



# Mexico ~ Team 1924

## VBS/Construction

### Team Description

*“Impacting the World for Jesus Christ”*

**DATES:** Summer, 2019

**LOCATION:** Juarez, Mexico

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$2000-2200 with estimated airfare

#### COST INCLUDES:

- Airfare
- Ground Transportation
- Housing
- Meals
- Logistical, Spiritual & Cultural Training Materials
- Trained Team Leader
- In-country Arrangements and Costs
- Supplemental Health Insurance
- Crisis Management Plan
- Team Medical Bag with Nursing Protocols
- 24/7 On Call Doctor



#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School will be offered in the mornings followed by neighborhood outreach and cultural activities in the afternoon.

**Construction:** Minor Repairs: Patching drywall, painting, clean up

**HOST / CHURCH INFORMATION:** Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is a faith-based, 501c(3), non-profit



organization that provides relief and human care services while planting and nurturing missions on the U.S./Mexico border (El Paso/Juarez region). Founded in 1982, YLM provides aid and ministry services that benefit the lives of thousands of people every year. Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS.

#### TENTATIVE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Depart US Orientation Dinner Devotions Team Mtg
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Project Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Project Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Project Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Project Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Tour Day	Return Home

## ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

For entry into Mexico, you must present a valid passport that will not expire for at least 6 months after arrival and a round trip/outbound ticket.

Passports should be in good condition; Mexico immigration will deny entry if the passport is damaged in any way. U.S. Citizens may enter Mexico without a tourist visa and can stay up to 90 days with a valid passport. Click here for more information. (<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/mexico.html>)

## VACCINATIONS:

Before visiting Mexico, you may need to get the following vaccinations and medications for vaccine-preventable diseases and other diseases you might be at risk for at your destination:

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
Routine	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, poliovirus vaccine, etc.
Hepatitis A or Immune Globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission, especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).
Typhoid	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Mexico and Central America, especially if visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas and staying with friends or relatives where exposure might occur through food or water.

## AREAS OF MEXICO WITH MALARIA:

**Areas with malaria:** Present in Chihuahua, Chiapas, Durango, Nayarit, and Sinaloa. Rare cases in Campeche, Jalisco, Oaxaca, Sonora, and Tabasco. Rare cases in the municipality of Othon P. Blanco in the southern part of Quintana Roo bordering Belize. No malaria along the United States–Mexico border.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2016/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever-malaria-information-by-country/mexico#seldyfm533>

## MOST MINISTRIES SHORT TERM TRAVEL INSURANCE:

*MH Ross Trip Armor Travel Protection Plan and ACE American Insurance Company (Foreign Liability)*

MH Ross Trip Armor Travel Protection Plan provides individuals heading to the mission field protection and assistance in these areas:

### Liability Coverages

- Foreign liability insurance
- Employer's liability insurance

### Contingent Coverages

- Foreign contingent auto insurance
- Foreign voluntary compensation insurance

### Medical Coverages & Services

- Medical expenses ~ accident and sickness
- Accidental death and dismemberment
- Medical emergency family reunion (bedside visit)
- Hospital admission deposit advance

- Foreign medical referral service
- Medical monitoring service
- Prescription drug replacement service
- Medical assistance:
  - Dispatch of a doctor or specialist
  - Emergency medical evacuation
  - Medically necessary repatriation
  - Return of mortal remains

### Travel Assistance Services

- Benefits verification and claims assistance
- Embassy and consular information
- Emergency cash advance

- Emergency family travel arrangement assistance
- Emergency message transmission
- Foreign legal access
- Return of rental vehicle
- Return of traveling companion or dependents
- Translation and interpretation

**Security Assistance Services**

- Contingency political evacuation planning
- Political evacuation
- Security crisis center
- Travel security information

See [http://www.mostministries.org/team\\_insurance](http://www.mostministries.org/team_insurance) for additional information.

**LOGISTICS:**

<b>Lodging</b>	The team will stay at Ysleta Lutheran Mission with dormitory style housing & kitchen.
<b>Meals</b>	Lunches will be packed with breakfast and dinner available at Ysleta using their cook.
<b>Electricity</b>	Electricity in Mexico is 120 Volts, alternating at 60 cycles per second.
<b>Currency</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> to determine the most current exchange rate.

**CULTURE:**

The culture of Mexico reflects the complexity of Mexico's history through the blending of pre-Hispanic Mesoamerican civilizations and the culture of Spain during its 300 years of colonization. The dominant feature of Mexican culture is social hierarchy and the strength of a unified family as can be seen from its surprisingly low divorce rate. An extended family where several relatives live in the same area or even the same house is not unusual, and it's not uncommon to see the grown-up children who are single to still live with their parents even though they are in the thirties. Loyalty within the family is absolute; the father is the ruler whereas the mother is the heart of the family. In recent years, these stereotypes have begun to break down as they have been influenced by the US especially in the Northern states. Taken from <http://www.roadtomexico.com/culture.htm>.

If you are interested in learning more about Mexico's religious statistics, please visit [Joshua Project](#).

**CLIMATE:** The best time to visit Ciudad Juarez will be when the average temperatures are at a comfortable level (between 20°C / 68.0°F and 30°C / 86.0°F on average) which is during months May, June, July, August and September. Other great months to visit Ciudad Juarez are February, March, April, October and November when the average temperatures are a little cooler but still between a pleasant 10°C / 50.0°F and 20°C / 68.0°F. If you don't mind bringing a coat, you might also enjoy visiting Ciudad Juarez during January and December but average temperatures are fairly cool (between 0°C / 32.0°F and 10°C / 50.0°F).

**SEASONAL WEATHER AVERAGES FOR JUAREZ:**

Month	High	Low
January	61	33
February	66	37
March	73	42
April	82	50
May	90	60
June	98	68
July	96	71
August	94	69
September	89	63
October	81	51
November	69	39
December	59	32

(<http://www.worldweatheronline.com/v2/weather-averages.aspx?q=31.7333,-106.4833> )

**FAST FACTS:**

<b>Population</b>	121,736,809 (July 2015 est.)
<b>Ethnic Groups</b>	Mestizo (Amerindian-Spanish) 62%, predominantly Amerindian 21%, Amerindian 7%, other 10% (mostly European)
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic 82.7%, Pentecostal 1.6%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.4%, other Evangelical Churches 5%, other 1.9%, none 4.7%, unspecified 2.7%
<b>Area</b>	Total: 1,964,375 sq km with land: 1,943,945 sq km and water: 20,430 sq km
<b>Capital City</b>	Mexico City
<b>Language</b>	Spanish only 92.7%, Spanish and indigenous languages 5.7%, indigenous only 0.8%, unspecified 0.8% note: indigenous languages include various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional languages (2005)

Click [here](#) for more Mexico statistics.

**SIGHTSEEING:** El Paso is a vibrant area with lots for visitors to take in during weekend and evening free time. There are several nearby attractions to view as part of a day trip.

**CONTACT / APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

MOST Ministries believes that the work of foreign missions must be a direct response to the requests and needs of the mission field. Through strategic planning, areas of need are identified and a plan of action is set in place to enable team members to utilize their gifts and talents in meeting those needs. If you are interested in utilizing your gifts in touching the lives of people in Mexico please contact Sarah DePriest at (734) 994-7909 ext. 3 or [sdepriest@mostministries.org](mailto:sdepriest@mostministries.org).

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