
- NO valuables
- YOUTH: A NOTARIZED parental permission slip (for those under 18, to be kept on your person at all times)
- ADULT: Mexican auto insurance (if taking your vehicle)
- If you bring your cell phone: check costs before using it; it is recommended for emergency use only; thefts have been reported; you may check on a pre-paid plan.
- A mug or cup to use during the trip and leave behind
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- ➔Fit it all in ONE piece of luggage (except sleeping bag)

- Passport or passport card.** No other form of ID will work as of June 1, 2009

# Mexico Mission Trip Application

(Each participant should fill this out separately)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Age (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ (*Those under 14 must have their parent accompany them*)
3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Email: \_\_\_\_\_
6. T-Shirt Size      S      M      L      XL      XXL
7. Are you willing to drive? YES NO
8. If so, how many total will fit in your car? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If so, Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
VIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This information will enable us to get and pay for Mexican Insurance for your vehicle: liability, collision, comprehensive, and travel and legal assistance)*
10. Emergency Contact in U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church in the amount of \$100. Return the check with this application and other applicable forms to the church office by May 31, 2008.*

# Adult Medical Information

## Mexico Mission Trip

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact: Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Medications presently being used \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information about medical or dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Policy ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Surgical Release:

**I hereby give my permission to the Physician selected by Pastor Herbert Burch or Josh Weygandt to secure proper treatment, to hospitalize, to order injection anesthesia, X-ray, or surgery for myself if I am unable to do so.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**