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MEXICO - *July 16-21*

Who are we serving?

- The people of Tijuana through Mexico Caravan Ministries
 - Mexico Caravan Ministries exists to provide physical and spiritual needs of the people of Tijuana and to prepare the hearts of Christians for global missions.
 - Established in 1984
 - Has built 1,500 homes in the last 10 years alone. High Desert Church has been a part of over 100 of those!

How will we be serving?

- We will primarily build casitas. Casitas are 12'x12' structures with one window and one door. These are far more sufficient than their current homes.
- We will also spend a day at an orphanage. Mexico Caravan Ministries partners with a couple of different orphanages. We will be spending a day playing with kids and feeding them lunch.

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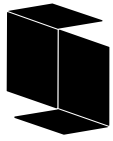
- Tijuana, Mexico
 - Population 1.3 million people.
 - Consists mostly of families that earn \$70 a week on average.
 - Families making \$1200 a month are considered to be in the top 2% of the wealthiest people in Mexico.
- Mexico Caravan Ministries is located next door to an urgent care.

How much does the trip cost?

- Total cost: \$650
 - including a \$50 application fee/deposit due at registration

Do I need a Passport?

- Yes



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SAN FRANCISCO-*July 17-22*

Who are we serving?

- City Impact has been serving the city of San Francisco since 1984. They have a strong belief and desire to see the city of San Francisco transformed by impacting the Tenderloin District. They do that by serving the immediate needs of the community in these areas: Poverty, Children, Hunger
- Only roughly one square mile in size with over 28,000 residents, the Tenderloin is plagued by poverty, crime, addiction, mental health issues, and an oversized homeless population.
- Each year, SF CI serves over 101,000 people; served over 98,000 meals, and reached over 1500 children

How will we be serving?

- Providing relief efforts and a place of community to anyone in need.
 - Feeding the Tenderloin neighborhood through 3 main avenues with their **Rescue Mission**: Hot Meals, Community Delivery, Groceries
 - **SF City KIDS** serves about 4% of the Tenderloin's youth population (2,500-3,000) many other children in the Tenderloin are in need of academic and spiritual support.
 - **SF City Impact Kitchen**. Students will be cooking alongside their Chef and kitchen staff to provide food for the people in the tenderloin, and their fellow students and leaders
 - **SF City Impact Threads For Therapy**. Students will be working at the thrift store building relations with residents by organizing donations.
 - **SF City Impact Design Lab**

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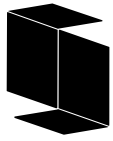
- Tenderloin: Roughly one square mile in size with over 28,000 residents
 - Through City Impact: 136 Taylor St, San Francisco, CA 94102

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Things to start preparing for:

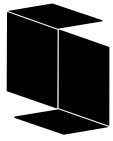
- Prayer! Pray for our team as a whole, for the people we will be serving, for your heart to be prepared to be a servant, and for the finances of the trip.
- Uncomfortable settings. Keep in mind that we are going to an impoverished country or part of our state where many comforts do not exist.
- In comparison to the surroundings, we are staying in a nice place. However, we will be sleeping on bunks with thin mattresses.

Fundraising:

- Support letters are by far the most effective way to raise money.
- Raising support is biblical. Philippians 1:3-5 says, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”
- If Parents are willing to pay, ask them what you can do to earn the money.
- Include pictures from last years’ trip if you have them
- *See Example Letter at the end of this packet*

Homework:

- Pray for our trip
- Write Testimony, 1- 2 pages
- SEND OUT SUPPORT LETTERS NOW!
 - *See Example Letter at the end of this packet*



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Passports

Suggestions on where to get Passports *(You will have to make an appointment!)*

[Apple Valley Town Clerk](#)

14955 Dale Evans Parkway Apple Valley, Ca 92307
(760) 240-7000

[Victorville City Library](#)

15011 Circle Dr, Victorville, CA 92395
(760) 245-4222

[U.S. Postal Office](#)

16333 Green Tree Blvd, Victorville, CA 92395
(760)-241-4433

Costs for Passport Books

**We strongly suggest the book over the card if you want to fly to another country at some point*

Adult (age 16 or older): \$165.00

Child (age 15 and under): \$135.00

When applying for a Passport, please bring:

- Original Birth Certificate (no CA or TX abstracts) or Original Naturalization Certificate (original document must be submitted with the application and will be returned with the passport.)
- One Passport Photograph
- Valid Drivers' License or Valid State ID Card

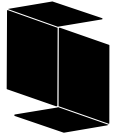
Two-Parent Consent

- Children under the age of 16, must appear with both parents or one parent & the notarized consent of the non-applying parent along with proof of relationship, i.e. a birth certificate listing the parents' names.
- For ages 16-17, only one parent need appear.

Expedited Service

Expedite Fee: \$60.00 per application – Expedited service can take up to 5 weeks

-Beginning January 10, 2022, Express Mail Fee: \$18.32 per application – Returns passport overnight upon completion and provides tracking mechanism



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Sample Support Letter. Please make your own.

January 30, 2023

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! My church is taking a mission trip to Haiti, October 15-21, 2023. We will be serving the community by building houses, feeding the homeless, and assisting REACH in providing basic medical care.

As a middle schooler, I sensed a strong desire to help those in need when helping my church with our homeless street ministry. I have also been taking classes in high school to prepare me to go into the medical field in the future, my desire is to one day become a Doctor. Now that I am in 11th grade, and nearing graduation, I feel this is the perfect trip for me!

As mentioned above, I will be traveling with a team from my church, High Desert Church. We will be working with REACH, a US funded aid relief organization based out of Haiti.

I believe this mission trip to Haiti will be a great opportunity to communicate God's love to the people. While serving the community in Haiti, it will also allow us to love and care for people as we meet needs and minister in Christ's name. Our prayer is to reflect in Christ in everything we say and do.

I know this trip will also be a time for God to grow me spiritually and expand my ability to see the way He is at work in the world today. I can't wait to see Him at work and join Him there! That's why I am writing to ask you to invest in my life and in the ministry opportunity through your prayers and/or financial support.

The first and most powerful thing I am asking you to do is pray for us. Pray that God would use this time to revolutionize my life, but more importantly pray that He would allow us to use the hands and feet of Jesus to bring transformation to these people.

Lastly, I would ask that if you are able to do so, can you help support me financially in achieving my goal to go and serve? The cost of the trip is \$1500. My personal goal is to raise half the money (\$750) in financial support. If you are unable to donate, I will ask for continued prayers for myself and my team.

Please use the enclosed addressed envelope and paper slip to let me know if you can join me in prayer support and if you wish to send in any monetary support.

Thank you and God bless,
(Hand sign each letter)