



LIFE CENTER

Mexico
Build/Ministry Mission Trip 2017
November 6th-14th

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Trip details:

- *Date:* November 6th-14th, 2017
- *Group size:* 12-18 people.
*Minimum age: 12 years old; all minors need to be accompanied by a parent or an appointed guardian. The maximum ratio is two minors per adult.
- *Cost:* Approx. \$1,500 depending on airfare (based on 12 people)
Includes: Airfare, accommodations at the Peñasco Mission Center, all food, water, ground transportation, costs associated with the build, ministry expenses, a time of fellowship with our Peñasco friends, as well as trip insurance, and background checks. (Does not include airport meals).
- *Travel logistics:* Fly to Phoenix (2 hours), pick up rental vans and drive to Puerto Peñasco, MX (4 hour drive).



- *Purpose:* To encourage and build relationship with our church partners in Puerto Peñasco; finish build we started in February (addition onto the church for the children's classrooms), participate in ministry and to give Life Center owners a cross-cultural mission trip experience.
- *Plan:* The ministry team of 12-15 will spend 9 days in ministry, support, service, worship and connection with the people of Peñasco. Team will be split with some doing more of the building and some doing more of the outreach, but everyone will have exposure to both.
- *Check out this video of Heidi & Conrad:* <https://vimeo.com/216234039>

WHY we go on short-term mission trips:

- A short-term mission trip requires us to put our faith on the line and give up control; the perfect environment for God to show up and impact our hearts.
- A short-term mission trip is a great way to experience what God is doing in other parts of the world.
- A short-term mission trip helps us to understand more about our own culture and the cultures of others.
- To provide Life Center owners opportunities to purposefully engage with our international partners in the mission field they serve.

HOW: Relief vs. rehabilitation vs. development

- Relief is meeting an urgent and temporary need (e.g. distribution of food after a natural disaster).
- Rehabilitation begins when people's basic needs are met and people and communities are restored to their pre-crisis condition.
- Development is an empowering process, and is not done **to** people or **for** people, but **with** people. Development considers and values the assets of the poor and helps them leverage their assets to help themselves, with a goal of being self-sufficient.
 - Life Center's approach in Mexico is about development. It is important to know that Life Center has an ongoing relationship with our hosts in Peñasco. It is our intention to come alongside the church there and partner with what they are already doing.

Next steps:

- **Pray!**
- Submit Application: **due back by Wednesday July 19, 2017**. We will notify you if you have been selected to go on this trip by July 26, 2017 or before.

- *Get immunizations:* Tetanus required, Malaria, Hepatitis A and B suggested. It is important that you are up to date on your routine vaccinations and have immunizations completed 4-6 weeks before departure.
 - Possible cost: \$300 - \$400: Reliant LifeWorks, Safeway, Walgreens, Fred Meyer, Dr office
 - Centers For Disease Control web page:
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/el-salvador.htm>

- *Required documents:*
 - Passport: **must be valid for six months after your return from the trip.**
 - Or Enhanced Drivers License

- ***Mandatory team building and training schedule:***
 - All will be held at Life Center 12:30-2:30 (Lunch provided)
 - #1 - Sunday, August 6, room 206
 - #2 – Sunday September 3, room 206
 - #3 - Sunday, October 1, room 203
 - #4 - Sunday, October 29, room 203

- *Payment schedule:*

○ August 6	\$500 non-refundable deposit
○ September 3	\$400
○ October 1	\$300
○ October 29	\$300 or balance

- *Fundraising:*
 - Sample contribution letters will be provided as examples for team members to personalize and send to friends and family.

- *Required books:*
 - When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert
 - Available here at Life Center for \$5

- *Questions:*
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