

## Who goes to Mexico?

In order to participate in the Mexico Mission Trip, you must have completed the 8th grade. The trip is led by a group of



adult sponsors assuming the roles of director, cooks, construction leaders, and drivers. They also work to instill leadership in the group by appointing different Young Adults (recent high school graduates) to take

on leadership responsibilities. Although the adult sponsors are in charge of the trip, both the youth and adults work together as a team to accomplish the mission of the trip.

## Note to the Adults on the Trip...

This trip, at the root level, is a youth trip, but we want to encourage adults to join us. Having able adults on the trip is essential for safety and enhances the experience for all involved. We will do our best to accommodate the needs and gifts of the adults at every level of this experience without losing sight of our primary goal: ministering to the needs of our youth!

Applications are available and must be completed. In addition, back ground checks will be completed to ensure the safety of everyone involved.



## A Note to Parents...

The First Christian Churches of Concord, Chico, Lafayette & Redding sponsor a Mission Trip each year for a number of reasons. Mainly because young people in our society are rarely given the credit they deserve for their ability to bring good into our world. This trip offers that opportunity – to make a real difference in someone else's life and most certainly their own. The results are always incredible. Lives are changed on both sides of the border. Families in Mexico receive a new lease on life with a new sense of security and hope. Our young people gain a new understanding about what it means to truly give of themselves and to love and serve others. As hard as I have tried, I cannot put into words the impact that this trip can have on a young person's life. FCC has been making this trip every year since 1978, and nothing has impacted the faith journey of our young people as much as those weeks serving among the wonderful people of Mexico has.

One final word. We are very much aware of the recent reports of increased violence in Mexico, particularly in some of the border cities. Please know that we are being very diligent in staying out front and informed of the situation that exists there, communicating regularly with our representatives with AMOR ministries who are on the ground in Mexico.

The bottom line is this: we would not lead more than 40 people into an experience unless we were certain that it was safe. It is our highest priority to ensure the physical, emotional and spiritual safety of all participants! If you have any questions (like where to find a left-handed hammer), please feel free to contact me at 925/685-7503, or email me at [russ@concordfcc.net](mailto:russ@concordfcc.net)

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# Mexico Mission 2010 June 19-26



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**“You will come to understand that no matter what the problems of the world are, love is the answer.” – anonymous**

## What is Mexico Mission 2010?

At the end of June, First Christian Church, Concord will team up with Lafayette Christian Church, and the First Christian Churches of Chico & Redding, CA, to send missionaries to the outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico with the mission of building houses for Mexican families living in poverty. These missionaries will be high school youth, college students, and adults eager to experience the personal enrichment of serving others.

Mexico 2010 offers a unique environment for spiritual growth and a time to reflect on our role in this world. Each participant will witness what it is like to live in a third world country and have the opportunity to be a servant to people who can only repay such efforts with their gratitude.

## Why Build in Mexico?

The need is great. Limited or nonexistent resources are the root of many problems in Mexico, most notably in the border cities, such as Tijuana. According to studies there is a shortage of nearly 4.5 million housing units. Compounding the problem is 50% unemployment. Thousands of Mexican families migrate to the Mexico border cities looking for hope. Instead they are faced with the dark realities

of overcrowding and little opportunity for solutions to their desperate needs.



## Who is AMOR Ministries?

AMOR Ministries is a non-denominational, non-profit organization that works with Mexican churches to improve conditions of low-income families through spiritual and physical assistance. AMOR organizes short-term mission trips to Mexico to build homes, churches, schools, and medical clinics. You can find out more about AMOR by visiting [www.comebuildhope.com](http://www.comebuildhope.com)

## This is a WORK TRIP!

Participants will need to bring tools, a good attitude, and a willingness to make a positive difference in this world in the name of Christ.

Each day is structured with construction and participation goals with campfire time in the evenings. We use hand tools in construction (no power tools) – no prior experience is necessary. It is hard work out in the sun, so extreme care is taken for all participants' physical and spiritual well-being. While in Mexico, we will be camping at the **AMOR Ministries** campground on the out-skirts of Tijuana.

After our work is completed, we will break camp and enjoy some time in Southern California where we will play and celebrate our accomplishments.



## Transportation & Identification

We will be traveling by a caravan of trucks, vans and a motor home from Northern California to Mexico. Only licensed and insured adults age 25 and over will operate vehicles.

Having a passport is now required for travelers over the age of 18. Please know that it takes up to six weeks to process, so plan accordingly. Required for minors is either a valid passport or an official birth certificate with a raised seal and a current photo ID (valid driver's license or CA ID preferred).

Having said that, it really would be easier all around if *everyone* had a valid passport.



## General Information

### Trip Dates

**Saturday, June 19 - Saturday, June 26**

### Trip Fees

**\$700**

Fees include deposit, all transportation and lodging, building supplies, and meals in Mexico. Does not include 6 meals 'on the road' when we travel to and from Mexico.

Non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due with registration form by April 18. Balance due on Saturday, May 15 at the Community Building event at Concord FCC (details to follow soon).

**Note: This event is mandatory!**

Please ask about special payment schedules if necessary.

**NO ONE WILL BE LEFT BEHIND DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS!**

Registration forms are available at <http://concordfcc.net/outreach/mexico.html>