

MISSION JUAREZ 2007

February 10-17, 2007

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Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Luke 14:12-14

What is Mission Juarez?

An opportunity for 18 people (per week) to serve God by helping the "poorest of the poor" in a reclaimed dump in Juarez, Mexico.

Where is Juarez?

Across the Rio Grande River from El Paso, Texas, 1,130 miles from Des Moines, Iowa.

Who is leading the mission?

Garold and Gretchen Jones and Harry and Kathy Sandstrom, all veterans of this trip.

Is it safe?

Yes. All food and water is purchased in El Paso and prepared under sanitary conditions by team members. Sleeping is "dorm style" in a secure building. Safety precautions are similar to a large, foreign metropolitan city.

How do we get to El Paso/Juarez?

Participants fly or drive to El Paso. Lutheran Church of Hope staff will make all flight and hotel reservations. The group will transfer into Juarez together in a rented van.



Do I need construction skills?

A willingness to learn is all that's required. Everyone pitches in and you can learn new things!

What are the conditions like?

You will be out of your comfort zone as you interact with the poor of Juarez, especially the children. God will bless them through you and you, in turn, will be blessed through them! While you will certainly be tired, you will have the time of your life!

How will faith connections be made with our mission?

Each day begins with group prayer. We end the day with devotions and reflections on the day. Throughout the day, we interact prayerfully with the people of the area. We bring support and encouragement to the missionaries of the area and to the people, as well as share the everlasting love of Jesus Christ with them.

What travel documents do I need?

A U.S. passport is required in order to avoid any misunderstandings that would delay the group's re-entry into the U.S.A. Once obtained, your passport is good for 10 years. Cost is \$97. Routine processing takes approximately six weeks. Visit www.travel.state.gov for information on how to obtain or renew a passport.



What is the cost?

The cost is \$595 per person (per week), which includes:

- Airfare: \$300
- Lodging in Juarez: \$60
- Lodging in El Paso: \$80
- Food in Juarez: \$65
- Ground transportation: \$70
- T-shirt: \$20

Additional meals while in El Paso, approximately \$90. Other expenditures, such as souvenirs, are at your discretion.

How do I sign up?

Registrations will be accepted starting October 29, 2006. Registrations and deposits of \$150 will be accepted by Lutheran Church of Hope through Friday, December 15, 2006. The balance is due by Wednesday, January 10, 2007. Space is limited to 18 missionaries per week and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms are available at the Mission Shack or at www.hopewdm.org under Missions.

Important Mission Juarez dates:

Information Meeting: Sunday, October 29 - 12:30 p.m. in room 212. Tacos will be served! Registrations will be accepted at that time.

Planning Dinner: Tuesday, January 9 - 6:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope, Room 104.

Reflection Dinner: Tuesday, March 6 - 6:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope

How do I get more information?

Call either the Jones' at 276-9353 or the Sandstroms at 278-6916. Or, contact Jane Patton, Missions Team Assistant, at 222-1520, ext. 315 or jane.patton@hopewdm.org.