



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)

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

# 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.*

# Parental Permission Form for a Minor

To whom it may concern:

My son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to be in Mexico under the supervision of Pastor Herbert Burch or Josh Weygandt, during the days of June 24- July 2, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

*Important: minors must keep this form with them at all times.*

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE**

**For Participants Under 18 years of age:**

(I) (We), the undersigned parent(s) and/or natural guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ a minor, do hereby authorize my child's Servant Event Leader (and/or any other adult appointed or designated by him/her) to (i) consent to medical, surgical and dental care for such minor child, (ii) consent to any diagnostic tests, medical, surgical or dental procedure or treatment as may be considered therapeutically necessary by the physician, surgeon, dentist or other health care personnel providing care for such minor child, and (iii) on (my) (our) behalf, to (a) employ physicians, surgeons, dentists, nurses, and other health care personnel as may be deemed necessary for such minor child, (b) admit such minor child to any hospital, clinic, emergency room, laboratory or other health care or diagnostic facility for examination, treatment, surgery or care and (c) sign all necessary consents and authorizations. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of the occurrence of any condition or situation which would necessitate any such medical, surgical or dental care being required but is given to provide authority to obtain such care if it should be required. I fully understand the consequences of the foregoing statements and sign this **AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE** knowingly, freely and willingly. (Your signature must appear below or your child will not be permitted to attend the Servant Event.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

MINOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

HOME PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH PLAN CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY #: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICY HOLDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & RELATIONSHIP OF ANOTHER PERSON TO CONTACT (if a relative, identify relationship)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Relationship) PHONE #( ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DOCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DENTIST: : \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Known Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Medications presently used: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*Date of Last Tetanus Booster: \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, (I) (WE) have executed this "Authorization to Consent to Medical and Dental Care" this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
) ss

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared and known to me to be the person(s) who executed the above Consent and stated that it was executed as his/her (their) free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**BEHAVIOR & CONDUCT GUIDELINES**

Christian conduct is our guideline. Your relationship with the group must always reflect a Christ-like attitude. Consequently, foul language, disparaging remarks about others, and disrespect and/or disregard of leaders do not reflect God-pleasing conduct and will not be permitted.

Your body is truly the temple for the Holy Spirit residing therein. Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs serve only to harm your body and detract from your experience; they are not permitted. If you are required to take medication of any kind, these must be checked in with a Servant Event Leader and dispensed only through him or her according to the times and doses prescribed. Violation of these rules are deemed significant enough to require you to return home.

**BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

My family and I have read the Behavior & Conduct Guidelines. We agree with its philosophy, its requirements for behavior and conduct, and agree to be bound thereby.

We understand that if, in the judgment of the responsible adult leader, it is in the best interest of the other participants, that the participant return home for any reason, then we will be required to bear the cost of such transportation home.

\_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

Participant's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's signature

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

Parent/Legal Guardian's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

**TO: CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO  
OR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**Dear Sir:**

(I) (We) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Address

in \_\_\_\_\_, are parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and have custody of  
City State

\_\_\_\_\_, a minor child, who resides with me/us at the address set forth above.  
Name

(We) hereby authorize our daughter/son to travel in Mexico from June 24-July 2, 2010, with Herbert Burch and Josh Weygandt, as part of a mission team from Trinity Lutheran Church of Paso Robles, California.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, in \_\_\_\_\_, California.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

\*\*If single parent, indicate sole custody.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

) ss

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared and known to me to be the person(s) who executed the above Permission Letter and stated that it was executed as his/her (their) free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public