

Mexico Mission Trip 2016



April 2-8

Trinity Presbyterian Church
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San Carlos, CA 94070
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Hello Fellow Mexico Adventurers,

As the preparations for Mexico 2016 begin, we want to welcome you to the awesome life-changing experience that is the Mexico Mission Trip! If you've been on the trip before, or this is your first year, you are in for a unique encounter with Jesus Christ through your fellow mission trip participants, and the people of Mexico we'll be serving. Get ready for an awe-inspiring mission trip 😊

Please read over all the material in this packet as information, dates, and requirements have changed. If you have any questions or if you need further information, I would be more than happy to help. I can be contacted at (650) 368-5398 or via email at foutsr@comcast.net.

Yours in service and love of Christ,

Bob Fouts
Chair, Mexico Leadership Team

Members:
Drew Schulz, Mexico Advisor
Rod Lehr, Mexico Advisor
Scott McMullin, Mexico Advisor
Ella Painter, Mexico Advisor

Checklist & Important Information

Complete registration includes the following items turned into the Church Office or Drew Schulz by January 10th.

All applications received after January 10th will receive a \$25 increase to their overall trip price! So hurry up and get your registration in on time.

Registration Checklist:

- Mexico Questionnaire
- Mission Trip Covenant
- Tidbits form
- Medical Consent Form
- Parent Agreement Form
- Amor Mission Trip registration form
- Bio form
- Check made out to Trinity Presbyterian Church or scholarship application

If registration is completed **BY** January 10th, the prices for Mexico 2016 are as follows:

Students who participate in both fundraisers = **\$450**

Students who participate in one fundraiser = **\$525**

Students who participate in zero fundraisers = **\$600**

If registration is completed **AFTER** January 10th, the prices for Mexico 2016 are as follows:

Students who participate in both fundraisers = **\$475**

Students who participate in one fundraiser = **\$550**

Students who participate in zero fundraisers = **\$625**

If a student needs to miss a fundraiser and has already paid the registration fee, they will be required to pay the next tier up. All fundraisers are mandatory.

Please turn in your proof of citizenship as early as possible; I promise we're responsible with important documents!

Passports are required.

No exceptions. No copies. The government is cracking down. If you don't have one already, get one early. **They can take over a month to get. START NOW!**

Important Dates

Mark your calendars

December

6 **Registration & Info Night** – A night for parents & packets

January

10 **MMM (Mandatory Mexico Meeting)** 7:00-9:15 pm. *Student Reg. Packets due. Get acquainted and games*

24 **MMM (Mandatory Mexico Meeting)** 7:00-9:15 pm

25 **Advisor meeting** 7:00 pm. *Advisor Registration Packets due*

February

5-6 **Garage Sale**

21 **MMM** 7:00-9:15 pm

22 **Advisor meeting** 7:00 pm

28 **Fiesta Auction**

March

6 **MMM** 7:00-9:15 pm

7 **Advisor meeting** 7:00 pm

13 **MMM – Deacon Dinner/Prayer partners before meeting | Parent Meeting**
6:00-9:15 pm (parents invited to attend 8:15-9:15 pm)

27 **Commissioning Service** 10:00 am in Worship

MMM 7:00-9:15 pm

28 **Advisor meeting** 7:00 pm

31 **Luggage drop off** 3-5 pm. Bring all your stuff (duffel bag, pillow, sleeping bag, shovel and hoe) to the church. Also bring your assigned snacks, frozen water, ice chests and camping equipment.

April

1 **Friday night sleepover** 8:30 pm (Students are strongly encouraged to sleep over Friday night.)

2 **Depart for Mexico** – Buses depart from Trinity on Saturday at 4:00 am sharp!

8 **Return from Mexico** around 5 pm

9 **24-Hour reunion** – We will gather for fellowship, food, and pictures. Begins at 7 pm and ends approximately at 9 pm. Location TBD.

16 **Cleaning tools and Putting away tools** – Around noon we'll gather at the church and clean all the tools. This is a great time to claim lost items!

17 **Sharing Service**– Whether you are speaking in the service or not, please plan to be here at the 10 am service so we can support one another and share our experience with the church.

TBD Bless the Family Night 7:00 pm. Slideshow from the trip and assembling packages for Mexican families. Parents are welcome.

Tools & Supplies

All these tools are mandatory, so whether you get them from home or buy them, please make sure they are in proper working condition. You can take this list with you as you gather your tools. Your name must be clearly marked on your tools!

Tools:

- Work gloves**
- Nail pouch**
- Two carpenter's pencils**
- Tape measure**
- Protective eyewear**
- Utility knife**
- Framing hammer**
- Wire cutters**

Optional: (If you have one, bring it. If you don't, no need to buy a new one)

- Large shovel**
- Hoe**

Other Stuff:

- Work clothes** (*two pairs of jeans, t-shirts, sturdy socks, etc.*)
- Foam or air mattress (twin size only)**
- Pillow**
- Sleeping bag**
- Flashlight**
- Rain poncho**
- Water bottle**
- Hat & Sunglasses**
- Bug spray (optional)**
- Sun block**
- Handy wipes**
- Towel**
- Solar shower**
- A swimsuit and beach sandals for the "splash" showers**
- Personal Toiletries** (*include one roll of toilet paper*)
- Two pairs of sturdy shoes** (*no open-toed shoes on the worksite*)
- Warm sweater and jacket for cold evenings**
- Bible and pencil or pen** (*for teaching times - that's 3 pencils total*)
- Money** (*two breakfasts, three lunches, souvenirs*)

Music: We suggest that you not bring smartphones or other valuables. This is our week to get away from material stuff. Also, if they are lost or stolen, it's tough cookies. Smartphones are okay for the drive down and back. If we see them at the campsite or the worksite we will ask you to secure them in your tent. **Portable speakers are strictly prohibited for any part of the trip (except as provided by the advisors)!**

HOW TO PACK: Since space is an issue, we can't afford for people to bring anything bigger than a duffle bag. No suitcases are allowed. Also students may **not** bring chairs. Some advisors bring a chair for themselves, and often a few extras for students to sit in occasionally. Please make sure that all your belongings will fit in your **ONE duffle bag**. This includes your tools (except for shovel and hoe), clothes, and personal items. Your pillow, sleeping bag, and sleeping pad can be separate.

Itinerary

This exact schedule is subject to change.

Friday, April 1

8:30 pm - Meet at the church for optional Sleepover

10:30 pm - Try to get sleep before the trip

Saturday, April 2

3:30 am - Wake up and/or meet at the church and board the bus

4:00 am - Depart for Mexico

4:00 pm - Arrive at camp in Mexico

7:00 pm - Evening program

11:00 pm - Good Night

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 3-6

6:00 am - Rise and shine

6:30 am - Breakfast and lunch packing

7:30 am - Leave for work sites: Havin' a great time building houses!

4:30 pm - Arrive at campground, "Mexico splashes"

6:00 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm - Evening Program

10:30 pm - Good Night

Thursday, April 7

7:00 am - Rise and shine

7:15 am - Breakfast

7:45 am - Pack it up and move out

10:00 am - Mission Beach in San Diego for lunch

1:00 pm - Leave for Glenkirk Presbyterian Church

5:00 pm - Arrive at Glenkirk Presbyterian Church

7:00 pm - Evening program

11:00 pm - Good Night

Friday, April 8

7:00 am - Rise, shine, pack up and leave for home

4:00 pm - Arrive at Trinity

Frequently Asked Questions

Are the Mandatory Mexico Meetings (MMMs) really mandatory? Why?

- Yes, the meetings are mandatory. The MMMs are the way we bond as a team, provide necessary trainings, and communicate important details and info about the trip.

What do we do at the meetings?

- We spend time playing “get-to-know-you” games, singing, hearing a message, talking in small groups, and getting important updates and trip info. That’s a lot to cover in 2 hours and 15 minutes, so please, BE ON TIME. Thanks.

Are the fundraisers mandatory? What if I can’t come to one? What’s my part?

- The fundraisers are mandatory. However, if you have something very important that day that you cannot get out of, let Drew know as soon as possible BY EMAIL. Tell him verbally and he’ll forget. Send him a text message and he might miss it, Facebook will probably work, but email will definitely work. You will get more information about working the fundraisers at the MMM before the fundraiser.

Who assigns the groups (small groups and site)?

- Mexico leadership assigns the small groups (along with the Mexico Student Leadership Team), and Drew Schulz (an advisor) does all the other assignments.

How much money should I bring on the trip? What’s it for?

- You’ll need spending money for food and shopping at the extended stop we take on our way back and money for 5 fast food meals on the trip (3 lunches and 2 breakfasts). Please don’t bring an excessive amount of money, \$50-\$60 is enough.

Who picks who gets the houses that we build? What’s Amor’s involvement?

- AMOR (the organization that organizes our trip) works with local Mexican churches and their pastors. The pastors recommend families that need assistance and AMOR buys supplies for the house building. We bring the work and love, while AMOR provides the supplies and support.

How do I contact the mission team while you’re away?

- The day we leave we’ll provide information about emergency phone numbers, including the AMOR number and directions on how to get updated information on our trip and our arrival time.

What if somebody gets injured? What kinds of safety precautions do you take?

- We have a couple of advisors that have first aid and CPR training that act as our nurses, and they will take any serious injuries to a hospital in the states. We also minimize the possibility of injury or sickness by training the students on safety precautions and providing our own food and water.

What’s security like at the campsite?

- AMOR works with local authorities to provide a secure campground. They also have round-the-clock supervision provided. We are very safe!

Who are the advisors?

- The advisor team is a group of adults from the church who volunteer to be part of this trip and facilitate the life-changing experience of Trinity’s Mexico mission trip for the youth. We are committed to the 3 to 1 student/adult ratio.

Student Registration

AKA “The WHITE Pages”

Step 1 :: KEEP ALL THE PREVIOUS PAGES.

This concludes the information part of the packet.

Step 2 :: COMPLETE ALL THE WHITE PAGES.

The rest of the packet is the registration part of the packet.

In case you print this at home (note, this packet is formatted for *double-sided printing*), the **pages to be returned to Trinity are pages 11 to the end** (that includes the Amor form).

Step 3 :: TURN IN THE WHITE PAGES & PAYMENT

Please return the following registration pages to the Trinity church office, along with your payment, BY JANUARY 10.
(Checks made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church)

PLEASE NOTE:

All late registration received after January 10th will receive a \$25 price increase.

Registration & Medical Consent Form

Student Name: _____

Address: _____ City/St/Zip: _____

Student's Email: _____ Student's Mobile Phone: (____)____-_____

DoB: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ T-shirt Size : **S M L XL XXL XXXL** (CIRCLE ONE)

Primary Parent/Guardian Contact Name: _____ Home Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone 1: (____)____-_____

Phone 2: (____)____-_____

Secondary Parent/Guardian Contact Name: _____ Home Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone 1: (____)____-_____

Phone 2: (____)____-_____

Emergency Contact (if different than above): _____ (____)____-_____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Last tetanus shot date ____/____/____ (within last 5 years) (MANDATORY)

Last hepatitis A shot date ____/____/____ (takes 3-4 months for series of shots) (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

Last hepatitis B shot date ____/____/____ (takes 3-4 months for series of shots) (MANDATORY)

Allergies or special needs _____

Photo Release: I grant permission for Trinity Presbyterian Church to use pictures and/or videos taken of the ministry participant named above while engaging in church activities for promotional purposes.

Authorization: I hereby authorize the participant named above to participate in the Mexico Mission Trip with church-organized advisors from April 2-8, 2016. I hereby certify that I am the legal guardian or parent of said minor. I further recognize that volunteers, who are not acting as agents of the church, and staff for Trinity Presbyterian Church, are furnishing transportation.

Release of Liability: I hereby absolve and hold harmless the Trinity Presbyterian Church, their respective employees, and volunteers from all injuries, claims, or liabilities that may result from my participation or my minor child's participations in church activities. If the participant is a minor, I give my consent to his/her participation. I am aware the activity may involve risk of injury and I assume all risks for injuries received. I also understand that health and accident insurance protection is my responsibility.

Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency during the trip dates noted on this form, I hereby give permission to the physician or dentist selected by Trinity Presbyterian Church staff to hospitalize, to secure proper treatment and/or to order an injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as deemed necessary. I further agree to be responsible for any and all costs not covered by my medical insurance carrier. In addition, my child also has my permission to receive non-prescription medication and first aide treatment (i.e. Tylenol, Sudafed, Advil or Band-Aids) from a Mexico Mission Trip advisor if necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Medication Information and Permission Form

No medication is given without your permission

Student Name: _____

1. **Prescription Information:** If you would like to have advisors hold this medication and administer it to your son/daughter, please place the medication in a zip lock bag with instructions to administer and permission to administer. Please be sure to sign and date this sheet.
2. **Nonprescription Medication (from Nurse/Advisors):** Sometimes, for the comfort of the students, it is necessary to administer nonprescription medication. Be sure to check the list below of medicine that will be available in Mexico from the advisors. Please check medications your child is allowed to take and any special instructions. If no instructions are given, advisors will follow the instructions on the bottle. May we have permission to give your child any of the following?

(Please check)

YES	NO	
___	___	TYLENOL: for headaches, pain, or elevated temperature
___	___	IBUPROFEN: for headaches, pain, or elevated temperature
___	___	ADVIL: for headache, pain, elevated temperature (dose of 1 tablet every 4 hours)
___	___	COUGH DROPS: for coughs, sore throat
___	___	COUGH SYRUP: for coughs
___	___	DAYQUIL/NYQUIL: for colds
___	___	TUMS: for upset stomach
___	___	SUDAFED: for nasal congestion
___	___	BENADRYL: for allergies
___	___	CALADRYL: for skin rashes or insect bites
___	___	PEPTOBISMOL: for upset stomach
___	___	DRAMAMINE: for motion sickness

Instructions or Directions for administering any of the above medications:

(We) the parent(s) or guardian of the above named shall defend, save harmless and indemnify the adults leading the 2016 trip to Mexico from all liabilities and claims for damages, sickness or injury to person or property, including without limitation all consequential damages arising from or connected with the dispensing of said medication.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mexico Questionnaire

Name _____

This questionnaire is not intended to eliminate anyone from this trip. Rather, it is a guide which will help the advisors get to know you better, and help us assess what experiences you bring to this trip.

1) Why do you want to be a part of the Mexico Mission Trip team in 2016?

2) Have you ever been a part of a large group trip before? If so, when and where? What were some of your joys and frustrations?

3) Do you consider yourself to have a personal relationship with God? If so, please describe that relationship as best you can.

4) Do you speak Spanish? If so, how fluently?

5) Do you have any construction experience? If so, please describe.

6) If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? Feel free to elaborate.

7) Are you interested in being a part of the Mexico student leadership team? Y / N
We will contact you with further info and sign ups.

Mission Trip Covenant

Name: _____

God: I understand that in keeping with the fact that Trinity Presbyterian Church supports this trip, God will be talked about on this trip. I realize that I do not have to agree with everything said about God on this trip, but I will be open to ideas and talk about God. No matter what my personal beliefs are about God, I pledge myself to not criticize someone else for their beliefs and to respond to conversations about God with a kindhearted attitude. ____ (Initial)

Work: I understand that the work God has set before us in Mexico is challenging, both for the group to build houses, and for me individually to do my share of the work. That is why I pledge myself to give all I can so that our group can meet its goal. I understand that this may involve my responding to a work need above and beyond what I am already doing at the time. Finally, I understand that when the day's building is done, there still is other work (set up or clean up of dinner, for example) that I may be called upon to do. ____ (Initial)

Group Time: I understand that God has called us as a group to do the project set before us. Therefore, in order to work best together, we should strive to get along well together and to understand each other. Therefore, I pledge myself to participate fully in all group times, including meals together and content times. All other times we are not working or in group activity are mine to rest, play, talk, etc. ____ (Initial)

Attitude: I understand that this trip cannot be truly fulfilling unless everyone participates with a sense of joy and a good-natured attitude. I pledge myself to have a friendly and positive attitude, despite any situations I do not like. I also understand that my fun cannot come at the expense of others. Therefore, I understand that any activity I do that interferes with the fun of another group member, leader, or any of the people already in Mexico may call for disciplinary action taken by the leaders. This may include being sent home early. ____ (Initial)

Drugs & Alcohol: I understand that in keeping with the above pledge to have a positive attitude, drugs or alcohol are not necessary on this trip. Therefore the possession or consumption of illegal (according to U.S. laws) drugs or alcohol or weapons or explosives on this trip is strictly prohibited. Violation of this guideline will result in immediate termination from the trip. ____ (Initial)

I understand that in going to Mexico, I accept all the premises described in this agreement. I understand that this agreement will be present throughout the trip and can be referred to at any time.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Tidbits Form

(please turn in this entire sheet; we'll separate them)

Secret Pal Survey

Name: _____ Gender: M / F

Favorite Food: _____ Favorite Color: _____

Favorite Animal: _____ Favorite Candy: _____

Favorite Drink: _____ Favorite Movie: _____

Things you collect: _____

Interesting tidbits about you to help out your secret pal: _____

*Please remember to choose appropriate gifts for your secret pal.
Anything that could be considered inappropriate may be confiscated.

Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Amount Requested: _____

- Your scholarship form is due with your other Mexico papers. Don't let lack of funds keep you from experiencing this amazing community and trip.
- We'll only give scholarships for students participating in BOTH fundraisers. If a student can't make it to one fundraiser, the family must come up with the difference.
- Don't worry, we know this might be sensitive and is meant to be confidential. If you mark on this scholarship application, it will be detached from the Secret Pal Survey above and kept for the Mexico Leadership's eyes only.

Parent Agreement Form

The Mexico Mission Trip is a large success each year thanks to you and your support as parents. These past years have been a testimony of the hard work that our entire community has put forth in making this incredible event happen. Because parents are a large part of the support group that makes this trip possible, we need you to lend a hand with some preparations just like the students are committing to in order to be a part of this trip. **Please mark the jobs you can help with:**

(sign up for one

or more jobs) **Garage Sale** – *we will confirm your shift assignments with you beforehand*

Set up: Saturday, Jan. 30 evening

Help with pick ups: Sunday, Jan. 31 ~noon-3 I have a truck

Help with pick ups: Wednesday, Feb. 3, evening I have a truck

Sorting, pricing and organizing week of Jan. 31-Feb. 5. Please indicate possible time(s):

Sun, 12-4 PM _____

Mon, 4-9 PM _____

Tue, 4-9 PM _____

Wed, 4-9 PM _____

Thu, 9 AM-9 PM _____

Fri, 9 AM-9 PM _____

Provide baked goods for Bake Sale

Garage Sale: Friday, Feb. 5, 5-8 PM

Garage Sale: Saturday, Feb. 6, 7:30-11:30

Garage Sale: Saturday, Feb. 6, 11:30-3:30

Clean-up: Saturday, Feb. 6, 3:30-5:30

Pre-trip cooking (week prior)

Pre-trip packing (Thursday afternoon)

Help when we arrive back from Mexico unloading and storing equipment (required)

Parent name _____

Student's name _____ Student's grade level _____

Parent email _____

Parent home ph# (_____) _____ - _____ Parent mobile ph# (_____) _____ - _____

SIGNATURE: _____

I, the above named, agree to parent participation as outlined above.

Bio Information for Prayer Cards

Your name _____

Your school _____ Your year in school _____

We will make prayer cards for each person who goes on the trip, and someone in our congregation will have your card. They will think about you and pray for you: before, during, and after the trip. This is one way we hope to build stronger relationships, and to connect our entire church congregation with the Mexico Mission trip. Your answers to the questions below will help your Prayer Partner get to know you better.

1. What are your favorite subjects in school?
2. What sports do you like or participate in?
3. Is music a part of your life? (instruments, bands, choirs, etc?)
4. What are your hobbies or other special interests?
5. What are you looking forward to on this Mexico trip?
6. In what way could someone pray for you now, or while you're on this trip?



Individual Mission Trip Participation Form

1664 Precision Park Lane San Diego CA 92173
Phone: 619.662.1200 Fax: 619.512.4360
www.amor.org – missionservices@amor.org

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender M F

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please indicate your age (check one box): 1-10 years 11-17 years Adult

Check the following that apply:

I am in High School and I will graduate in the year _____.

I am in College and I will graduate in the year _____.

College Name: _____

How many previous Amor mission trips have you participated in? _____

Please contact me about Volunteer or Intern opportunities (ages 18 and up).

Please email me Amor's prayer requests and ministry updates each month.

Please list all relatives that are on this trip (full name and relationship to you)

Release of Liability/Consent

I have volunteered to participate with **Trinity Presbyterian Church, San Carlos**

This is NOT a Medical Release

on a Mission Trip coordinated through Amor Ministries, 1664 Precision Park Lane, San Diego CA 92173 on 4/2/2016

I have recognized that participation on a trip of this nature may be hazardous or dangerous. Therefore, I am, for myself, my heirs, executor and/or administrator, remise and releasing and forever discharging Amor Ministries and all its officers, agents, servants and employees, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all reason of injury, damage (including property damage to any of my belongings), loss or death which may occur from any cause including, but not limited to any accident and/or occurrence while participating individually or with others while on this Mission Trip. I further understand that the release herein incorporates each and every provision of the "Statement of Commitment" signed by my group leader and/or the person(s) in charge of my group. In the event that said group leader and/or person(s) in charge does not readily have available a copy of said "Statement of Commitment", I further understand that I may obtain said copy by contacting any of the Amor representatives at 1664 Precision Park Lane, San Diego CA 92173, 619.662.1200 fax 619.512.4360. **Notwithstanding the preceding, this release does not apply to claims arising out of Amor Ministries' gross negligence or intentional misconduct.**

In consideration of my participation on this Mission Trip, I hereby irrevocably consent to and authorize the use, publication, transmission and reproduction of my name, likeness and image, and any information listed above in any and all media worldwide, by Amor Ministries, or anyone authorized by or acting on behalf of Amor Ministries, for promotional, fund-raising, advertising, marketing and/or public relations purposes. The information may be used by Amor Ministries in the regular course of business, but will not be disseminated to others except if required by law.

Participant _____ Date _____ Signature _____

Parental Consent

Parent _____ Name _____

Parent _____ Date _____

Signature Required for participants under age 18

MTID#: 160127

T-SHIRT SIZE
Please check: <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> SMALL
<input type="radio"/> MEDIUM
<input type="radio"/> LARGE
<input type="radio"/> X-LARGE
<input type="radio"/> XX-LARGE
<input type="radio"/> XXX-LARGE