



MISSION MEXICO 2023

Information Packet
Salem Alliance Church

Mission Mexico

This trip is truly an awesome way to demonstrate God's love by meeting the physical needs of the people of Tijuana, Mexico, and taking the next step in your faith journey. To register for this trip, go to the "Mission Mexico" page found at flipsideyouth.com. Have any questions along the way? Feel free to contact Rachel Knowles, our Student Ministries Administrative Assistant, at rknowles@salemalliance.org.

Trip Details

Dates	March 24 through April 1 – Spring Break
Cost:	Students - \$750 Leaders - \$400 (See "Cost Breakdown and Fundraising Opportunities" for more information)
Location	Tijuana, Mexico
Ministry	Baja Vision Ministries, an organization Salem Alliance has partnered with for more than 15 years.
Housing	Secure and gated dorm-style housing with Baja Vision Ministries
Transport	Salem Alliance vehicles (Due to the nature of this trip, we cannot accommodate any changes from our schedule and transportation plan. Space for this trip is limited to the number of students/leaders that we can transport.)

Trip Schedule

Fri, Mar 24	Check in at 2:30 pm at the Youth Center and depart for Mexico at 3:00 pm, driving through the night to the Border.
Sat, Mar 25	Cross the border at approximately 4:00 pm and arrive at Baja Vision base for dinner.
Mar 26–Mar 29	Build houses at work sites throughout the day, and evening sessions at the Baja Vision base. Hand keys to families on Thursday.
Thu, Mar 30	Cultural experience and souvenir shopping in Rosarito, then cross the border at approximately 4:00 pm, spend the night at a hotel in San Diego.
Fri, Mar 31	Depart for Salem, driving through the night.
Sat, Apr 1	Arrive back at the youth center at approximately 10:00 am.

Cost Breakdown, Fundraising & Cancellation Policy

Cost Breakdown:

\$400	House building materials
\$270	Food & lodging
\$120	Transportation
\$70	Misc. (team shirt, Mexican Insurance, water, etc.)
-\$110	Generous donations from SAC members to subsidize trip costs
\$750	Total Cost

Annual Great Expectations Fundraiser Dinner (February 2/3, 2023):

All students participating in Mission Mexico are *required* to serve at our takeout dinner hosted in Cedar Hall of Salem Alliance Church. Parents are not required to participate in Great Expectations this year, but would be appreciated. This event acts as a team-building opportunity for students and has a history of raising up to 20% or more of trip costs, dependant on guest generosity. To support this trip as a guest at Great Expectations, reservations can be made at salemalliance.org prior to the event.

Annual SWEAT Fundraiser (October 8, 2022):

If you have participated in SWEAT, our fall fundraiser, and you would like to know how much money is in your SWEAT account, contact Rachel Knowles at (rknowles@salemalliance.org) or call the front office at Salem Alliance, at (503) 581-2129 and asked to be redirected to Rachel.

Support Letter or Email:

All students who are participating in Mission Mexico are encouraged to send out fundraising letters/emails to help with their trip expenses. If a student receives contributions beyond their need, the extra monies will be used for other trip-related expenses. Because this trip is tax-deductible we are not able to return, refund, or apply the extra monies to another account. For a sample support letter, email Brandon Miller at bmiller@salemalliance.org.

Cancellation Policy & Refunds:

In the event of an individual participant cancelation, trip costs are refundable only up to the most recent payment deadline and any SWEAT funds used will not be refunded (See payment deadlines below). In the rare occurrence of the entire trip being canceled due to circumstances out of our control, all participants and donors will be given the option to request a full or partial refund any SWEAT funds used will be refunded.

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

Sunday, December 18, by midnight

Student application and \$50 non-refundable deposit are due. Apply for the trip and make your deposit at flipsideyouth.com.

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00–8:30 pm in Cedar Hall

Great Expectations Training & Mission Mexico Team Builder night students and leaders. Make sure to eat before you come. Consent to Travel form (must be notarized with both parents present), and Consent to Treatment and next payment of \$150 are due on or before this date. Make payments online at salemalliance.org or by cash/check in a clearly marked envelope.

Thursday and Friday, February 2 and 3, 5:00–10:00 pm in Cedar Hall

Great Expectations Fundraiser Dinner. Students are only required to serve one evening. Parent help is greatly appreciated this year but not required. Make sure to eat before you come. If participating Friday night, be prepared to stay until clean-up is completed.

Sunday, March 5

Passports or passport cards and final payment are due on or before this date. Turn passports into the locked registration box located in the Welcome Desk in the Youth Center. Please make sure your passport is signed above the photo before turning in. Please note that it can take up to 6-8 weeks to receive a new passport, passport card, or passport replacement. Make payments online at salemalliance.org or by cash/check in a clearly marked envelope dropped in the registration box located in the Welcome Desk in the Youth Center.

Saturday, March 11, at 5:00 pm, and Sunday, March 12, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

Commissioning Weekend and Team Meetings. Please arrive in Cedar Hall on Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 7:45 am and try to be at all services. We will be having a team meeting between the 8:00 am and 9:30 am service on Sunday in the Youth Center.

Thursday, March 23, 4:30-5:30 pm, at the Youth Center

Bring well-marked trailer luggage to be loaded into the trailer. Find a list of items to pack at the end of this document.

Friday, March 24, check-in at 2:30 pm at the Youth Center

Depart Salem for Tijuana! Bring a sack dinner with you to eat on the bus. If you have medications to check in with our nurse, please be at the Youth Center by 2:15 to do so.

Saturday, April 1, at approximately 10:00 am at the Youth Center

Arrive back in Salem! Students will call when we are one hour from Youth Center.

Thank you for remembering that all meetings are mandatory.

Required Forms & Documents

In order to take your student out of the country, students and parents are required to provide the following documents. Forms & documents can be turned into the front desk at Salem Alliance's main office, or in the locked registration box in the Youth Center. Consent to Treatment forms & Consent to Travel forms can be found at the back of this packet.

- Consent to Travel (notarization required from both parents) - Due Wed, Feb 1
- Consent to Treatment - Due Wed Feb 1
- Passport or Passport Card - Due Sun, Mar 5
(If getting a new passport for this trip, begin this process ASAP. It can take weeks/months to receive).

MEXICO PACKING LIST

Remember, think small and compact! You won't need as much as you think you will. Be sure to label all your bags including your sleeping bag! You may bring your pillow and backpack on the bus along with whatever else you will need for 24 hours.

Trailer Luggage – these are the things you won't need until we arrive in Mexico.

Clothing

- Jeans and t-shirts to work in (no tank tops or V-necks).
- Clothing appropriate for warm days and cold nights.
- Sturdy work boots or shoes that you are okay if they get ruined (no open toes).
- Rain gear to keep you dry (we work all day, rain or shine).
- Sunglasses and a hat.
- Swimsuit for hotel pool in San Diego. Girls, one-piece or tankini, please. Guys, knee-length shorts with lining or compression shorts underneath, please.
- Appropriate-length shorts for San Diego.

Toiletries

- Mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrush
- Soap
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Baby wipes/ hand sanitizer
- Towels/washcloths
- Deodorant
- Shoes for shower (optional)

Other Items-

- Sleeping bag (marked with your name)
- Water bottle (large, heavy-duty with screw on top)
- Bible, journal, pen
- Personal tool belt (with hammer loop)
- Metal tape measure (16' min.)
- Hammer
- Utility knife with extra blades
- Pencils (carpenter-type)
- Safety glasses (shaded type are ok)
- Earplugs (optional)
- Work gloves
- Small flashlight
- Large plastic bag (for dirty clothes)
- Sunblock (waterproof, at *least* SPF 30)
- Spending money (for additional snacks/souvenirs, USD in small bills. All meals are provided.)

Bus Luggage – these are things you will need before we arrive in Mexico.

- Sack Dinner
- Backpack (to take to and from work site each day)
- Travel games/activities
- Music/headphones
- Pillow
- Small Blanket (optional)
- Warm jacket
- Filled water bottle
- Electronic devices are allowed, however, you are not promised a place to charge them.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING...

- Hair dryers, hair straighteners, or any illegal/inappropriate materials.

Consent to Travel to Mexico

This document must be notarized to verify the authenticity of the signatures. If a minor child is traveling outside the United States with someone other than either legal parent, both legal parents must sign and notarize this form. **If the Team Member is or will be 18 years of age or older before departure of the trip, skip to the box below.**

Individuals Name (herein "Team Member")

Salem Alliance Church
Church (herein "Organization")

Name (herein "Parent or Guardian")

Brandon Miller
Staff Member (herein "Agent")

Name (herein "Parent or Guardian")

March 24 - April 1, 2022
Dates of Travel

United States, Canadian or Mexican nationalities must:

- Provide a passport or passport card to enter Mexico.
- Provide a passport or passport card to re-enter the United States. If the Team Member has a Green Card, the original copy must be provided. There is a \$100 fine for not having your original Green Card at US re-entry.

All Other nationalities must:

- Call the nearest Mexican Consulate for permission to travel to Mexico. There are some nationalities that are excluded from entry based on diplomatic relations. Check online for the Los Angeles Consulate General of Mexico: 213.351.6800. Phone calls will be answered in Spanish with English speakers upon request.
- Have a visa and Passport that allows re-entry into the US. If the Team Member has a Green Card, the original copy must be provided. There is a \$100 fine for not having your original Green Card at US re-entry.
- The above-named Parents or Guardians of the Team Member have entrusted the Team Member into the care of the Agent, an adult, and duly authorized representative of the Organization while the Team Member participates in this trip.

The Parent or Guardian does hereby authorize the child participating to travel outside of the United States into the nation of Mexico.

Signature of "Mother or Guardian"

Signature of "Father or Guardian"

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State/Country _____

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County of _____

County of _____

On the date of _____

On the date of _____

Before me _____
(Name & Title of Officer / Signer)

Before me _____
(Name & Title of Officer / Signer)

___ Personally known to me

___ Personally known to me

___ Provided to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person executed the instrument.

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Witnessed by my hand and official seal,

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Signature of Notary Public

Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

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18 years of age or older at the time of trip and no notary needed

Signature of "Team Member"

Birth Date (day/month/year)

Consent to Treatment in Mexico

Individual's Name (herein "Team Member")

Salem Alliance Church
Church (herein "Organization")

Name (herein "Parent or Guardian")

Brandon Miller
Staff Member (herein "Agent")

Name (herein "Parent or Guardian")

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I, _____ as (circle one) the Parent/Guardian/Team Member, do hereby authorize the Agent, acting as the Team Member's Agent, to consent to any x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis, or treatment and hospital care of service, which is deemed advisable and is rendered under the general or specific supervision of any licensed or physician and surgeon, or the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being rendered, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the Agent to give specific consent to any such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the above-mentioned physician, in the exercise of his/her best judgment, may deem advisable. I hereby authorize any hospital, which has provided treatment to the Team Member to surrender physical custody of the Team Member to the Agent upon completion of treatment.

These authorizations shall remain effective through the above periods unless sooner revoked in writing and delivered to the Agent.

Signature of "Team Member" _____ Date _____

Signature of "Parent or Guardian" _____ Date _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Address _____

Claim Office Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Doctor's Name _____ Doctor's Phone # _____

Phone # _____ Work # _____

Date of Last Tetanus _____

Signature of "Parent or Guardian" _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____
if parent cannot be reached

Address (if same as above, write "same") _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____ Work # _____

List "Team Member" Allergies, Medications, Illnesses, Dissabilities

