

Acuña Mission Trip

September 4-8, 2009

MISSION APPLICATION

Complete One Release per Person

Name: _____

Deposit: Check Cash

Address: _____

Amount: _____

Home Phone: _____

DOB: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Passport: ___ Yes ___ Date of Expiration
___ Will obtain for trip

Or

Original Birth Certificate and Photo I.D.: ___ Yes

T-shirt Size: optional

S ___ M ___ L ___

XL ___ XXL ___

T-shirts \$10

Adult Release

I _____ would like to attend the Mission Trip to Acuña, Mexico on September 4-8, 2009. I will not hold Bethany United Methodist Church, its representatives or volunteers responsible for any injury that I could incur while on this trip.

Signature

Date

Minor Permission and Release (if under 18 years of age)

My child, _____, has my permission to attend the Mission Trip to Acuña, Mexico on September 4-8, 2009. I will not hold Bethany United Methodist Church, its representatives or volunteers responsible in the event he/she becomes injured.

Grade: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Itinerary: TBA

Housing:

We will stay at The First Baptist Church of Del Rio, Texas. We will sleep in Sunday school rooms and shower at the church. There is also motel lodging available (on own) in Del Rio.

Costs:

- \$200 per person. Includes van transportation, gas, tolls, Mexican insurance, 13 meals, and lodging.

Note: Consider sending a support letter to friends and family to raise funds for your trip (especially families) and supplies. See attached.

Required Documents Checklist:

- ____ Mission Application
- ____ Medical Release
- ____ Passport (check expiration date) or Certified Birth Certificate and Photo ID
- ____ Parent Release to Travel (if under 18)

Immunizations

Tetanus - suggested

Money:

You will need money for 2 meals on the road, one dinner meal in Acuna (\$6-10) and any souvenirs you wish to purchase.

Supplies Needed For Outreaches

These are optional and could be a great way to involve others.

Money – We will need \$2500 for food and supplies for outreach to the families. Consider involving friends and family in your trip by raising money for construction supplies and food. It will cost \$900 to build a latrine and \$3800 to build a house. We can feed 150 families for 1 week with \$1000.

Medicine – prescription and over the counter (antibiotics needed)

Small toiletries to give away

Toothbrushes/toothpaste

Blankets

Hammer, work gloves, shovels, wheel barrows

Suggestions for a Successful Trip:

Begin praying for the trip and the people we will serve. Be flexible and bring a positive attitude.

Luggage Requirements:

Please pack light. One medium-size bag per person. The less room we take up for personal items, the more room we have for supplies!

Packing List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible, pen, and notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses/sunscreen/hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants for outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closed-toe shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine in prescription bottle or box (anti-diarrhea) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 packet/can of Gatorade (per family) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket/Sweatshirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Chewable Pepto-Bismol | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack food – individually packaged (if desired) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Antibacterial wipes (wipes are more effective than the gel) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding for the church (air-mattress, sleeping bag & pillow) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Small first-aid kit (one per family) | <input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves, hammer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towel | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 roll of toilet paper (per family) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug repellent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear | | |

Sample Support Letter to send to friends and family

Date

Dear _____,

Hello, (Greeting, according to who you're writing and how well you know them.)

I am writing to tell you a little about what has been happening in my life and the opportunity I have this Christmas.

This ___(date)_____, I will be traveling with a Mission Team from my church, Bethany United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas to Acuña, Mexico on a short-term mission trip. My team will be serving very poor families in colonials. Many of these families have no running water or electricity and suffer from malnutrition and lack of medical care. My team will be taking medical and dental supplies, food, and clothing. We will help repair homes, serve a meal, lead Vacation Bible School, and bring toys to the children to share about the love of Jesus Christ.

The cost of the trip is \$200 per person. I am raising money to cover my costs and to help purchase supplies for outreaches through odd jobs and people who are interested in helping in families in Acuña, but unable to go themselves. Would you consider becoming a partner with me and being a part of this outreach? My support raising deadline is ___(date)____. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, you may make your check payable to: Bethany United Methodist Church– Acuña Mission. All donations are tax deductible. You may send the check to me directly at _____(your address).

I would also like to ask for your prayers for the people we will meet and serve and for my team as we prepare to go. Please pray that God will use me in a great way and that many people will come to know God's love for them. Please pray that our hearts would be open to however God wants to use us.

Thank you in advance for your support through donation or prayer. I know God will do great things for the people of Acuña whom we will serve, and in my team!

God Bless you and your family,

(Name)