



BAJA MEXICO
Mission Trip
MAY 26 - 30, 2024

INFO & REGISTRATION

For: Families - Singles - Young Adults - Youth

No Construction Experience Necessary!

Please Take One Per Family Unit.

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Homes of Hope, Baja, Mexico 2024 - Information

Thank you for your interest in the Homes of Hope trip. If you've been on one of our Homes of Hope trips or spoken to someone who has, you know that the trip is a life changing event for everyone involved!

This year we will share the love of God with impoverished families in Mexico. We don't know the specific families we will be building for yet, but we know that they will be families or single parents with children. They will have a very low (survival level) income and be in real need of a secure home. Can you imagine moving from a vulnerable, leaky dirt floor shack into a dry & secure new home in one weekend? **Can you imagine what that would mean to your family?**

No previous travel or construction experience is necessary. This trip is open to: **Families, Singles, Young Adults and Youth** (a *limited number* of spaces are available to minors traveling without a parent. They must be a minimum of 8th grade or older and need to fill out the Student Application, which must be approved by their youth pastor/teacher/group leader).

Thank you for sharing God's love with a needy family in Mexico! This wouldn't happen without people like you who are committed to serving. I'm confident you will be blessed every bit as much as you will be a blessing! **I'm excited to serve alongside you!**

-Tim Nutting

Lead Pastor - Life Community Church

TRIP INFORMATION:

Dates & Meet Up Times: Trip Dates May 26-30*, 2024

- If riding in church vans:** We will depart around 12:30pm Sunday, **May 26** in vans.
- If driving yourself or flying to San Diego:** Meet the group 12:30pm, **May 27** at YWAM San Diego, 1101 Bay Blvd C, Chula Vista, CA 91911.
- If flying** be sure to leave enough time! An Uber from the airport to YWAM San Diego should take approximately 30 minutes. We will return to San Diego around 12pm-1pm, **May 30**. If flying home that day from San Diego, please make sure you book a late enough flight.
- All Participants:** In San Diego the group will board YWAM chartered bus for transport to Mexico.
- *Return Date:** For those driving in church vans we will return to Grand Junction, **May 31**.

Trip Cost Options:

SELF TRANSPORT to San Diego: \$675* per adult (*\$525 age 12 & under, \$375 for 3rd or more child in family). The cost includes transportation from YWAM San Diego Baja to and from Mexico, lodging and food for three nights at the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) base in Mexico. Plan to bring spending money for souvenir shopping in Mexico. Deposit required to save a space (**Early Bird Discount** available - see deposit info below). **Funds an issue?** Don't let that stop you if you feel God's leading you! We've seen God provide so many times... Please reach out to the church and we'll help you with some ideas.

GROUP TRANSPORT to San Diego: Group travel in church vans to and from YWAM San Diego Baja will be made available at an **additional cost** sharing basis. If you would like to use this option please let trip leader know by April 7 meeting. We'll know the exact cost of this option closer to the trip. As a rough estimate plan on an extra \$150 to \$175 per person to cover van, fuel and double occupancy hotel room both directions en-route (families sharing a hotel room can reduce the per person transport cost). Also plan to bring spending money for meals en-route. [OVER]

Deposit: A \$100 per person deposit is required to hold a space. **Early Bird Discount:** \$75 deposit per person if received by **February 29** (deducted from trip total). Deposit is applied toward trip total.

How To Make Payment Donations Towards Trip Costs:

CHECK OR CASH: Please make check payable to Life Community Church and attach a separate note stating “Homes of Hope 2024 – deposit for your name”. Or designate cash the same way using a giving envelope. Drop in giving box at Life Community or mail to:
Life Community Church, 2140 Broadway, Grand Junction, CO 81507

ONLINE: Go to <https://LifeCommunity.ChurchCenter.Com/Giving/To/HOH>

If a friend or family member is donating on your behalf using the online option please have them also send email to Giving@LifeGJ.org and provide date and intended trip participant. **If using a Credit or Debit Card please** be sure to click button to cover processing fee. To avoid fee give via ACH.

Trip Information Meeting: A **Trip Info Meeting** will be hosted at Life Community Church, 2140 Broadway, Grand Junction at 1:00pm Sunday, April 7, 2023. If you have questions in the meantime please email: Info@LifeGJ.ORG or call 970-639-0041.

Payment Due Dates:

- Registration & \$100 per person Deposit to save space due no later than April 10, 2023.
- We anticipate trip could fill up! Reserve spot & save \$25 if deposit is made by Feb 29.
- Remainder of trip cost is due no later than April 24, 2023.

Passport: Please secure a valid Passport for this trip! Visit the Main post office at 4th & Rood or go to www.travel.state.gov/passport for more info on getting a passport. This process can take some time... so don't put it off! In the event that your passport does not arrive on time, alternate transportation can be arranged with Birth Certificate / Photo ID, but please don't plan on that. There will be limited transport for this option so its very helpful if most people have passports.

If you would like to save some cost you can apply for a **Passport card**. The U.S. Passport Card can be used to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry and is more convenient and less expensive than a passport book. Please note: **passport card cannot be used for international travel by air.**

Next Steps: After your registration form and deposit is received please keep an eye out for a confirmation email within a week. We will confirm your space on trip and send an online link to YWAM's release form. Please attend the trip info meeting April 7 - because we will communicate important information and updates there.

If you are under 18 at the time of the trip (and traveling without at least one parent or guardian) please include student application form. We will hold your deposit until approved.

For more info or with questions please email or call:

Life Community Church - info@lifegj.org - 970-639-0041
Or contact your home church Missions contact.

HOMES OF HOPE 2024 - REGISTRATION & RELEASE:

Please fill out one form Per Adult or per Immediate Family Unit.

Name Of First Participant: (If under 18 at time of trip check here _____. Guardians sign page 2)

First _____ Last _____

Male _____ Female _____ Age at time of trip _____

Email Address*: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

*After receiving this form and your deposit, we will email you a YWAM online trip registration link.

Name Of Spouse (If participating):

First _____ Last _____

Male _____ Female _____ Age at time of trip _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone _____

Traveling With Others (we'll do our best to arrange for you to travel together)? Name(s):

Home Church You Are Participating With:

(We'll do our best to group house build teams by Home church)

Name(s) of Children participating: (If 18+ please also sign release on back of form):

First _____ Last _____ Mobile _____

Male _____ Female _____ Age at time of trip _____ Are All Legal Guardians on Trip? Y/N*

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For additional please attach separate page. *If minor is traveling without ANY or ALL legal guardians we will email you an additional form and instructions prior to the trip.

RELEASE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT INCLUDES A COMPLETE RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS OF PARTICIPANT OR RELATIVES AGAINST YWAM AND ANY COMPANY OR CHURCH RELATED TO OR SPONSORING THE PARTICIPANT. PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW THIS AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE INHERENT RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TRAVEL.

Release of Liability (Adult - or Minor Child’s Legal Guardian). I have been informed of the above activity sponsored by Youth With A Mission San Diego/Baja Inc., and/or Youth With A Mission Los Angeles, Inc., both California not-for-profit corporations [collectively “YWAM”] and I hereby voluntarily consent to participate in this activity. I understand all reasonable safety precautions will be taken by the leaders of this activity, and I acknowledge that the possibility of an unforeseen hazard does exist. In consideration of YWAM organizing, arranging and permitting me to attend and participate in the event described above and any related activity, I hereby waive all rights which I may now have or which may accrue in the future against YWAM its respective chapters, directors, officers, employees, agents and members (collectively “YWAM Representatives”), and I hereby release and discharge YWAM and the YWAM Representatives from all liability, and agree to indemnify and hold YWAM and the YWAM Representatives harmless from and against all liability for any and all actions, damages, causes of action, suits, costs, losses, expenses, claims, demands, damages and judgments (collectively the “Losses and Claims”), which I, my spouse, family members, children, invitees, heirs, executors, successors, administrators and assignees, now have or hereafter may have resulting from or arising in connection with my travel to, attendance at or participation in the YWAM event or any related activity. I acknowledge certain legal rights against YWAM or the YWAM Representatives may be available now or in the future as a result of any Losses and Claims, and that by executing this waiver and release of liability, I am forever relinquishing those rights against YWAM and the YWAM Representatives. I acknowledge that no promises, representations, or affirmations of fact were made to me by YWAM or the YWAM Representatives concerning the safety of the event or related activity, the security precautions taken in sponsoring the event, the relative safety or danger associated with traveling to the event or participating in any activity or outing related to, or connected in any way to the event. I affirm that I have read and understand the foregoing provisions of this Release of All Claims, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Agreement and I accept its terms as a condition to my attendance at that event.

Authorization and Consent For Treatment: In case of a medical emergency, I hereby give YWAM my permission to authorize any emergency medical treatment by a physician or nurse as he or she may deem necessary. I authorize the YWAM staff to use their best judgment in managing unforeseen medical emergencies that may arise while on this mission trip.

All provisions above pertaining to the Release of All Claims, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement as well as the Authorization and Consent to Transport, and Emergency Medical Treatment that apply to and refer to YWAM (Youth With A Mission) shall also apply fully to Life Community Church (sponsoring church) and it’s employees, officers and volunteers as well as to any co-sponsoring CHURCH, SCHOOL or ORGANIZATION (it’s employees, officers and volunteers) through which I have been informed of this trip or sent out on this trip.

SIGNED BY ADULT PARTICIPANTS:

Signed Name _____ **Date** _____

Signed Name _____ **Date** _____

Signed Name _____ **Date** _____

Signed Name _____ **Date** _____

(If Children Under 18 are listed on Pg 1) SIGNED BY MINOR PARTICIPANT’S LEGAL GUARDIAN:

Guardian Name(s) _____

Date _____ **Printed Name(s)** _____

This form to be completed only by Students who will be traveling without at least one parent.

Homes of Hope 2024
Student (8th-12th Grade) Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____ Age: _____

Parents' Names _____

Have you talked to your parents about you going on this trip? _____

How do they feel about you going on this trip? _____

Are your parents thinking about going on this trip too? _____

Have you ever been on a trip like this before? Where? _____

Have you ever been to another country? Where? _____

How do you act around people who are different from you? _____

Why do you want to go on this trip?

Why do you think trips like these are important? _____

How difficult do you think it is going to be to raise enough money to go?

Easy 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Hard
Circle One

Please give us the name of an adult Youth Pastor or Teacher/Sponsor other than your parents:

Name _____ Phone _____

How do you know this person? _____

Please turn this in to your local Church Missions contact or mail to:

Life Community, 2140 Broadway BLD A, Grand Junction, CO 81507

You can also email form to: Info@LifeGJ.org along with your registration form.

We will call you back after looking over your application. Several factors will affect number of youth without parents who can go on trip (including the number of youth leaders / sponsors that are able to come).

We will hold your \$100 deposit until you've been approved to go.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are the food and water safe in Mexico? A: Yes and no. As long as you DO NOT drink the tap water. Bottled water is provided for your use both at the work site and at lodging site. Great food is prepared on base by YWAM staff who follow health regulations.

Q: What are accommodations like? A: YWAM facility offers dorm style rooms with around 8-10 bunks each (separate men's and women's room) and a shared bathroom. Linens and bedding are provided. Sometimes families with children will be housed in bunk room together when space is available. YWAM prepares safe and tasty meals with community dining in outdoor courtyard or inside area. WiFi is available at YWAM Base.

Q: Is it sanitary? A: The location you will be staying at is modern with all of the necessary facilities. At the work site there will be hand-sanitizing lotion as well as clean porta-potties for the use of the group only.

Q: What's the weather like? A: It is always difficult to predict the weather. Usually the days are warm while the evenings are cool. The temperature is rarely less than 45 degrees F or higher than 90 degrees F. The climate is very similar to Southern CA & should be quite nice, except for the possibility of showers. Bring work clothes, and at least one sweater. Also a raincoat would be appropriate.

Q: Do we need immunizations? A: None are required. You can check with your medical care provider if you have questions or concerns regarding travel to Mexico.

Q: How do we get there? A: Self Transport: Arrange your own travel to YWAM San Diego and back to Colorado. Travel to Mexico will be in YWAM charter busses or vans. **B: Group Transport:** We will travel in rented 12 passenger vans to San Diego, then transfer to YWAM transportation to cross the border.

Q: Do I need to bring tools? A: No, Youth With A Mission Provides everything we need to build the house.

Q: How Long Does It Take To Build A House? A: Each house takes 2 full days to build or a total of about 16 hours. YWAM has the concrete slab poured and the material and tools already at the build site when you arrive. YWAM has experienced builders working with your team to ensure you stay on schedule. Everything is provided, including food and water for your team, and it's safe and fun.

Q: What is YWAM? YWAM stand for Youth With A Mission. It is among the largest non-denominational Christian missions in the world. YWAM Sand Diego/Baja has more than 180 full time staff that live and work in San Diego and the Baja region of Mexico with locations at San Antonio Del Mar and Ensenada. Homes of Hope has placed over 5,500 families in homes globally.

What to Bring: Please Pack only ONE suitcase + ONE small carry on. You need to be able to carry all your luggage in one load for border crossings.

General Packing list:

- Passport
- Personal toiletries (Shampoo, toothbrush, etc) & Sunblock
- Water bottle for travel (purified water bottles provided on job site)
- Moist towelettes / hand sanitizer
- Towel (YWAM provides bedding)
- Flashlight and batteries
- Bible, Journal

Suggested Clothing:

- Work pants (please no short-shorts) & Work Hat - Be prepared to get your clothes very dirty at the work site!
- Work shirts (please **don't bring** spaghetti strap tops)
- Work shoes (closed-toe)
- Casual/comfortable shoes
- Casual clothing for travel/other times (Please no short-shorts or spaghetti strap tops)
- Jacket or sweater (it's often cold traveling and chilly at the YWAM base)