



Juarez Mission Trip

Thanks for your interest in joining a team with Cherry Hills Community Church to serve in the colonias of Juarez. In the following pages, you will find some detailed and helpful information as you think about taking the next step in this amazing adventure!

**“The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith,
and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.”
– George Müller**



THE COLONIAS OF JUAREZ

- The living conditions in the colonias of Juarez are difficult
- The employment rate is at 50% with the average **daily** wage of \$10
- Families struggle to survive and meet the most basic needs of water, food and education for their children
- The landscape is dismal and the temperatures are extreme in the winter and summer
- Many of the people live in structures made out of wooden pallets, cardboard boxes, tires, broken down school buses and any other materials they can find
- There is no government help. No welfare, no shelters, no insurance.

HOW WE CAN HELP

- To come alongside this impoverished community to serve and be the hands and feet of Christ
- To construct a new 12'x36' home
- To provide meals for and engage area children and families in crafts, sports and games
- To visit and re-connect with friends from past home builds
- To bring hope, love and encouragement to this community

MAKE A DECISION

Once you have committed to join the team, please register via ServiceReef.

<https://cherryhills.servicereef.com/organizations/cherry-hills-community-church>

Please note that **Passports are required.**

**“I used to think you had to be special for God to use you,
but now I know you simply need to say yes.”**

— Bob Goff



TEAM COMMITMENTS

Meetings:

There will be a total of three meetings. Two meetings, before the trip, will cover paperwork, logistics, team roles, spiritual and cultural conversations. The final meeting will be a debrief/wrap-up after the trip. Attendance is strongly encouraged for all three meetings.

Fundraising:

As a team we will raise funds to cover the cost of the house, food outreaches, personal food and lodging costs while in MX, health/accident insurance and emergency evacuation insurance and additional items for the families if funds allow.

- The average cost is approximately \$750 per person plus transportation to El Paso. This number is dependent on team size and projects.

Here are a few recommendations on fundraising. Although the fundraising can be the hardest and most uncomfortable part it is very fun and encouraging to see the funds come in.

- Sending support letters to friends, family, neighbors and co-workers has proven to be one of the most successful ways to raise funds. Just by asking you may be pleasantly surprised with the outcome. Letters can be sent via mail, email, facebook etc. Sample support letters and Discover the World (DTW) letterhead are available for your review/request. Please contact the team leader for these documents.
- In addition to sending out support letters, we found that other methods such as garage sales, bake sales, and servant auctions have all been effective methods as well.
- For those of you who don't feel comfortable raising funds, team members can also contribute out of their own personal funds toward the cost of the house. This works too!

Personal Costs:

- Transportation to and from El Paso (Drive or Fly)
- Local church offering - optional
- Tips for Missions Ministries staff - optional
- Shopping in Missions Ministries store - optional

Please have all support checks and personal expense checks made payable to CHCC with **only** the date of the trip listed in the memo line of the check. Support checks should be sent to your team leader no later than 30 days before the start of the trip. All donations are tax deductible.

**“Live simply so others may simply live.”
- Mother Theresa**



LEADERSHIP ROLES

There are three leadership roles on each team - a tool captain, spiritual leader and children's leader.

- Tool Captain is responsible for the following
 - o Communicates with the group what tools are needed for each day
 - o Bring additional supplies (Paper towels, gojo, trash bags, dust masks, misc. tools)
- Spiritual Leader is responsible for the following
 - o Lead the daily morning devotions
 - o Speak and present the bible during the house dedication
- Children's leader is responsible for the following
 - o Planning & purchasing all crafts, activities and games for the outreaches

If you are interested in any of these roles please let the team leader know and they can provide you with more details.

TRAVEL INFO

All team members need to arrive at the Harvest Christian Center (see below address) in El Paso Texas at 2:00pm. If you are flying please book your flight so it arrives in El Paso before 2pm and on the return please book your flight so it departs anytime after 12:00pm.

1345 New Harvest Place (corner of New Harvest and Helen of Troy)
El Paso, TX 79912
915.585.9934

The drivers will leave their cars at the Harvest Christian Center. For those of you who are flying you will be picked up at the airport in vans by a Missions Ministries staff member and driven to the church to meet up with the rest of the team. Once all team members have arrived at the church we'll load up our personal and any donated items and head to Wal-Mart in the Missions Ministries vans. At Wal-Mart we'll buy water, items for the families and any last minute necessities. From here we load back into the vans and head towards the Santa Teresa border crossing. Please make sure to have your Passports ready when we get to the border. At the border we will all get out of the vans and complete our temporary visa info. Once the visa process is complete we get back in the vans and have about a 20 minute ride to the team center. On the last day we'll leave the team center around 8:30am and head back to the border. We will all get back out of the vans and close out our visas and head back into the USA around 10:00am. We will then head to the church to drop off the drivers and then to the airport. **Please remember passports are required for all team members including children. Passports expiring within 90 days of the trip are treated as expired.** If your passport is issued by a country other than the United States, please let the team leader know.

**Those who are kind to the poor lend to the Lord,
and He will reward them for what they have done.
Proverbs 19:17**



TEAM CENTER

The accommodations and food at the team center are great. The room & center provide the following:

- 3 buffet style meals provided each day
- Each room contains 2 sets of bunk beds – sleeps 5
- Private bath in each room
- Towels, linens and blankets
- Alarm clock
- Dresser
- Basketball court
- Store with local hand made items for sale

ITEMS TO BRING

Clothes

- Clothes for travel, outreaches and hanging out at the team center
- Work clothes for the build (old jeans, shirts, tennis shoes). These clothes will get dirty.
- Clothes for church. Nice jeans, khaki pants, capris and a nice shirt. Modest and respectful, please.

Tools – each person should have the following

- Hammer
- Nail apron
- Safety glasses
- Paint kit (brush, roller pan, 3-4” paint brush, small trim brush)
- Dust mask

Other –

- Sunscreen
- Medicines
- Hat
- Cash for church offering or buying items at the store (optional)
- Small cooler

**“In the end, it's not the years in your life that count.
It's the life in your years.”
- Abraham Lincoln**



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Therefore, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:58