



Faith Church

MORELIA, MEXICO

MISSION TRIP

Information Packet
& Application

**DATES YET TO BE
DETERMINED**

Introduction

The Victory Center is located in Morelia, Mexico, and its mission is to break the cycle of poverty through education. The Center provides after-school programs in tutoring and English classes. Sue Leak is the Director of the Center, and Erika Fitzgerald is the Assistant Director. They desire to see families come to Christ through this ministry, sharing Christ as they meet their mental and physical needs.

Purpose

Our primary goal for missions is always relationship.

The purpose of the trip is to have members from Faith Church serve and help the Victory Center to build concrete relationships with the community of Morelia, Mexico. We want to learn from the organization and community we partner with and give whatever we can relationally. There may be several hands-on projects that we are assisting in, but that is not the only intent of the trip. The hands-on projects often provide us with relational opportunities with other Victory Center volunteers as we work.

Eligibility

We encourage everyone to apply that is feeling a strong tug to go. We will never make a hard and fast rule about who can and can't apply because you never know what God is doing in a person's heart. We want to pray and discuss this with you if you want to go on the trip.

Minors under the age of 18 will be considered if they meet the criteria discussed in this packet.

Note: If you plan to travel without your parents, you must have written consent from both of your legal parents/guardians.

If you have any questions about the trip and the type of individuals that are a good fit, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Background Checks

Since we have such heavy contact with the children of the Victory Center, we require background checks for every individual who travels on this trip. You will receive an email from Checkr upon approval of your application, which is the third-party service that the church uses for this process.

Vaccines, Medications, Physician Clearance

There are no vaccines that Mexico requires to travel; however, to keep the staff and students safe, Sue and Erika ask that all team members are up to date on their Covid Vaccinations.

You can find the list of recommended vaccines [here](#) or by going to the CDC.gov website and searching for Mexico Traveler's Health.

The [MSU Travel Clinic](#) is also an excellent resource for you. This clinic can provide all the needed vaccines—call (517) 353-3161 to schedule an appointment.

Important dates

The travel dates for this trip have yet to be set. The finalized dates will be impacted primarily by the scheduling preferences of Sue and Erika, travel safety, and airfare costs.

There will be three training dates set up once the trip is scheduled.

Team Leader

The team leader will be assigned when the trip is scheduled.

Trip cost

The total cost is approximately \$1000 per person – depending on final flight costs. Prices will include air travel, background check, housing, all meals, supply costs, and ground transportation fees. The cost does not cover passports, vaccinations, medications, or spending money for souvenirs.

There is a deposit of \$50 per person. This amount is applied to the total trip cost and is due at the time of registration. If you have to withdraw from the trip, this deposit (and any other amount paid toward the trip) is only eligible to be refunded if we have yet to pay for flight tickets or if there is someone on the waiting list.

The trip cost is, ultimately, your responsibility. However, we will offer several fundraising options to help you, including support letters and fundraising events. We hope to have one or two options available for fundraising and welcome any ideas you may have for more!

God is bigger than the bottom line of \$1000. We understand that this is a large amount of money, but we have seen the power of these international trips on individuals. Please pray diligently about your potential involvement.

The total amount is broken up into three deadlines:

(approximately 6-8 months before travel) – Application and \$50 non-refundable deposit

(approximately 4-6 months before travel) - 50% of trip expense due

(approximately 1 month before travel) – Balance of trip expense due

Passports, Visas, and Other Required Documentation

Passports are required to travel out of the U.S. and arrive in all connecting foreign countries. They can take up to 3 months, so please start immediately if you do not have a current one.

Passports not obtained in time will have to go through emergency rush services in Detroit or Chicago, which is expensive. Do this ASAP!

Visas are not required for US citizens to travel to Mexico.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance (emergency medical) is strongly recommended. However, it is not required for this trip. We recommend you check with your medical insurance to verify its limits when traveling outside the country. Travel policies are affordable and well worth the peace of mind in rare circumstances that they may be needed. You can get an idea of prices with a free quote here:

<http://www.tripinsurance.com>

Faith Church Contacts for More Information

- Nate Barnell, Spiritual Formations Pastor nate@wearefaithchurch.com
- Evan Bibb, Operations Pastor evan@wearefaithchurch.com
(Evan has been to Morelia twice)
- Amy Heeschen, Office Manager amy@wearefaithchurch.com
(Amy has been to Morelia once)

Application for Mexico Missions Trip

Personal Information:

Full Name (as it appears on passport) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) ____-____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: (circle one) Male Female

Marital Status: (circle one) Single Married Engaged

Name of Spouse (if married) _____

Passport # _____ Date of Issue ____ / ____ / ____ Expiration Date ____ / ____ / ____

I have an active Background Check on file w/ Faith Church: (circle one) Yes No

If not, Faith Church may conduct a Background Check on me: (circle one) Yes No

Emergency Contact _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) ____-____

Email Address _____ @ _____ . _____

If under 18, Parent(s)' Names _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) ____-____

Email Address _____ @ _____ . _____

Have you become a Christ-follower, recognizing that you need a Savior? If yes, explain briefly.

What are your expectations regarding this trip? In what way would you like to serve?

List any previous missions experiences, including cross-cultural experience, if any:

In your own words, define what missions is (try and go beyond surface answers):

Briefly describe why you desire to be part of this missions trip:

I confirm that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and agree to humbly submit to the leadership of the trip and the Faith Church Missions team.

Signature

Printed Name

Parent's Signature (if under 18)

Printed Name

*Please complete and return this application to the Faith Church main office with your deposit.
If your application is not accepted for this trip, your deposit will be returned to you.*