



## Letter from the Executive Director

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March 16, 2017

THANK YOU for planning to lead a trip to Mexico so that your group will be able to participate in the ministry of Niños de Mexico through a Short Term Missions Trip. I am very excited that your team will meet the children God has placed in our homes. I truly believe this will be a life changing week for you and your group!

Each child who is living at Niños came to us out of very difficult circumstances having been separated from their family through death, abandonment or possibly due to abuse. You and your group will be able to encourage these children through your interaction with them in their home, at their church, etcetera.

Your group will also have the opportunity to help the ministry by working on maintenance or building projects that allow us to serve the children better. We depend upon groups like yours to help us maintain the facilities that God has given us to as we serve 80+ kids. Thank you for partnering with us.

Here you will find information you need to have a successful trip that can change your life and the lives of the children you will be serving. We will be praying for you and work with you as you join us in Mexico for a week hoping that you will be changed for a lifetime!

In God's service,

Steve Ross  
Executive Director  
Niños de Mexico

P.S. If you have led a group before please note there are a few changes in our guidelines since last year.

- We had not changed any costs since 2010 and felt that last year we needed to adjust the fee. The cost for 2017 is \$550 per person which includes all costs – including your work projects.
- We need each group leader to make sure they have emergency medical insurance for each person in their group.



# STM Trip Packet

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## **NdM's Mission Statement:**

Niños exists to share the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ with as many people as possible by raising at-risk children in Mexico to love God and grow to be mature educated Spirit-filled Christians with the ability and passion to evangelize their culture.

## **STM Trips Mission Statement:**

STM Trips exist to provide participants first-hand experience and onsite involvement in missions in a relatively controlled environment that results in a return home with enthusiasm about foreign missions and a consideration for future involvement with Niños or another mission work.

## **STM Trips Methodology:**

Niños wants you to realize how essential you are in assisting in God's ministry in Mexico. Niños is grateful for your efforts to encourage the children and staff. Niños is blessed by your sacrifice of personal time and resources.

## **Niños STM Trips are divided into three parts:**

1. Opportunities for you to meet all children and staff members through personal visits and times of fellowship.
2. Opportunity for you to learn about Mexican culture through outings to nearby sites and downtown Mexico City.
3. Opportunity for you to serve through a group work project concentrated on timely maintenance and construction, or an uplifting ministry activity for children and staff.

It is Niños' hope that God will be honored in many ways because of your STM Trip to Mexico. We know you will be encouragers to those in Mexico. Your group will help with projects often too large or difficult for our staff to complete, and your efforts will save us time and financial resources. God's kingdom will expand because of our unified efforts and it is our hope that God will change your heart towards missions while molding you into a better servant in your church community.



## Leaders:

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1. We ask that all group leaders review this entire packet (especially 'Guidelines', 'Stuff', and 'Suggestions' sections) with all members of the group well in advance of the trip to Mexico.
2. We ask that all group leaders make the necessary copies and distribute the "Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement" forms. Please note there is a different form for minors (under 18 years of age) and adults (18 and older). We suggest that you, as leader, collect and mail them all at one time to the office in Union, Missouri.
3. We also ask leaders to acquire "Minor Travel Permission Forms" as needed.
4. We are asking that each group purchase travel insurance for each member of your group. One option is with Insurance Services of America. Their website is [www.missionaryhealth.com](http://www.missionaryhealth.com). All you need is each person's name and date of birth. This insurance would provide for emergency evacuation if needed for medical reasons.
5. While in Mexico, we ask that the group leader supervise the conduct of the group. The STM Host will work closely with the group leader to make the trip fulfilling and meaningful. The leader should monitor, and is ultimately responsible for, compliance of "Guidelines."
6. We ask group leaders to keep our staff informed of any dietary and medical concerns or sicknesses involving group members. We will do our best to make adjustments once we are informed of the situation.
7. Group leaders need to clearly relate to group members the necessity of VERY CONSERVATIVE DRESS while in Mexico. We request you address and enforce the dress policy well before the trip to Mexico so that our staff does not have to be involved. We want your group to have a positive experience and be a positive witness within Mexican culture.
8. We have a designated time each evening for your group to meet together for group devotions. We suggest you have some type of group discussions/devotions in place before you arrive so the time will be fulfilling for your group members. Please do not allow these to go on past curfew without permission from Niños group hosts.
9. You will be presented with a questionnaire at the end of the trip. Please keep notes of things that you can share with us to help us in planning for the future. We truly value your experience, leadership, and suggestions.
10. As scheduling permits, a Niños staff member could meet with your group prior to departure to answer questions and inform the group about what to expect on the trip. Please schedule this with our Development Director, Mick O'Hanahan at [mick.ohanahan@ninosdemexico.org](mailto:mick.ohanahan@ninosdemexico.org) or (417) 499-3983.
11. Telephones are available for emergencies. Most cell phones do work here, if members of your team are planning to use their phones while in Mexico they will want to contact their service provider ahead of time about international service while outside the U.S.
12. Internet is available at the complex where you will be staying. As group leader you can determine if you want your team to have that access or not. Some groups choose to keep external contact to a minimum so that the team can fully connect in Mexico and limit their contacts to family and friends in the US during their trip.



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# General Guidelines:

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## To be aware of before you come:

1. A good group size is 12-15 people. With 10 or more you can take advantage of group pricing for your airline tickets. If you are going to have more than 15 people, advise us so we can prepare accordingly. The minimum age for team members is 15 unless accompanied by parents and approved by the STM Coordinator.
2. One male sponsor and one female sponsor are required for all mixed youth groups.
- ~~3.~~ You can book your own flights or use a travel agent.
4. Please verify flight times with Niños' Development Director BEFORE you book your flights.
5. Dress Policy:
  - a. Summer: Weather conditions may vary but are typically warm (75-85 °F) during the day and cool in the evenings. Sweaters or light jackets may be needed in the evening. No Grunge. No halter-tops, no midriff-showing blouses, and no short skirts at any time. Capri pants for women are fine. We ask you to DRESS VERY CONSERVATIVELY. Casual attire is the most appropriate. You will be able to use knee length shorts when playing soccer in the homes.
  - b. Comfortable shoes for walking are needed during sightseeing and work.
  - c. For church, "look your best." If you wear jeans make sure they don't have holes or tears.
  - d. Late Fall/Winter/Early Spring: All of the above still apply, but plan for cooler weather. Temperatures could be very cold (35-50 °F) at night and cool in the daytime, so plan accordingly. It may also warm up during the day (75 °F). Heavier jackets may be needed.  
Note: we do not have heat in our buildings so plan to dress warmly at night.
6. Please let our staff know ahead of time of any dietary/medical problems in the group such as diabetes, allergies, medications, CPAP machines, etc. The power does "go out" from time to time and Niños cannot guarantee electricity will be available continuously.
7. We have separate hotel-style rooms for males and females, four to a room, depending on the makeup of your group. We expect rooms of the opposite sex to be off limits during your stay. Married couples on the trip may be able to stay together based on prior arrangements and overall makeup of the group.
8. Money exchange from dollars to pesos can be handled a few different ways. We suggest you bring a VISA or MasterCard debit card and withdraw pesos from the ATM at the airport upon your arrival in Mexico City. Or, you may bring cash along with you and we will assist you in exchanging it at the airport for pesos. PLEASE BE PREPARED to take care of this at the airport as it will be inconvenient to exchange money during the week.
9. Because STM groups are guests to Mexico and an extension of their churches and families, Christ-like behavior will be expected at all times. The following rules must be followed. If they are broken at any time during your stay in Mexico, it may result in your being asked to return home early at your own expense:
  - a. No use or purchase of alcohol or tobacco products.



- b. No profanity.
- c. No inappropriate secular music OR tee shirts of such music groups.
- d. No clothing displaying any pictures or slogans which send a negative Christian influence (beer, cigarettes, nudity, etc.).
- e. We don't allow piercings other than traditional earrings (for women) (ear cartilage and lobe piercings are fine but no gauges). We will allow a clear spacer to keep the holes open. We ask that tattoos be covered up if possible.
- f. If someone has either piercings or tattoos we would appreciate if you not draw attention to them. The kids at Niños de México are not allowed to have them as it is part of the overall gang and drug culture in Mexico. No unusual hairstyle (colors or spikes).

### **To be aware of while in Mexico:**

1. It is important for group members to not leave the property without prior STM Host approval and to never leave alone. Please stay in groups at all times.
2. Group members are expected to follow the daily schedule. It will be handed out and reviewed upon arrival to Mexico.
3. The environment in Mexico City is different than what you may be used to, so please report any sickness to your group leader or the STM Host immediately. The altitude of our location is 7500 ft., half a mile higher than Denver, CO. Altitude sickness can occur.
4. We ask that rooms be kept clean at all times and food not be left open.
5. We purchase food/supplies on a planned basis and ask that you NOT take food items from the refrigerators or storerooms unless it is yours.
6. While away from the homes, take special care with billfolds, purses, cameras, etc. Keep your room locked when away from the property.
7. We encourage friendships with the children and staff. Moreover, we ask you to focus on service during your trip.
8. Please refrain from any intimate/dating relationships. Also, we ask that you remain in pairs when spending time with our children.
9. Please check with our staff before giving anything (gum, candy, gifts, etc.) to any of the children. No money should be given to any staff or children while you are in Mexico.
10. Please do not give any personal contact information (address, phone number, email address) to any of the children. Please respect the system we have in place and correspond with our children through the U.S. Office.
11. Through many years of experience, we have found these "guidelines" are necessary to help insure a positive experience and influence while you visit our mission work. We encourage any questions you may have about "Guidelines" in an effort to clarify any issues PRIOR to making your trip.



## Checklist:

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### Costs:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Airplane Ticket Cost. You may use your travel agent. You will need to check with the travel agent about deadlines on deposits and final payments for your tickets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$550 STM Trip Fee. This covers all food, housing, in-country transportation, and work project money. *The minimum balance due per trip is for 10 people (\$5500).* Contact the Development Director if your group is going to be smaller than the 10-person minimum.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A \$1000 Non-refundable Group Deposit. This must be sent to the U.S. Office in order to secure the dates for your group. The balance should be sent in a minimum of 60-days prior to the trip.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach Group Travel Insurance. You can see a plan in detail, get a quote, or apply online here <https://www.gninsurance.com/travel-insurance-for-groups-traveling-together> The plan is a short-term health and evacuation plan available to protect your team including \$500,000 medical emergency evacuation per person. It's reassuring to know your team members would be evacuated to a qualified facility, isn't it?
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50-100 Per person spending Money. If you plan on buying souvenirs and snacks during your stay, we suggest the above amount. You may withdraw pesos from the ATM or exchange your US Dollars into Mexican Pesos at the airport upon arrival. It is highly suggested that you NOT purchase goods with US Dollars while in Mexico though it is possible at the tourist markets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

### Forms and paperwork.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Passport. ALL people traveling to Mexico from the U.S. MUST have a valid U.S. Passport. Please start early to obtain passports as it usually takes about six weeks. Even an expedited service still takes a couple weeks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All team members must sign and send to the office in Union, Missouri, the *Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement form* found in this packet. The form must be in the office at least one week before you board the airplane.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please forward a copy of your groups *Travel Insurance* to the Union office as well
- \_\_\_\_\_ In addition, anyone under the age of 18, not accompanied by both parents, must have a *Minor Travel Permission form* (the sample form is located near the end of this packet.)



## Remember:

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1. Confirm your trip with STM Coordinator Mick O'Hanahan
2. Make your airline travel plans – Remember to coordinate times of flights with Mick
3. Check with your travel agent regarding deadlines and final payment on airline tickets.
4. Check with the travel agent or airline to verify baggage allowances. Most airlines allow one carry-on bag, a personal item (purse, etc.). There is often a charge for checked bags, but sometimes one bag is included in your ticket price. Weight limits on international flights are 50 lbs. per bag. Please verify this as you pack your bags.
5. Have a group meeting to inform everyone of the guidelines and expectations on the STM trip.
6. Make sure that your \$1000 non-refundable group deposit has been sent to the U.S. Office in order to reserve the dates for your trip. If possible, this should be in our offices by January 1.
7. STM Trip Fee balance needs to be sent in to the U.S. Office at least 60-days prior to your trip.
8. Please let the office know about T-Shirt sizes for each member of your group. The T-shirts help us to locate you easily in the airport.
9. Release, Waiver and Indemnity Agreement forms need to be in the U.S. office at least one month prior to your trip.
10. At least one month before your trip we ask you to provide our Development Director with your travel itinerary and a recent photo of your group.
11. If we happen to arrive late to the airport (traffic can be unpredictable), do not panic. The Development Director will provide your team leader with information on a rendezvous point ahead of time. Please keep your group together and wait there.
12. Pack one change of clothing, any medicines, and official documents in your carry-on in case your luggage is delayed.
13. Arrive at the airport a minimum of two hours before your flight.
14. When packing, remind yourself it is only one week and that you will be doing some work (maybe shoveling, mixing concrete, or painting, etc.).
15. The food/beverages in the airport and on the plane are safe to eat/drink. On ALL other occasions, please ask us before eating or drinking anything... including ice.
16. Be current on your Tetanus booster shot. Shots are not required to enter Mexico, but we strongly suggest the Tetanus booster.





## What should you bring to Mexico?

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1. Personal Spending Money, Valid Passports and Minor Travel Permission Forms all need to be brought with you to Mexico.
2. You will receive a Mexican Visa (this will be given to you on the plane and approved at Immigration in the Mexico City Airport). You will need this to leave the country.
3. Minors under 18: Minors will need notarized permission from BOTH parents to travel outside of the U.S. If minor children are from a single parent or “blended” home, they will need notarized permission from both legal parents OR a judge. A sample form has been included in this packet.
4. Money; cash or ATM card (personal spending money).
5. Medications: please bring a copy of your prescriptions in case of customs inspections.
6. Clothing for the entire week (laundry facilities are not available). Please refer to “Guidelines” section for clothing and dress policy.
7. Bible for daily devotions and church. Don’t forget a pen and notebook for journaling at your discretion. If you have a Bilingual Bible bring it with you.
8. Sunscreen lotion, insect repellent, sunglasses, hat, flashlight, camera with batteries or charger.
9. Personal toiletry items: bath soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, etc.
10. You might want to also bring: A pair of Work Gloves, a Paint Brush, and a Bandana to cover your head in the sun or to cover your mouth while working with paint in small areas.
11. Anything the U.S. Office sends to you, please bring to Mexico. Usually this is mail, correspondence, donated items, etc. that you can pack in your suitcase. It saves us hundreds of dollars in not having to ship the items. Thank you!

## What NOT to bring to Mexico:

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1. Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement forms—signed. (This will also need to be signed by both parents if the group member is under the age of 18). This form is different for adults and minors and both versions are included in this packet. These forms should be received by the office in Union, Missouri AT LEAST ONE MONTH before your departure date.
2. You will not need any bedding, towels, toilet paper, etc. These will be provided and will be in your room.

\*Niños has been coordinating these trips for over 30-years and hope that these suggestions are helpful. We want to provide the best experience possible for everyone involved.



## NIÑOS DE MEXICO WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (Adult Participant)

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned ("Participant"), desiring to visit Mexico with Children of Mexico, INC (DBA Niños de Mexico) ("NDM") and participate in a short-term mission trip (STMT), internship, service project, personal visit, or other ministry project at various sites organized by NDM (collectively, "STMT"), enters into this Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement (this "STMT Release Form") to induce NDM to allow the Participant to participate in STMT. The Participant understands that NDM will rely upon this STMT Release Form in agreeing to allow Participant to participate in any such STMT. Participant acknowledges that the participation in such STMT will benefit Participant and that as such Participant has received valuable consideration for the execution of this STMT Release Form. Based on the foregoing, Participant hereby agrees with NDM as follows:

1. Participant does hereby release and forever discharge NDM, and its employees, officers, agents, directors and representatives ("NDM Related Parties") from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action for any and all injuries, losses, liabilities and/or damages sustained, incurred or suffered by Participant during, as a result of, or in any way related to, the STMT, including, without limitation, those relating to my leaving the United States of America and visiting Mexico, including my stay in Mexico and my trip to and from Mexico. WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SPECIFICALLY RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES NDM, AND ALL NDM RELATED PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES, LOSSES, LIABILITIES AND/OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED, INCURRED OR SUFFERED BY THE PARTICIPANT ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM OR AS A RESULT OF THE NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT) OF NDM OR ANY NDM RELATED PARTIES.
2. Without limiting the release set forth above, Participant acknowledges that he/she understands that NDM makes arrangements with airlines, hotels, travel agencies and other independent parties to provide Participant with certain services connected with the STMT. These parties are not agents of NDM, but are independent suppliers over whom NDM has no control, and Participant consents to all such arrangements. NDM is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses sustained, incurred or suffered by Participant as a result of, arising from, or in any way related to any accident, injury or death, damage, loss or delay of baggage or other property, or delay, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, distress or frustration, whether physical or mental, resulting from or in any way related to (1) the act or omission of any such airline, hotel, travel agency or other independent party; (2) mechanical breakdown, government actions, weather or other factors beyond NDM's control; (3) failure of Participant to obtain or receive documents, passports, visas or health certificates valid through the date of re-entry to the United States, when required, in which case NDM may assess a cancellation charge; (4) failure of Participant to follow instructions, including, but not limited to, those regarding check-in and check-out times and baggage handling; (5) cancellation or change for any reason in the travel services offered; and (6) medical or health problems or physical disabilities, and any medical treatment or hospitalization, or lack thereof, related thereto.

Participant understands NDM reserves the right to cancel or alter the STMT at any time at its sole discretion. WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SPECIFICALLY RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES NDM AND ALL NDM RELATED PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, OBLIGATIONS, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSSES, COSTS, OR EXPENSES INCURRED OR SUFFERED BY THE PARTICIPANT ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM OR AS A RESULT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY SUCH AIRLINES, HOTELS, TRAVEL AGENCIES OR OTHER INDEPENDENT PARTIES WITH WHICH NDM MAKES TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. Participant gives NDM and its representatives(s) (including, without limitation, the leader of any such STMT) authority to request and authorize medical and/or hospital treatment for Participant in the event of any injury or sickness sustained by Participant while on any STMT, including, without limitation, while traveling to and from Mexico, and, if the need arises, to administer medical treatment, life-saving techniques or other first aid pursuant to the standard medical kit carried on the STMT. Participant agrees to pay for all such treatment and to reimburse NDM for all costs and expenses incurred by Participant with respect to such treatment. WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SPECIFICALLY RELEASES NDM,



AND ALL NDM RELATED PARTIES, FROM ANY DUTY OR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICE OR TREATMENT, LIFE-SAVING TECHNIQUES, FIRST AID, OR HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR PARTICIPANT IN THE EVENT OF ANY INJURY OR SICKNESS SUSTAINED BY PARTICIPANT WHILE ON ANY STMT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WHILE TRAVELING TO AND FROM MEXICO.

4. Participant agrees and believes that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthew 18:15-20: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, Participant agrees and consents that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this STMT Release Form or any STMT in which Participant participates shall be settled by biblically based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemakers® Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at [www.Peacemaker.net](http://www.Peacemaker.net)), or if non-existent, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. All such mediation and arbitration shall take place in Franklin County, Missouri. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. Participant understands that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this STMT Release Form or any STMT and Participant expressly waives any right Participant may have to file a lawsuit in any civil court for any such claim or dispute, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

5. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this STMT Release Form shall not affect any other provision hereof, and in the event that any provision hereof is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, this STMT Release Form shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof and the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the invalid or unenforceable provision or by its severance here from. Furthermore, in lieu of such invalid or unenforceable provision, there shall be added automatically hereto and as a part hereof a provision as similar in terms and intent to such invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

6. This STMT Release Form may be relied upon by NDM and all NDM Related Parties until such time as NDM is notified in writing at its address set forth below that this STMT Release Form is canceled. Any such notice of cancellation shall be effective only with respect to acts or omissions first occurring after the later of (a) the date of NDM's receipt of such notice of cancellation, or (b) the date Participant completes and returns from any STMT in which Participant is participating at the time such notice of cancellation is delivered.

I, the Participant named herein, am eighteen (18) years of age or older, and competent to sign this STMT Release Form. This STMT Release Form is binding on me and my executor, administrators and heirs. This STMT Release Form shall apply to any and all STMT (present or future) in which Participant participates or will participate, and in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity between this STMT Release Form and any prior release form signed by Participant, this STMT Release Form shall control.

I AM AWARE THAT FOREIGN TRAVEL, INCLUDING TRAVEL TO AND FROM ANY STMT SITE LOCATION IN MEXICO, HAS INHERENT DANGERS THAT POSE A RISK OF HARM OR INJURY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DISEASE, LACK OF PROPER HEALTHCARE, CRIME, CIVIL UNREST, LACK OF PROPER HEALTH STANDARDS, AND LACK OF AIRPORT SECURITY.

I AM AWARE THAT I MAY SUFFER BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE STMT. HOWEVER, I VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE TO ASSUME THESE RISKS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS DOCUMENT'S LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE.

I HAVE FULLY READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND IT AND HEREBY CONSENT TO IT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT.

Name of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Address:

Address for Notice to NDM:

Niños de México

PO Box 309

Union, MO 63084

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## NIÑOS DE MEXICO - WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT - (Minor Participant)

Name of Minor Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned parent or legal guardian (the "Parent") of the above-named minor (the "Minor"), desiring to allow the Minor to visit Mexico with Children of Mexico, INC (DBA Niños de Mexico) ("NDM") and participate in a short-term mission trip (STMT), internship, service project, personal visit, or other ministry project at various sites organized by NDM (collectively, "STMT"), enters into this Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement (this "STMT Release Form") to induce NDM to allow the above-named Minor to participate in STMT. The Parent understands that NDM will rely upon this STMT Release Form in agreeing to allow the Minor to participate in any such STMT. The Parent acknowledges that the participation in such STMT will benefit Parent and the Minor and that as such Parent has received valuable consideration for the execution of this STMT Release Form. Based on the foregoing, Parent hereby agrees with NDM as follows:

1. Parent does hereby release and forever discharge NDM, and its employees, officers, agents, directors and representatives ("NDM Related Parties") from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action for any and all injuries, losses, liabilities and/or damages sustained, incurred or suffered by the Parent and the Minor during, as a result of, or in any way related to, the STMT, including, without limitation, those relating to the Minor's leaving the United States of America and visiting Mexico, including the Minor's stay in Mexico and the Minor's trip to and from Mexico. WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SPECIFICALLY RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES NDM, AND ALL NDM RELATED PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES, LOSSES, LIABILITIES AND/OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED, INCURRED OR SUFFERED BY THE PARENT OR THE MINOR ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM OR AS A RESULT OF THE NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT) OF NDM OR ANY NDM RELATED PARTIES.
2. Without limiting the release set forth above, Parent acknowledges that he/she understands that NDM makes arrangements with airlines, hotels, travel agencies and other independent parties to provide the Parent and the Minor with certain services connected with the STMT. These parties are not agents of NDM, but are independent suppliers over whom NDM has no control, and Parent consents to all such arrangements. NDM is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses sustained, incurred or suffered by Parent or the Minor as a result of, arising from, or in any way related to any accident, injury or death, damage, loss or delay of baggage or other property, or delay, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, distress or frustration, whether physical or mental, resulting from or in any way related to (1) the act or omission of any such airline, hotel, travel agency or other independent party; (2) mechanical breakdown, government actions, weather or other factors beyond NDM's control; (3) failure of Minor to obtain or receive documents, passport, visas or health certificates valid through the date of re-entry to the United States, when required, in which case NDM may assess a cancellation charge; (4) failure of Minor to follow instructions, including, but not limited to, those regarding check-in and check-out times and baggage handling; (5) cancellation or change for any reason in the travel services offered; and (6) medical or health problems or physical disabilities, and any medical treatment or hospitalization, or lack thereof, related thereto. Parent understands NDM reserves the right to cancel or alter the STMT at any time at its sole discretion. WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SPECIFICALLY RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES NDM AND ALL NDM RELATED PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, OBLIGATIONS, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSSES, COSTS, OREXPENSES INCURRED OR SUFFERED BY THE PARENT OR THE MINOR ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM OR AS A RESULT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY SUCH AIRLINES, HOTEL, TRAVEL AGENCIES OR OTHER INDEPENDENT PARTIES WITH WHICH NDM MAKES TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.
3. Parent gives NDM and its representatives(s) (including, without limitation, the leader of any such STMT) authority to request and authorize medical and/or hospital treatment for the Minor in the event of any injury or sickness sustained by the Minor while on any STMT, including, without limitation, while traveling to and from Mexico, and, if the need arises, to administer medical treatment, life-saving techniques or other first aid pursuant to the standard medical kit carried on the STMT. Parent agrees to pay for all such treatment and to reimburse STMT for all costs and expenses incurred by Parent with respect to such treatment. WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SPECIFICALLY RELEASES NDM, AND ALL NDM RELATED PARTIES, FROM ANY DUTY OR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICE OR TREATMENT, LIFE-SAVING TECHNIQUES, FIRST AID, OR HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR THE MINOR IN THE EVENT OF ANY INJURY OR SICKNESS SUSTAINED BY THE MINOR WHILE ON ANY STMT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WHILE TRAVELING TO AND FROM MEXICO.
4. Parent hereby represents and warrants to NDM that he/she is the parent or legal guardian of the Minor and has authority to execute and deliver this STMT Release Form on behalf of the Minor. Parent hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless NDM and all NDM Related Parties from any and all liabilities, damages, obligations, claims, actions, causes of action, loss, costs or expenses whatsoever



suffered by NDM or any NDM Related Party as a result of, arising from or in any way related to the participation of the Minor in any STMT sponsored, operated, or maintained by NDM. WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE PRECEDING SENTENCE, IT IS HEREBY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS NDM AND ALL NDM RELATED PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL SUCH LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, OBLIGATIONS, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSS, COSTS AND EXPENSES WHICH ARISE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM OR AS A RESULT OF THE NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT) OF NDM OR ANY NDM RELATED PARTIES.

5. Parent agrees and believes that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, Parent agrees and consents that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this STMT Release Form or any STMT in which the Minor participates shall be settled by biblically based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemakers® Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at [www.Peacemaker.net](http://www.Peacemaker.net)), or if non-existent, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. All such mediation and arbitration shall take place in Franklin County, Missouri. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. Parent understands that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this STMT Release Form or any STMT and Parent expressly waives any right Parent or the Minor may have to file a lawsuit in any civil court for any such claim or dispute, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

6. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this STMT Release Form shall not affect any other provision hereof, and in the event that any provision hereof is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, this STMT Release Form shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof and the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the invalid or unenforceable provision or by its severance here from. Furthermore, in lieu of such invalid or unenforceable provision, there shall be added automatically hereto and as part hereof a provision as similar in terms and intent to such invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

7. This STMT Release Form may be relied upon by NDM and all NDM Related Parties until such time as NDM is notified in writing at its address set forth below that this STMT Release Form is canceled. Any such notice of cancellation shall be effective only with respect to acts or omissions first occurring after the later of (a) the date of NDM's receipt of such notice of cancellation, or (b) the date the Minor completes and returns from any STMT in which the Minor is participating at the time such notice of cancellation is delivered.

I, the Parent named herein, am eighteen (18) years of age or older, and competent to sign this STMT Release Form. This STMT Release Form is binding on me and my executor, administrators, and heirs, as well as the Minor on whose behalf I am executing this STMT Release Form. Parent hereby represents and warrants to NDM and all NDM related parties, that Parent is the parent or legal guardian of such Minor, and that Parent or the Minor participates or will participate, and in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity between this STMT Release Form and any prior release form signed by Parent, this STMT Release Form shall control.

I AM AWARE THAT FOREIGN TRAVEL, INCLUDING TRAVEL TO AND FROM ANY STMT SITE LOCATION IN MEXICO, HAS INHERENT DANGERS THAT POSE A RISK OF HARM OR INJURY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DISEASE, LACK OF PROPER HEALTHCARE, CRIME, CIVIL UNREST, LACK OF PROPER HEALTH STANDARDS, AND LACK OF AIRPORT SECURITY.

I AM AWARE THAT THE MINOR MAY SUFFER BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF THE MINOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STMT. HOWEVER, I VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE TO ASSUME THESE RISKS AND ALLOW THE MINOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS DOCUMENT'S LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE.

I HAVE FULLY READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND IT AND HEREBY CONSENT TO IT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT.

Name of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents or Legal Guardians

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Legal Guardians Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Notice to NDM:

Niños de Mexico

PO Box 309 - Union, MO 63084

Name of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Names and Addresses:

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We would like to keep in touch with each STM Member in your group upon their return to the States. We do ask that each person sign our guest book while down in Mexico. However, in order to cover all the bases, we ask you to please take a few minutes with each STM Member in your group and have them fill-in their personal information in the form below. Please include these sheets and send them with all other forms and paperwork needed, as mentioned in this STM Trip Packet. Once again, we are very excited about your participation in the ministry of Niños de México. We look forward to seeing you in Mexico. God bless you and your team members!

### Contact Information (Group Leader):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information (2):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information (3):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information (4):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_



**Contact Information (5):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information (6):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information (7):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information (8):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information (9):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information (10):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_





**Contact Information (11):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Contact Information (12):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Contact Information (13):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Contact Information (14):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Contact Information (15):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. T-Shirt Size

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_.