

Mexico Mission Trip 2010 Application

General Information

Name (as it appears on your passport)

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Mailing Address _____ Home Phone _____

_____ Work Phone _____

Marital Status S M D W

Gender M F

Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address _____

Medical Information

Primary Emergency Contact _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Are there any specific medical restrictions or conditions which would affect your trip and that we should be aware of (asthma, motion sickness, diabetes, sleep disorders, etc)? If so explain _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone Number _____

What medications do you take? _____

Allergies? _____

Date of last tetanus shot? _____

Enclosed is my deposit (must be minimum of \$150.00) Y N

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Deposit (amount received) _____ Date _____

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Ministry Information

What is your understanding of the gospel message of Jesus Christ? _____

How have you responded personally to Jesus' message, death & resurrection? _____

When did you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior, and how has it changed your life? _____

Have you ever been on a mission trip before? _____

If so, where, when and what ministry activities were you involved in? _____

Do you feel comfortable sharing the Gospel message with others? _____

Please list any evangelism training you have had: _____

What areas of ministry have you/are you involved in at Fellowship Bible Church? _____

What other ministry opportunities would you like to pursue while on this outreach? _____

Will you be raising support for your trip? Y N

Do you speak another language? If yes, what language? _____

Are you fluent enough to communicate without any interpreter? Y N

The following skill sets may be used while on this trip, please circle those you feel most comfortable using (circle as many as apply to you):

Construction: Concrete Framing Electrical Sheetrock Finish Work

Teaching Adults Teaching Children Teaching Teens

Administration/Organization Crafts Games Prayer Encouragement

Evangelism Interpretation Driving

Fellowship Bible Church Outreach Policy

I realize that the following elements are crucial to the effectiveness, quality, and safety of our outreach together. As a member of the outreach team, I agree to:

- Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of Fellowship Bible Church in partnership with local missionaries, pastors, and churches.
- Remember that I have come to learn AND to teach.
- Abide by Fellowship Bible Church guidelines while I am serving on a Fellowship Bible Church project.
- Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
- Respect my team leader(s) and agree to submit to their authority, including field leadership decisions and all Fellowship Bible Church outreach policies contained in the Orientation Manual.
- Remember that the conditions (bathrooms, food, accommodations, etc) will be different than what I may be accustomed to in the United States.
- Maintain a positive attitude and bring any concerns, questions, or problems to the team leader(s) instead of discussing the situation with a fellow teammate.
- Respect the work that is going on in the country with the particular church(es) or person(s) with whom we are working. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but that the local church is here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights and instructions.
- Refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics.
- Show deference to our brothers and sisters according to their conviction about certain doubtful things, such as abstaining from any consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco while on the trip.
- Attend the outreach training meetings.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dates of Trip: June 4-12

Destination: Puebla, Mexico

Located in the Puebla Valley, 80 miles southeast of Mexico City, Puebla sits at an altitude of 7,091 ft. The population in 2000 was 1,346,000. It is the capital of the state of Puebla and one of Mexico's oldest Spanish cities, founded in 1531. Legend has it that a band of angels appeared to Bishop Julian Garcés, one of the founders, pointing out where to situate the new city. Hence the nickname *Angelopolis* (City of Angels). The locals are called *poblanos*. Established on the main route between the port of Veracruz (the most important port in Mexico) and Mexico City, Puebla was the principal city of colonial Mexico. Puebla's appearance is the most European of all the colonial cities, because it was planned from the ground up by a Spanish city designer rather than being built within an existing Indian community.

More information can be found here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puebla_%28city%29

Cost of Trip: \$1200

This cost is based upon an average \$800 airfare cost, \$325 for food/lodging for the week, and \$75 for car rentals and miscellaneous incidentals.

Items Needed on Trip:

This will be discussed in detail in one of our Team Meetings, **but the most important thing you will need initially is a current US Passport**. If you do not have a passport, you need to begin the work of obtaining one ASAP. It can take up to 8 weeks to receive a passport after sending in the application. Instructions and applications can be found online here: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

What Will We Be Doing?

This in large part will be determined by the individuals who are going, and their gifts, skills and mission trip experience. The following have been suggested as ministry possibilities by our missionary in Puebla, Tim Blycker. We will definitely be doing some form of evangelism whether that be door to door, or some activity centered around kids. As with most trips of this type, flexibility will be an asset.

1. Some coworkers were recently able to purchase a piece of property with the help of a major donor, on which to do ministry. It needs lots of work. So it is construction/building/fixing up related.
2. Our little fledgling church of a few months could always use help to hand out tracts. If you want to do that, we could purchase several thousand tracts with the World Cup Schedule on one side and the gospel on the other. There are gazillions of types of tracts if you choose to bring your own. If you wanted to have a conference, we could do that.
3. I have been praying daily for the small little villages walking –distance from our place, San Cristobal Tepontla, San Agustin Calvario, San Gregorio Zacapechpan, and where we live in San Pedro Cholula. We could do evangelism here.
4. Puebla Christian School always needs some help with painting, fixing, etc.
5. If you want to go out to some little village, we could arrange for you to do the preliminary work of building a platform for the drill to dig a well to provide water for the village.

Miscellaneous

The first thing that most people focus on when determining whether they should go is the cost, rather than the prior more important question - is this a place where God can use me, and/or is nudging me to go? Please don't make the cost an initial determining factor in your going on this trip. Pray about it first. God can provide every penny of your expenses, and often this is the initial faith stretching benefit of a short term mission trip. As a church we will do fund raisers, and we will take special offerings. You are highly encouraged to send out a support letter to friends and family to raise support. These contributions can be tax deductible, and include more people in the success of this trip.