

A Challenge

This adult & family Mexico Missions Trip, called “The Amigo Project,” is our 20th trip to Children’s Haven International’s (CHI) children’s home in Reynosa, Mexico celebrating CHI’s 45th anniversary.

It’s a great way to put our faith into action and apply the Great Commission of Jesus outside of our “Jerusalem” as we

- use our hands and feet (repairing and remodeling)
- share our lives and the gospel with the children and staff
- experience life in another culture
- deepen our interaction with each other
- get to know the Lord more intimately

CHI serves the needy children of Mexico in order to clothe, feed, educate and most importantly, spread the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Children’s Home depends greatly on volunteer help to accomplish its objectives. By working on maintenance and construction projects, we free up the home to care for more needy children.

Investing a week in service to those whom God cares deeply about will stretch us, give us a new appreciation for how much we have, and encourage us by the joyful hospitality we receive.

Please pray about joining this adventure. We’d love to have you come along!

Pastor Steve Friesen, trip leader

What To Take

An openness to being taught and blessed by God.

Passport - valid through Sept 2018.

Clothing

- **Working** (plan for four days of work): jeans, modest shorts, T-shirts, sweatshirt, work gloves, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses.
- **Casual time and travel:** include swim suit and warm coat. Temperatures in Reynosa can get up to the 70’s-80’s in the day, but may go down to the 40’s at night.
- **Farewell Party:** bring one change of nice casual clothing.

If you want, **bedding, sleeping bag, and pillow.** We sleep on bunk beds in separate dorms for men and women. Sheets, blankets, and pillows are provided.

Snacks, books, games, water, and drinks for traveling.

Personal Supplies

- Bible
- Notebook for journaling
- Camera
- Towels (including washcloths)
- Shower and hygiene supplies

Spanish - any you might remember.

Family pictures and **simple games** for interaction with the children at CHI.



Amigo Project

Numero Veinte (20)
March 1-9, 2018



*Grace Community Church
Adult & Family Mission Trip to
Reynosa, Mexico*

Pastor Steve Friesen, trip leader

Registration Deadline

October 22, 2017

Where Are We Going?

We are going to *Refugio Internacional de Ninos* in Reynosa, Mexico, referred to as Children's Haven International (CHI). We will also stop at CHI's United States headquarters:

400 E Minnesota Road
Pharr, TX 78577
956-787-7378

www.childrenshaven.org

Who May Go?

The trip is open to all adults and families at Grace who want to serve the Lord and are able to handle the 1,800-mile round trip by van. Youth, 17 & under, must be accompanied by an adult family member. Skills in carpentry, electrical and plumbing are especially needed.

There is room for as many as 50 participants and plenty of work to do. Children can help and play at the home which is a safe, self-enclosed facility. *Please pray about joining this adventure.*

What's the Schedule?

March 1-9, 2018

Thur, March 1: Drive to Austin, TX for the night
Fri, March 2: Drive to Mission, TX for the night
Sat, March 3:

Breakfast at motel
Drive to CHI headquarters, Pharr, TX
Cross border into Mexico
Drive to CHI

Sun-Wed, March 4-7: Work at CHI

Thurs, March 8: Leave CHI and spend the night in San Antonio, TX

Fri, March 9: Drive home to Kansas

What is the Cost?

Total cost of the trip includes Registration, Trip Expenses and Personal Expenses.

REGISTRATION (divided into 2 payments)

Ages 2 - 11

Total due: \$150

Deposit due Oct 22: \$40 *non-refundable*

Remainder due Jan 14: \$110 *non-refundable*

Ages 12+

Total due: \$250

Deposit due Oct 22: \$65 *non-refundable*

Remainder due Jan 14: \$185 *non-refundable*

TRIP EXPENSES (PAID AFTER THE TRIP)

Expenses for 2 nights at motel, gas, van rental, insurance and tolls will be totaled and divided among **all travelers**.

Trip Expenses due March 18: approx. \$250 per person.

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Approx. \$50-\$100

- Personal purchases
- Souvenirs
- 8 meals on the road

Note: payments made to Grace for Registration and Trip Expenses are tax deductible and will appear on end-of-year giving statements.

ORIENTATION & TRAINING

Attendance REQUIRED

Activity Center ~ 12 - 2pm

Lunch provided by donation

November 12

December 10

January 14

Registration Form

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March 1-9, 2018

Family Name _____ Email: _____ MB# _____

Address _____ Contact # _____ DOB _____

1. Full Name: _____ Expiration Date _____ Not Yet _____ DOB _____

• Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '18: YES _____ Not Yet _____

2. Full Name: _____ Expiration Date _____ Not Yet _____ DOB _____

• Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '18: YES _____ Not Yet _____

3. Full Name: _____ Expiration Date _____ Not Yet _____ DOB _____

• Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '18: YES _____ Not Yet _____

4. Full Name: _____ Expiration Date _____ Not Yet _____ DOB _____

• Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '18: YES _____ Not Yet _____

5. Full Name: _____ Expiration Date _____ Not Yet _____ DOB _____

• Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '18: YES _____ Not Yet _____

Non-refundable deposit enclosed (due Oct 22): Ages 2 - 11: \$40 Ages 12 & up: \$65
Checks payable to Grace Community Church (with memo line "Mexico Missions Trip") \$ _____ check/cash (circle one)
Please attach check/cash to this form and place in mailbox #179 by Oct. 22, 2017.