

Frequently Asked Questions – Serving in Mexicali

When is it?

The Outreach week will be during Holy Week/Spring Break, 2011. We will leave Saturday, April 16, and return Saturday April 23, in time for Easter services.

What will we do?

We will spend a week working with our sister church in a small town outside Mexicali. We will provide a sports ministry, vacation Bible school, women's Bible study and evening services. We will tell the good news of what Jesus has done for each of us and what He offers to all people. We will have 5 required training meetings prior to going. We are also praying about a construction ministry, please let us know now if that is calling you.

I don't speak Spanish, isn't that a problem?

No. We work with interpreters, so you don't have to speak Spanish. Any Spanish you have learned will be a help. If you DO speak Spanish, you could be one of our interpreters – let us know.

How much does it cost?

We estimate a team of 10 will need to raise \$4500 in contributions to Redeemer for the outreach registration, food, two night's hotel, van rental, and some team expenses plus an additional \$520 each in airfare. Do not let finances be the stopping point – God seems to provide. We are modeling what a missionary does and we will explain ways to invite friends and family to help support your mission work financially and in prayer. The more people, the more support we will raise. We have an initial reservation of 30 plane tickets.

Will I miss school days?

School vacations vary. Montgomery and Frederick county schools are off. Howard and Carroll county students will miss 3 days. It should not be difficult to arrange permission for this cross-cultural learning experience, especially if you are studying Spanish. This has not been a problem in the past.

Do I need a passport?

You DO need a passport or a passport card. Start applying for a passport **by December**. Sometimes the response is fast, sometimes very slow. A great Christmas gift idea!

Is it safe?

Yes. We work with a church in a small farming community outside Mexicali, which is as safe as we are here in Damascus, Maryland.

Should I go?

Before you decide whether the trip is practical, ask yourself three questions: Do you want to share Jesus' love? Do you think it is important to tell people about Him? Are you ready to give Him a week? Pray and ask God to show you His answer. Then consider the details: Are you interested in going? Does your family think it's a good idea? Can you work out the time away?

- Philemon 1:4-6 I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Who can go?

Teens, families and adults can go.

When do I need to decide?

We have a group airline reservation and need to purchase the airline tickets at the end of February, so we need to hear from you in February with a deposit of \$260 to cover half of your airfare. Feel free to ask any of us that have been before. Pastor John, Pastor Ray or the Wants will be glad to talk with you as will others who have been.

You can also email questions to the Want family at wantl@aol.com or call us at 301-253-0126.