



Mexico NPH Mission Trip

Who: 16 Years Old and Older

When: July 16-23, 2010

Cost: \$900/Participants, \$650/Chaperones

Demographics

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos' first home was established in Mexico in 1954. An old, converted sugar plantation, Hacienda San Salvador, now serves as the main facility for the large family of approximately 700 children. Always bustling with activity, it is nestled in the mountains in the small village of Miacatlán, 27 miles southwest of Cuernavaca, and 77 miles south of Mexico City connected by a modern highway system.

About the Ministry

The focus of our ministry is the children at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos. A typical day with the pequeños ("little ones") consists of a morning Bible lesson with songs, stories, and crafts, much like Vacation Bible School, plus afternoon/evening activities and games. We will be immersed in their culture--eating the same food as the pequeños in their comedor (cafeteria) and learning to play fútbol rápido (speed soccer). VBS will last Monday – Thursday of our mission culminating with a fiesta on Thursday (including piñatas!).

The language barrier is often overcome quickly by the bonds that are formed with the pequeños. During the morning VBS, after the Bible lesson, participants will be divided into groups of four or five with a group chaperone to lead small groups of pequeños in a craft activity relating to the theme for the day.

Activities

We will have a chance to do activities as a group and activities where we are divided up among the pequeños. In the afternoons and evenings we will spend time with the pequeños in games, crafts, and conversation. We may even join in some work projects. We will shop for supplies prior to departure and bring all materials needed with us.

Other activities may include a trip to the market in nearby Cuernavaca, dining in an authentic Mexican restaurant, and touring the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. We may also have time to enjoy some of the vendors in Miacatlán. These special activities are subject to weather, time, and availability.

Chaperones

We will have six chaperones for this mission--three women and three men approved by Mike Vievering. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and be able to work well with youth. They will also need to successfully pass background checks and complete VIRTUS Training.

Mike will interview all interested parties and has the right to decline anyone who does not fit our criteria. We may also form a waiting list for those who might be otherwise qualified, but our primary needs have not yet been filled. Priority is given to those people who make great chaperones and best meet our needs. Chaperones pay a reduced fee for the trip.

Special Notes about this Mission

Youth must be at least 16 years of age by the date of travel (July 16) to be eligible for this mission. Youth under the age of 18 will need a signed, notarized document stating that the parent(s) of each youth participant grant permission for their son/daughter to go on mission with All Saints Church. Forms will be provided at a later date.

Everyone going must have a passport for travel to and from Mexico. Please apply early. Passports may take many weeks to process and we need a photocopy of them on file with Mike Vievering by June 22, 2009. We will be flying to Mexico City and bussing to our site.

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