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In Baja California
Mexico

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Niños de Baja — Who We Are and What We Do
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Niños de Baja is a Christian-outreach ministry to the people of Baja California, Mexico. We are located 50 miles south of San Diego, in El Porvenir, which is in the Guadalupe Valley. Called the “Napa” of Mexico, the valley is home to vineyards, wineries, olive orchards and farms. The people of Porvenir provide farm labor for the valley.

Porvenir is a quiet farm town with unpaved streets. Here, you will see small houses in various stages of construction. Financing is not available, so people build their homes in stages as they accumulate money for supplies. This can take a long time because the typical pay for a day’s work is ten dollars. Some homes have dirt floors. Some have no indoor plumbing. Some have no electricity. The people here are poor in possessions, but not in spirit. This is a tight-knit community where people take care of one another.

For the people of Baja California, we provide:

- A children’s home for kids who are orphaned, or have been abused or abandoned (These children are usually brought to us from the city of Ensenada.)
- A daycare center for working single moms and migrant farm families
- Employment opportunities at the children’s home and daycare center
- Assistance to the town itself including –
  - An addition to the town library
  - A multi-purpose building for the primary school
  - Playground equipment for the school
  - School supplies for the library & school
- A variety of outreach programs for the community including –
  - Vacation Bible School throughout the summer
  - ESL classes
  - Summer sports & crafts at the park
  - Summer literacy program at the library
  - Tuition for local students – high school & college
  - Assistance in repairing homes
  - Regular distributions of clothing & household items
  - Food for the needy
  - “Shoebox” gifts and Spanish-language Bibles at Christmas

For churches and individuals in the U.S., we provide the opportunity to:

- Come to Porvenir for short-term, international mission trips – typically for a week
- Become a short-term or long-term intern in Porvenir
- Interact with our adorable kids and be part of their healing process
- Develop an ongoing relationship with us and be part of our mission
- Join our volunteer support team in the U.S.

The largest employer in Porvenir is the farming industry. The second largest employer is Niños de Baja. We employ three shifts of caregivers at the children’s home, two shifts at the childcare center, and two maintenance workers. We pay our Mexican employees a good wage and provide full benefits. Our Mexico mission directors (missionaries), U.S. mission directors, and U.S. support team are all volunteers.

Thanks for your interest in Niños de Baja. Your prayers and support make our mission possible.
At Niños de Baja, God Changes Lives! Here are a few examples:

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Our Community Outreach Programs:

Niños de Baja offers a wide variety of outreach programs in and around Porvenir. A good example is our distribution of Christmas “shoebox” gifts and Spanish-language Bibles to the children in Porvenir. These gifts and Bibles are donated, and handed out just before Christmas, by several of our supporting churches.

The following letter to our missionaries speaks for itself. It came from a woman, who is a “key player” in the Porvenir community last year just after our Christmas gift distribution:

"Felipe and Alison,

We give thanks to God for your lives and for dedicating part of your lives here in Porvenir, blessing so many people like children, women and men, through the daycare, orphanage and the fountain of gifts for our children these days. Thanks to the churches and groups that supported it, and blessings for you and your families.

Con Cariño,

Diana and Cuco"

Our Orphanage

The kids at our orphanage have been abused — and abandoned or removed from their homes by DIF (Mexico social services). These children are very young — from infants through nine years of age. When they arrive, they are scared and withdrawn.

Here, they begin to recover and heal. Through our loving Mexican staff and interaction with the wonderful people who visit from the U.S., our little ones learn to trust again. An example is Jose, a little boy who was taken from his parents because they beat him. After he was with us for a while, his grandparents requested and were given custody — but they beat him, too. Jose asked DIF to bring him back to us. During the last 18 months, he has blossomed here.

Since 2006, 53 of our children have been adopted by Mexican families. One example is a baby girl who was brought to us after she was abandoned in a park swing. She was later adopted by a family in Tijuana. The family discovered that she is highly gifted, and she is now enrolled in a bilingual school and doing well in all of her subjects.

There are more than 50 orphanages in Baja. DIF has told us that ours is one of the best. They say that our children have far fewer emotional problems and are much happier than kids at other orphanages. They credit the love and individual attention the children receive from our staff and our visitors from the U.S.

Our Daycare Center

We offer loving childcare for working single moms and seasonal migrant farm workers. In return, we require them to provide community service in Porvenir. Because our daycare is free, single moms can work and keep their families together.

A good example is one of our single moms with five children (one son is handicapped). While the mom worked in the fields, her older children stayed home to care for the younger ones. When she heard about us, she put her three youngest children in daycare so her oldest two could go to school. In the beginning, she would walk to us with the children (her son in a stroller), and then walk to the fields. But, we were able to get her a small bike so she could ride from the daycare center to work. We also provided the family with clothing, food, occasional transportation, etc. Eventually, the mom decided to move to Guadalajara. Our missionaries took the family and their possessions to the bus station, helped them buy bus tickets and put them on the bus.
Our Intern Program

We offer internships to college students and other adults who want to be part of our missionary team for a period of time. Two of our recent interns said that their time at Porvenir confirmed that God is calling them into the mission field. Another intern, who wanted to be a physical therapist, wasn’t sure how that would mesh with her love for Mexico and orphanages. While she was here, she worked with one of our new boys who, at 18 months, couldn’t stand. She did exercises with our little one and, by the time she left, he was standing and walking by himself. This confirmed for her that she could be a physical therapist, and return to Mexico to teach our staff how to work with the typically under-stimulated children we receive.

Our Mission Trips

A number of church groups come to our Porvenir each year to work at Niños de Baja and interact with our kids. Some build or maintain our facilities. Others present VBS and other outreach programs for the community. Without exception, these folks tell us that visiting Niños changed their lives.

One couple who came on a church mission trip was so moved that they decided to become missionaries. They will be going to Columbia next year for four years.

One group “adopted” a family that lived next door to our guest house. Our missionaries helped the family move to a women’s shelter to escape her abusive boyfriend, and provided clothes, food and blankets for them. And, they took the family to church with them. The mission group continued to work with the family during their mission trips. They provided birthday parties for the children, sent monthly support for the family, and let them know they are loved. This year, they provided a Quinceinera (15th birthday celebration) for the daughter. The little family has completely changed dramatically over the last four years.

Our U.S. Support Team

Since we have no employees in the U.S., we need a team of volunteers to help with all of the activities necessary to support our Mexico mission. These folks are a tremendous blessing for us. And, it gives people, who may not be able to participate in a mission trip, an opportunity to help Niños in another way.

A few comments from people who have visited Niños:

"Today I cradled a broken child. Tomorrow he will be smiling, laughing and playing. God has smiled on this place."

Cheryl, Newbury Park, CA

"I’m so thankful for the opportunity to be here for such a short amount of time. WE come to serve, but end up being served. It’s a humbling and unforgettable experience."

Stephanie, Drain, OR

"This has been an amazing trip that has been very impacting on my life. It has opened my eyes to things I could never have imagined. What a wonderful experience God has blessed me with. I am so thankful he brought me here. I love every kid that we encountered, and can’t wait to see them again."

Jonel, Moreno Valley, CA
ABOUT OUR MINISTRY

Homes for Orphans of Mexican Extraction, Inc. (H.O.M.E.) is our corporate name, and we are a U.S. non-profit organization (I.D. #33-0119870) doing business as Niños de Baja and Rancho de los Niños. HOME NdB is also the name of the legally required Mexican non-profit organization working with us. H.O.M.E.'s ministry began over 40 years ago with a home for abandoned, abused, and impoverished children, Rancho de los Niños. Over the years, hundreds of children were loved, cared for, and came to know Christ as their Savior. In 2005, we moved our ministry into the village of the El Porvenir (near Ensenada.) We are caring for up to 24 infants and toddlers to age seven in our new facility, Casa Hinton. This house was built by volunteers from churches that support Niños de Baja. Another facility is in the planning stage to be used when our current children reach 12 years. Niños de Baja also provides free daycare services to factory and farm workers, educational assistance programs, benevolence, and youth outreach for the community.

H.O.M.E. was begun by and identifies with the fellowship known as Independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. Its Board of Directors and missionaries do affirm and declare their belief in the Christian faith set forth in the following Statement of Faith:

1. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are distinct personalities with distinct roles, but one God, and that one God is the Creator of the universe.
2. Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Savior, and the Son of God, who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross, and was raised from the grave. He will return as our victorious Lord.
3. Salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
4. Faith in Jesus is demonstrated through repentance, confession, baptism, and obedience to His word.
5. Baptism by immersion demonstrates our faith and obedience while depicting our union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.
6. Each person needs to be spiritually born again, at which time they receive the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit who acts as Comforter, Guide, and Advocate and gifts believers for the building up of the church.
7. The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God in its entirety, and is the guide for all of life.
8. The Church as the body of Christ is the extension of Jesus Christ's character, attitude, behavior, and mission in our world today.
9. Jesus has called us to take His gospel to all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey all of His commands.

Our mission is to glorify God by spreading the gospel of Christ to the people of Mexico:

- By providing homes and schooling for homeless, abused, and impoverished children in northwestern Mexico.
- By providing Christian outreach and benevolence to children and families in need through distribution of food, clothing, and necessities, medical assistance, education assistance programs, therapy programs and daycare services.
- By providing community outreach evangelism through youth activities, bible studies, and worship.
- By providing mission experience and Christian development opportunities for youth and adults from both the United States and Mexico.

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?
When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you?
I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:37-40
PLANNING GUIDE...2010

We are pleased you are interested in bringing a mission team to help with the ministry of Niños de Baja. When you choose to serve Christ through your physical labor, friendship, skills, example, and teaching, you will be helping our ministry to children in Mexico. We pray you, your team, and your congregation will be blessed and hope the cross-cultural experience will not only be enjoyable, but that a vision for missions in Mexico and throughout the world will be enhanced. We are grateful for the help of all who come, whether for a day, a weekend, or a week of ministry. The ministry exists and grows because of the love, concern, and support of others for children and families in need.

OUR LOCATION: We are about a two-hour drive south of San Diego, California, in the state of Baja California, Mexico. The local village, Ejido El Porvenir, is about ten miles east of the Pacific Ocean in a rural farming area in the Guadalupe Valley, and approximately 20 miles northeast of Ensenada, a large city of about 300,000 population. Maps and directions are included in this Guide.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Effective June 1, 2009, all U.S. citizens are now required to present a passport book, passport card, or WHTI-compliant document when entering the United States

Please Note: Children under age 16 will be able to continue crossing land and sea borders using only a U.S. birth certificate (or other form of U.S. citizenship such as a naturalization certificate.) The original birth certificate or a copy may be used.

For the most current requirement information, and a description of WHTI-acceptable documents, visit the State Department's web site www.travel.state.gov, or call the U.S. National Passport Information Center: (877) 4USA-PPT. Additional information on expedited processing can be found at: http://travel.state.gov.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Dedicated to the use of our volunteers, we now have 2 houses in the village. The main Guest House has five bedrooms (with bunks for 28), two bathrooms, kitchen, and large dining/living area. An additional guest house is behind the original house, and accommodates overflow visitors or smaller groups. It has 3 bedrooms (with 12 bunks), 2 bathrooms, a kitchen and living area. There is room on the grounds to set up tents as well. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag or bedding, pillows, and towels. A fully furnished standard home kitchen is available for use, with two refrigerators/freezers, a microwave, and stove/griddle/oven. Dishes and silverware are provided for small groups, and larger groups will need to bring additional paper plates and plastic utensils. A list of kitchen equipment provided is listed in the back of this Guide. There is no heat in the main Guest House, so during winter months, plan on dressing warmly and bring plenty of bedding to stay warm. Because we are in the middle of town and have neighbors all around, please be especially aware of not making excessive noise, especially after 9 p.m.

CONTACT: To reach Mexico Directors, Phil and Alison Drain, call (805) 558-4090 (this is a US phone number and you will not be charged international rates.) You can e-mail us at
ninosdebaja@gmail.com. You may also want to check out our web site at www.ninosdebaja.org. Please send all correspondence for the Drains to: PO Box 1758, Tecate, CA 91980. Any financial contribution should be sent to: 2510-G Las Posas Rd., Box 169, Camarillo, CA 93010. Not all U.S. cell phones work in Mexico, so our business phone in Mexico is available for the group leader’s use to let your contact person know of your safe arrival or other essential news. Please prepare your group members to be without communication with home while you are in El Porvenir.

WEATHER: The weather in our area is quite moderate, since we are about ten miles from the ocean. June mornings and evenings can be cool and you will need jeans and a jacket to be comfortable. August is our hottest month, with daytime temperatures often ranging from 90° to over 100°, with low humidity, ordinarily cooling in the evening. The spring and fall seasons are usually very pleasant, with crisp, cool nights and mornings. It does get cold in the winter, freezing a time or two. You will need to bring heavy jackets and extra blankets in the winter.

FINANCES: Niños de Baja is supported solely by interested individuals and congregations in the U.S. and no funding comes from the Mexican government. We do not charge a fee to come, but since our funds are very limited, we ask that your group provide all the funds needed to purchase materials needed for the project(s) you work on. Depending on the length of your stay, size of your group and your project(s), costs for materials could vary from $500 for a weekend trip, to $1,500 for a week’s trip, and more for special building projects. Please send funds for project materials two weeks in advance of your trip if we are responsible for purchasing building materials for you. In addition to costs for materials, you need to plan on costs for your food, costs for renting vehicles if needed, fuel for your vehicles, tolls, liability insurance for each vehicle, etc. (See Trip Expense Plan in the back of this Guide.) Any donation you can make to help with utilities and other expenses would be appreciated.

SCHEDULING YOUR TIME: For most of the year, a phone call to Mexico Director Phil or Alison Drain at 805-558-4090, or an e-mail to ninosdebaja@gmail.com is all that’s necessary to arrange for your group to visit. During Easter break and the summer months we ask that groups plan to arrive on Saturday and leave the following Friday. For those coming on the weekend or at other times of the year, be sure your dates are confirmed with the Director’s office. We encourage new leaders to make a pre-trip planning visit to help you become more familiar and comfortable with the country and the ministry, if at all possible. If you’re flying in, please understand we are unable to provide groups with transportation or luggage transport due to limited staff and vehicle availability. Vans are available for rent from several auto dealership agencies in San Diego. Most airport rental agencies have mini-vans available.

WORK PROJECTS: It is very difficult to tell you months or even weeks in advance what your specific work project might be. It depends on what other groups have completed before your arrival, our needs or community needs at the time of your trip, your funds available for a project, and the skills of your group. Projects are as varied as chopping weeds, hauling dirt, painting, pouring sidewalks or other cement projects, digging septic tanks or trenches, putting in fencing, or putting on a Vacation Bible School, etc. Those with carpentry, plumbing, and electrical skills are especially needed. Once we know how many are in your group, their skills, funds available for materials, and the length of your stay, we will then be able to give you a better idea of the project(s) needed and the tools and materials you may need to bring or purchase. Most materials are available in Mexico, but they are sometimes less expensive in the U.S. We will be glad to assist you with this.

WHO MAY SERVE? At this time, skilled construction workers are especially needed, but adult and youth groups with a variety of skills can be used. For youth trips, be sure to recruit
mature adult leaders, and include all the adults in your planning sessions. When you decide to come, it is important that everyone in your group understands it is a mission service trip, not a recreational outing. Please prepare your team in advance to focus on ministry to others while you're serving in Mexico.

MEDICAL: In case of emergencies, there is a small medical clinic in El Porvenir that can give stitches, shots, and care for minor emergencies. There is a large medical facility in Ensenada, about 45 minutes away. A trip to a hospital in the U.S. takes two to three hours, depending on border waits. For those in your group with special medical needs, please make all necessary preparations for food or medications in advance. You should bring a well-stocked first aid kit that includes an allergy-reaction kit and someone trained to use it.

WORK AND SPECIAL EVENTS: A typical day for weeklong groups includes breakfast, group devotional, then a four-hour work period until lunch. Please make sure you have one leader assigned to keep youth groups “on task” throughout the morning, and to see that all tools are properly cleaned and put away before stopping work. After lunch you may return to work projects, provide recreational or craft activities for our kids or village children, help with community projects, or just relax. You will be coordinating with Phil Drain about specific work projects, materials, etc.

Some special events you may want to include while you are in Mexico are a meal and shopping trip to Ensenada to purchase souvenirs and see the sights, or a trip to La Bufadora, a blowhole and popular tourist destination on the coast south of Ensenada. There are also many tourist shops there. Almost all of the restaurants or stores where you will be shopping accept U.S. dollars, so you will not need to change your dollars to pesos when you come into Mexico. Occasionally you will receive change in pesos. The rate of exchange varies, but fluctuated in 2009 around 12-to-1. Many teams have found that a mid-week trip to Ensenada provides a “rest day” and helps break up the work week.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: The Christian Church of El Porvenir has Sunday morning services at 11:30 a.m. that usually last for 2 hours, and provides translators for non-Spanish speaking guests. Casual attire is acceptable. Some groups have their own Sunday worship services or attend morning services in Ensenada and then spend the remainder of the day enjoying the tourist area.

CLEAN-UP RESPONSIBILITIES: Please allow plenty of time before your departure to clean up thoroughly. Please make a copy of the attached “Clean-up Checklist” and appoint one adult to be responsible for inspecting all items listed and seeing that all areas used have been properly cleaned before you leave. If you do not, those you have come to serve will need to clean up after you.

OUR STAFF: All our Mexican staff are paid employees who are dedicated to the welfare of the children we serve. We currently employ a local Administrator who, under the direction of the Directors, oversees staff, interfaces with the Mexican government, and ensures we comply with Mexican law. “Principals” are in charge of the Casa Hinton orphanage and the Las Brisas daycare center, and oversee child-care workers and a cook/cleaner/laundress. We also employ a building/grounds/maintenance man and helper. Phil and Alison Drain live in El Porvenir and volunteer their services to the H.O.M.E., Inc. ministry.

FUNDING: If you do not currently support H.O.M.E./Niños de Baja ministry, please consider making it a part of your regular mission giving. (Supporting congregations are given priority when arranging trips.) Increased monthly support will allow us to care for even more children and improve our program. Special donations enable us to improve and expand our facilities.
Donations, both large and small, are greatly needed and appreciated. Sponsorships are also a way of connecting with the ministry and helping one of our children know that someone out there thinks he's special. Praying regularly for your child, remembering him at Christmas and at his birthday, sending little notes or small gifts during the year, and sending monthly donations are all part of what sponsorship involves. If you or someone on your mission team is interested in sponsoring one of the children you meet during your time here, please speak to one of the directors for additional information.

**FOOD, WATER AND SUPPLIES:** (Note to trip leader: Please make sure your cook and person who purchases food and supplies receives the following information)

You will need to purchase and prepare all your own food. And remember, even for a weekend, **you will need to provide all your own cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, utensils, cups, napkins, foil, baggies, 13 and 33-gallon garbage can liners, etc.** You may purchase your food in advance in the U.S. or you may purchase your food in Mexico. There are several small grocery stores in El Porvenir and there are many large, well-stocked grocery stores in Ensenada (such as Costco and Smart and Final), about a 45-minute drive from El Porvenir. When arriving by plane, you should have a well-prepared shopping list in advance and purchase your groceries either before crossing the border or plan to take the time to purchase them in Ensenada. We provide 5 gal. bottles of purified water to use for cooking and drinking (and refilling individual water bottles.) These can be re-filled at the local purification plant for less than one dollar each. In hot weather you may want to purchase extra ice at the local grocery store. (The ice is made from purified water.) The Guest House water comes from the village water system and is safe for dish washing and showers. The Guest House water pressure and supply is quite limited—please be prepared to limit showers and use water sparingly.
Traveling outside of the U.S. Documents needed for U.S. Citizens

Who does a U.S. citizen need to travel internationally?

If you are traveling in the Western Hemisphere (Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, Central and South America):

Air Travel: All U.S. citizens departing from or entering the United States from within the Western Hemisphere by air are required to present a valid passport, NEXUS card (if utilizing a NEXUS kiosk when departing from a designated Canadian airport), Merchant Mariner Document (for members of the U.S. armed forces traveling on official orders). Note that children are also required to present their own passport when traveling by air.

Land or Sea Travel: U.S. citizens entering the United States by land or sea are required to present a valid WHITI-compliant document, which include:

- Passports
- U.S. Passport Cards
- Enhanced Driver's Licenses
- Trusted Traveler Cards (NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST)
- Military Identification Cards (for members of the U.S. armed forces on official orders)
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Document (for U.S. citizens on official maritime business)

Military personnel traveling under orders may present photo ID and orders. Family members must present a passport (with the exception of children 15 and younger arriving by land or sea).

Children: U.S. children ages 15 and under arriving by land or sea from a contiguous territory may present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate (issued by the Vital Records Department in

https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/74
the state where he or she was born), a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or a Naturalization Certificate. If the child is a newborn and the actual birth certificate has not arrived from the Vital Records Department, we will accept a Hospital issued birth certificate.

Groups of Children: U.S. citizen children between the ages of 16-18 arriving by land or sea from contiguous territory and traveling with an adult supervised school group, religious group, social or cultural organization, or sports team, may also present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or a Naturalization Certificate.

For documentation requirements regarding cruises see our Frequently Asked Question "Documents do I need for a cruise?"

NOTE: The answers provided in this forum are for general information purposes only. Utilizing this forum does not constitute Reasonable Care under Informed Compliance guidelines.

Customs & Border Protection | 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20229 | 877-CBP -5511
Basic Passport Requirements

Items you will need when submitting your application:

- 2 passport photos.
- Proof of Citizenship*: Certified copy of your birth certificate**, your expired passport*** (children need both); or your naturalization certificate
- Photo I.D. (Oregon Driver’s License or Oregon I.D., etc...).
- One check or money order to be sent to the Dept. of State.
- An additional check or cash for the processing fee.

* Documents used to prove citizenship must be sent to the Department of State with your application. These documents will be returned from the Department of State.

** Hospital Certificates, Birth Registrations and California Abstract of Birth Certificates are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

*** If you have an existing passport that has not yet expired or a passport that expired less than 5 years ago, you may be able to apply directly to the Department of State using form DS-82. Contact our office or the Department of State to see if you qualify.

Passport Photo Fee: $11.00 per person

Passport Book Fees:

Adult: Passport Book valid for 10 years.

$110.00 Dept. of State (check or money order. Must be a separate check)
$ 25.00 Josephine County Clerk (cash, check or money order)
Total: $135.00

Children: (15 years old & younger) Passport Book valid for 5 years.

$ 80.00 Dept. of State (check or money order. Must be a separate check)
$ 25.00 Josephine County Clerk (cash, check or money order)
Total: $105.00

If child is 15 years old or younger, both parents and applicant are required to be present. In some cases, an affidavit from one of the parents is acceptable.
Passport Expedite Fees: (If you are traveling in less than 6 weeks)

**BOOK:**
Additional $74.96 to the Dept. of State per BOOK (Total cost of $184.96 adult, $154.96 child)
Additional $18.30 to the Josephine County Clerk per BOOK (Total of $43.30, adult or child)

**CARD:**
Additional $60.00 to the Dept. of State per CARD (Total cost of $90.00 adult, $75.00 child)
Additional $18.30 to the Josephine County Clerk per CARD (Total of $43.30, adult or child)

If you are traveling in less than 2 weeks, proof of ticket purchase or itinerary is required.

**Passport Card Fees:**

**Important Note**
*Passport Cards are valid for land and sea crossings between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean only.*

**Adult:** Passport Card valid for 10 years.
- $30.00 Dept. of State (check or money order. Must be a separate check)
- $25.00 Josephine County Clerk (cash, check or money order)
Total: $55.00

**Children:** (15 years old & younger) Passport Card valid for 5 years.
- $15.00 Dept. of State (check or money order. Must be a separate check)
- $25.00 Josephine County Clerk (cash, check or money order)
Total: $40.00

If child is 15 years old or younger, both parents and applicant are required to be present.
In some cases, an affidavit from one of the parents is acceptable.

You should receive your passport within approx. 4 - 6 weeks of filing your application with our office.

**Applications:** Passport application forms may be picked up at the County Clerk’s office or on-line at: [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport)

Follow the instructions for each form carefully and **DO NOT** sign your form before being assisted in the County Clerk’s office.

The information provided is **basic information only.** Please feel free to contact our office with any questions you might have or for more information.

**Phone:** 541-474-5240
**Fax:** 541-474-5246
**Email:** clerk@co.josephine.or.us
**County website:** www.co.josephine.or.us  **Department:** Clerk
PARTICIPANT / MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

Participant

Phones: (____) ___________________ (____) ___________________ Age: ______
Birthdate: ____/____/____ Grade completed: ________________

Address:

City: __________________________________________ State: ___________________ Zip: __________

Emergency phone numbers:
Home: (____) ______________________________
Father’s work or cell: (____) _____________________
Mother’s work or cell: (____) _____________________

Relative or friend in case parent cannot be reached:
Name: _______________________________________
Relationship: __________________________________
Phone: (____) _______________________________

Past Illnesses (give approximate dates):

Abscessed ear __________ Asthma ___________ Kidney trouble __________
Convulsions ___________ Bronchitis ___________ Stomach trouble __________
Heart trouble __________ Diabetes ___________ Rheumatic fever __________

Date of last tetanus booster: ____/____/____

Medication allergies:

________________________________________________________________________

Other allergies:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Has Participant been exposed to any disease in the last month? Yes ____ No ____
If “Yes,” what disease? ______________________________________________________

List any medications (with instructions) to be taken during the trip:

________________________________________________________________________

List any other pertinent medical information:

Name of Hospitalization Insurance: _____________________________________________

Policy and/or Health Plan Number: _____________________________________________
(Please attach card or coupon)
Mission Application

Name: _______________________________________________
Mailing Address: _________________________________________
Email: _________________________________  Date of Birth: __________________
Home Phone: _______________________________  Cell Phone: _______________________________

Employer and Occupation (if student, school and grade):
_____________________________________________________________________________

Have you confirmed that you can be off work/school from March 4th-12th? ______________

Do you have a current Passport or Passcard? ______________
If not, what is your status in obtaining one of those? ____________________________

Are you a member of Redwood Christian Church? ___________
If not, are you a member of another church (if so, please identify): __________________

Have you been on any previous mission trips? ___________
If so, please list dates and locations:
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Please share why you want to go on this mission trip to Ninos de Baja?
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Please provide two personal references and phone numbers (not family members) that
know you are interested in going on this mission trip:
1) _________________________________  2) _________________________________

Please list your talents, skills, and hobbies:
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Confirmation of your participation on the trip will be communicated back to you within one week of receiving this application. If, for some reason, it is determined that you are unable to attend this trip in March, you may be considered for the next trip later in the year. If you are selected for this trip in March, you will receive further information at the next meeting (medical release forms, fundraising schedules, packing lists, pre-trip checklists, etc). THANK YOU for considering this mission trip!