

Mexico Mission Trip

March 27-April 3, 2020



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Hello Fellow Mexico Adventurers,

As the preparations for Mexico 2020 begin, we want to welcome you to the awesome life-changing experience that is the Mexico Mission Trip! Whether 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 change from year to year. If you have any questions or if you need further information, Kurt or Drew would be more than happy to help.

Yours in service and love of Christ,

Mexico Leadership Team

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Checklist & Important Information

Complete registration includes the following items turned into the Church Office or Drew Schulz by Monday, January 20.

Student Internship applications are due January 16 to Pastor Kurt.

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

The prices for Mexico 2020 are as follows:

Students who participate in the Garage Sale = **\$650**

Students who do not participate in Garage Sale = **\$750**

Passports are required.

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

NOTE: If your passport expires less than 6 months after the trip dates, we highly recommend renewing your passport.

We will have you bring in your passports and an immigration form when we get closer to the trip. We will provide instructions for you on how to complete the immigration form.

Important Dates

****Mark your calendars****

January

- 12 **Registration & Info Night** 7-9 PM – A night for parents & packets
(Mon) 20 **MMM (Mandatory Mexico Meeting)** 7-9 PM. Note this is the Monday of MLK weekend. *Get acquainted and games.* **Student Registration Packets due.**
25-31 **Garage sale prep** all week through Friday

February

- Jan. 31-Feb. 1 **Garage Sale** Fri afternoon and all day Sat
9 **MMM** 7-9 PM

March

- 1 **MMM** 7-9 PM
8 **Deacon Dinner, MMM and Parent Meeting** 6-9 PM (parents invited to attend 8-9 PM)
22 **Commissioning Service** 10 AM in Worship **and MMM** 7-9 PM
27 **Advisor set-up team departs** 6 AM **and Friday night sleepover** at Trinity for students – 8:30 PM
28 **Depart for Mexico (students and remaining advisors)** – Buses depart from Trinity on Saturday at 4:00 AM sharp!

April

- 3 **Return from Mexico** around 3 PM
4 **24-Hour reunion** 6-9 PM – We will gather for fellowship, food, and pictures. Location TBD.
19 **Sharing Service** – 10 AM in Worship. Whether you are speaking in the service or not, please plan to come so we can support one another and share our experience with the church.

Tools & Supplies

We highly recommend clearly marking your name on all your belongings!

Tools:

- Work gloves**
- Nail pouch**
- Protective eyewear**

Other Stuff:

- Work clothes** (*two pairs of jeans, t-shirts, sturdy socks, etc.*)
- Pillow**
- Sleeping bag**
- Flashlight**
- Rain gear**
- Water bottle**
- Hat & sunglasses**
- Bug spray (optional)**
- Sunscreen**
- Handy wipes**
- Towel**
- Solar shower**
- Swimsuit and beach sandals for the “splash” showers**
- Personal toiletries**
- Two pairs of sturdy shoes** (*no open-toed shoes on the worksite*)
- Warm sweater and jacket for cold evenings**
- Bible**
- Money** (*one breakfast, three lunches, souvenirs*)

We suggest that you not bring valuables such as multiple electronic devices. Smartphones are acceptable, but we ask that you minimize use. This is our week to get away from material stuff, and it will also be your responsibility to prevent items from getting lost or stolen. **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 and you will need to hand-carry all your belongings across the border, please make sure that everything fits into **ONE duffle bag** and one daypack (for the bus ride and bringing to the worksite). No suitcases are allowed. Your pillow and sleeping bag can be separate.

Itinerary

This exact schedule is subject to change.

Friday, March 27

- 8:30 PM - Meet at the church for optional Sleepover
- 10:30 PM - Try to get sleep before the trip

Saturday, March 28

- 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, March 29-April 1

- 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 2

- 7:00 AM - Rise and shine
- 7:15 AM - Breakfast
- 7:45 AM - Pack it up and move out
- 11:00 AM - Mission Beach in San Diego for lunch
- 2:00 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 3

- 7:00 AM - Rise, shine, pack up and leave for home
- 3:00 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, so please, BE ON TIME. Thanks.

Are the fundraisers mandatory? What if I can’t come? 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 event.

Who assigns the groups (small groups and site)?

- Mexico leadership assigns the small groups, 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 a few fast food meals on the trip (3 lunches and 1 breakfast). 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?

- Prior to departure 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 at least one advisor that has first aid and CPR training, and they will take any serious injuries to a hospital in the U.S. We also minimize the possibility of injury or sickness by training the students on safety precautions and providing food and water through a contract food service in Mexico.

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 and community 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 at least a 3 to 1 student/adult ratio.

Fundraiser Participation Commitment

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.

The Trinity Garage Sale is the primary fundraiser for the mission trip, and offsets a large portion of what the per-student cost would be without it. Your help is MANDATORY in making it a success!

Parents – please go to this Sign-Up link and sign up for at least one volunteer spot:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aaead2fabfc1-trinity>

(Students will sign up for shifts during our MMM)

Prep for the sale will take place Saturday, Jan. 25 through Friday, Jan. 31. The sale itself will be Friday afternoon, Jan. 31 and all day Saturday, Feb. 1. The types of jobs available include:

- Set up: Saturday of the week before the sale
- Picking up items – Sunday or Wednesday (particularly if you have a truck)
- Sorting and organizing from Sunday through Friday
- Helping at the sale Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday
- Cleaning up Saturday afternoon/early evening after the sale. **WE NEED AS MUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE for clean-up!**
- Providing baked goods for the Bake Sale

For Garage Sale questions, contact Annette Caves, 650-740-1265 tahoeannie@gmail.com or Alicia Ledwith choppie03@gmail.com.

AMOR REGISTRATION - DocuSign Instructions

Participants that are 18 years or older will use a different link than participants who are 17 years or younger.

18 Years & Older

PowerForm Signer Information

If there are other 'roles' required for this document to be completed, please enter the name and email of these other recipients. An email will be sent inviting them to sign along with you.

Please enter your name and email to begin the signing process.

Your Role:
Participant *

Your Name:

Your Email:

Please provide information for any other signers needed for this document.

Role:
Trip Coordinator *

Name:

Email:

18 Years & Older (as of the trip dates):

<http://bit.ly/2mfc4lJ>

You will see your Trip Coordinator's information already populated.

1. You will enter your name and email address, then click "Begin Signing".
2. You will then go into the document and fill it out. Once done, click "Finish".
3. You will then receive an email from "Nick Rawson via DocuSign" that will show that you've completed it.

17 Years & Younger (as of the trip dates):

<http://bit.ly/2lZdssu>

You will see your Trip Coordinator's information already populated.

1. You will fill out the corresponding information and click "Begin Signing".
2. You will then go into the document and fill it out. Once done, click "Finish".
3. You will then receive an email from "Nick Rawson via DocuSign" that will show that you've completed your portion of the form.
4. The parent will receive a separate email. It will come from "Nick Rawson via DocuSign". This email will ask you to "Review Document" where you will fill it out.
5. Once done, click "Finish".

The parent & attendee cannot sign the document together (parent must access the form from their own email account).

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Please enter your name and email to begin the signing process.

Your Role:
Attendee *

Your Name:

Your Email:

Please provide information for any other signers needed for this document.

Role:
Parent *

Name:

Email:

Role:
Trip Coordinator

Name:

Email:

17 Years & Younger

Mexico Mission Trip Student Internship 2020

Purpose of Student Internship

Each year during spring break a group of approximately 60 high school students and adult advisors travel to a Mexican border town where, in four days, they build homes for impoverished Mexican families. These 22' x 11' homes are built on a foundation and have two rooms, a door, windows, a tarred roof, and stucco exterior walls to protect the family from outside elements. Often this house is the home a family has been hoping and praying for.

Leading up to the trip, students and adult advisors prepare for the trip through our "Mandatory Mexico Meetings" (MMMs). Games, discussion, prayer, singing and fun make up the content of these MMMs.

This year we'd like to have two Student Interns help plan, run, and facilitate a variety of activities that happen during the MMMs and the trip itself.

Responsibilities

MMMs

- Meet twice with Drew Schulz and Pastor Kurt Heineman to plan games and activities for the 4 MMMs.
- During the MMMs run the games and activities and be a friendly presence to everyone.

Garage Sale

- Help the Garage Sale Chairpersons (Annette and Alicia) organize students to work shifts during the week and during the sale.

During the Trip

- Hand out the daily awards (Fouts Hammer, and the Soupy).
- Be on the leadership team that makes important decisions.
- Select students to pray before meals.
- Select students to lead devotionals in the mornings before we leave to work sites.

Requirements

To be considered for the Student Internship, you must have already gone on the trip at least once.

Compensation

As a student intern, you will receive a full scholarship for the Mexico Mission Trip for your time and energy spent as an intern.

Applications are due Jan. 16, 2020.

To submit your name for this Student Internship, please email Pastor Kurt at kheineman@trinity-pres.org. Send your name, how many trips you've been on, and write a paragraph about what you love most about the trip, and what you would like to do to make the trip better in 2020.

Student Registration

Step 1 :: KEEP ALL THE PREVIOUS PAGES.

This concludes the information part of the packet.

Step 2 :: COMPLETE ALL THE REMAINING 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 13 to the end.**

Step 3 :: TURN IN THE COMPLETED PAGES & PAYMENT

Please return the following registration pages to the Trinity church office, along with your payment, BY JANUARY 20. (*Checks made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church*)

Registration & Medical Consent Form

Please print legibly

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: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone 1: (____)____ - _____ Home or Cell?

Phone 2: (____)____ - _____ Home or Cell?

Secondary Parent/Guardian Contact Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone 1: (____)____ - _____ Home or Cell?

Phone 2: (____)____ - _____ Home or Cell?

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

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Amor registration forms must be filled out ONLINE. See the instructions earlier this packet.

I have completed the Amor registration form.

≥ 18 yrs: <http://bit.ly/2mfc4lJ>

≤ 17 yrs: <http://bit.ly/2lZdssu>

Allergies, dietary restrictions 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 March 27-April 3, 2020. 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 participation 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 aid 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. **Vaccinations** (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

Last tetanus shot date ___/___/___

Last hepatitis A shot date ___/___/___

Last hepatitis B shot date ___/___/___

2. **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.

3. **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 mark)

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 2020 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?

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?

None

Some

Fluent

Comments:

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.

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

Secret Pal Survey

Name: _____ Gender: M / F
Favorite Food: _____ Favorite Color: _____
Favorite Animal: _____ Favorite Candy: _____
Favorite Drink: _____ Favorite Show: _____

Things you collect: _____

Interesting tidbits about you (hobbies, activities, interests): _____

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

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?

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.
- In order to qualify for a scholarship, you **MUST** participate in the Garage Sale.
- Don't worry, we know this might be sensitive and we will keep this information confidential.