A Challenge

This adult & family Mexico Missions Trip, called "The Amigo Project," is our 21st trip to Children's Haven International's (CHI) children's home in Reynosa, Mexico.

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
- o experience life in another culture
- o 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 2020.

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

- o 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 Veintiuno (21) February 29-March 7, 2020



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

Pastor Steve Friesen, trip leader

Registration Deadline

October 27, 2019

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?

February 29-March 7, 2020

Sat, Feb 29: Drive to Buda, TX for the night Sun, March 1: Drive to Pharr, TX

Shop in Progreso

Night in Mission, TX

Mon, March 2:

Cross border into Mexico

Drive to CHI

Mon-Thurs, March 2-5: Work at CHI

Fri, March 6: Leave CHI and spend the night

in San Antonio, TX

Sat, March 7: 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 (age on Feb 29, 2020

Total due: \$175

Deposit due Oct 27, '19: \$50 non-refundable Remainder due Jan 12, '20: \$125 non-refundable

Ages 12+ (age on Feb 29, 2020)

Total due: \$275

Deposit due Oct 27, '19: \$75 non-refundable Remainder due Jan 12, '20: \$200 non-refundable

TRIP EXPENSES (PAID AFTER THE TRIP)

Expenses for 3 nights at motel, gas, van rental, insurance and tolls will be totaled and divided among **all travelers**.

Trip Expenses due March 15, 2020: approx. \$250 per person.

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Approx. \$50-\$100

- Personal purchases
- Souvenirs
- 8 meals on the road

Note: payments made to Grace for Registration (which is a donation to CHI) <u>are</u> tax deductible, and a receipt will be issued from GCC.

ORIENTATION & TRAINING

Attendance REQUIRED

Activity Center ~ 12 - 2pm

Bring a sack lunch

November 10

December 8

January 19

Registration Form

Amigo Numero Veintiuno (21)

February 29-March 7, 2020

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1. Full Name:			DOB
Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '20: YES	Expiration Date	Not Yet	
2. Full Name:			DOB
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3. Full Name:			DOB
Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '20: YES	Expiration Date	Not Yet	
4. Full Name:			DOB
Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '20: YES	Expiration Date	Not Yet	
5. Full Name:			DOB
Mandatory Passport - Valid thru Sept '20: YES	Expiration Date	Not Yet	
Non-refundable deposit enclosed (due Oct 20): Ages 2 - 11: \$50	Ages 12 & up: \$75		

Please attach check/cash to this form and place in mailbox #179 by Oct. 20, 2019.

Checks payable to Grace Community Church (with memo line "Mexico Missions Trip") **\$**_