

MEXICAN MEDICAL'S CARAVAN MINISTRIES

WHAT IS A CARAVAN?



A Caravan is a group of young people or adults that have come together in unity and purpose, giving of themselves for service to the Lord in a cross-cultural environment that includes both physical and spiritual labor.

When you come to Mexico with us you can be assured that you will be in the hands of experienced site directors. These site directors will have the work projects prepared, evangelism outreaches organized and the housing arrangements ready for your group's arrival.

Your group will be involved with a building project that will help meet the needs of those that will be impacted the most. In addition to a construction project there will be the opportunity for your group to participate in evangelism outreaches to children and adults who live and work in the community.

WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM BEING PART OF A CARAVAN?

BEING A PART OF A TEAM MEANS THAT YOU WILL:

- ✦ Learn how to work together both physically and spiritually.
- ✦ Provide support for a local evangelical church and community.
- ✦ Gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a family in Christ.

AS AN INDIVIDUAL YOU WILL:

- ✦ Develop a deeper understanding of who God is.
- ✦ Experience missions in a foreign country.
- ✦ Build lasting relationships across language and cultural barriers.
- ✦ Develop a more thankful heart for the blessings God has given you.
- ✦ Gain a new perspective on scripture as you suddenly see the world through the eyes of the poor.
- ✦ Add a new dimension to your personal relationship with God and open new doors to understanding His call in your life.

WHAT WILL OUR CARAVAN TEAM DO IN MEXICO?

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Each Caravan that comes down to one of our sites is assigned a construction project. It may be a building at the site itself or it could be at a local church or a house for a pastor or doctor. The building projects are done so those needs are met in order that the gospel of Jesus Christ might be presented.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Our *main purpose* in Mexico is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost. This is accomplished through a variety of ministry opportunities.

Health Fair Ministry



This ministry project will use a Health Fair to draw people to a place where the Gospel will be shared. The Caravan participants will work alongside a local church to conduct a Health Fair for the people in the community.

A Health Fair will consist of stations that will have health services, (e.g. taking blood pressure), health education (e.g. importance of washing hands) or games that are health-related. Health Fair stations are set up to teach both physical and spiritual health through a variety of games, demonstrations and printed material.

Children's Outreach Ministry



Groups participate by assisting a local national church by making the Gospel of Christ available to the Mexican children. Groups bring resources to help teach Bible stories through puppet and drama skits, crafts and playing games.

Film Ministry



Groups are given the opportunity to participate in the showing of Evangelical Christian movies in the communities or work camps in the area they are serving. The goal is to reach the people with the Gospel. The size of the communities and work camps varies from 200 - 2,000 people. Thousands of people have been reached through this ministry.

Sports Ministry



This ministry is designed to attract young people through sports activities. Basketball, volleyball, and soccer are played the most. This gives you a way to get to know the local young people and establish a friendship that will last forever. We have seen the Lord work many times in this area of ministry.

MEXICAN MEDICAL'S FACT SHEET

MISSION STATEMENT:

- Mexican Medical Ministries' purpose is to share God's love to the people of Mexico so that they may have an intimate relationship with God.
- Youth and adult volunteers reach out to the community by demonstrating lifestyle evangelism in action.

MINISTRY SITE LOCATIONS:

Northern Baja

- Nueva Odisea - Clínica La Esperanza
- Ensenada –Gabriel House
- San Vicente - Clínica El Buen Pastor
- Tecate – Seminario Teológico de Baja California, A.C.

- Tijuana, Col. Francisco Villa – El Buen Samaritano

Baja California Sur

- Cabo San Lucas
- Loreto

Palenque, Chiapas

- Hospital El Buen Pastor

MISSION TEAMS:

- **Caravan Teams** – These are groups that come from churches to do a construction project and also a ministry project such as a health fairs, Vacation Bible School, film ministry, sports ministry or door-to-door ministries.
- **Medical Teams** – These are individuals that come with Mexican Medical and together form a team that will do a medical project with a ministry component.
 - M.A.S.H.: These are teams made up of individuals that go on scheduled trips all over Mexico and work in connection with a local church.
 - Weekender Teams: These are teams of medical and support personnel that come on a regularly scheduled basis to serve at one of our ministry sites.
 - Specially Scheduled Medical Teams: Professionals such as doctors, dentists or nurses come and work with our Mexican Medical staff at one of our ministry sites.

STAFFING: The medical facilities in Mexico are staffed and managed by Mexican nationals and work with our missionaries. There are approximately 40 American & Canadian missionary staff members working alongside national staff members.

FUNDING: Faith support from churches and private individuals provides the sustenance for day-to-day operations and special projects. None of our area missionaries are on paid salary; they are faith missionaries that rely on support from individual supporters and churches.

NON-PROFIT: All gifts to Mexican Medical are tax deductible. Mexican Medical is an interdenominational, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, Federal ID #956196019, incorporated in California, State of California #CT-90952 and a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) member #12045, and Christian Service Charities (CSC).

Mexican Medical Ministries 2009 CARAVAN FEES

General Money Information

- The participation fee covers the following:
 - ✓ Materials for the construction project.
 - ✓ Facilities expenses (dorm, kitchen, utilities, etc.)
 - ✓ Administration expenses
- Participation fees are due 1 month prior to the mission trip.

Trips are based on a \$30.00 a day per person.	Group Registration Fee	Individual Participation Fees
WEEKEND (3-day trip)	\$50.00	\$85.00
WEEKLONG (7-day trip) Application received prior 12/31/08	\$125.00	\$190.00
WEEKLONG (7-day trip) Application received after 12/31/08	\$125.00	\$200.00

- **ATTENTION CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS:** All fees should be paid in U.S. dollars. Please send all monies via U.S. Money Order, not by Canadian cheque.
- Ages 8 and under are free. If you want t-shirts for children under 8, there will be a charge of \$10.00.
- In case of **cancellation**, participation fees (for groups and individuals) will be refunded using the following guidelines:
 - ✓ **50%** will be refunded if notice is given, in writing, three weeks prior to the scheduled arrival at the ministry site.
 - ✓ **No refund** will be given if the notice of cancellation is received later than three weeks before the scheduled arrival of the group.

Expenses Not Covered By Participation Fees

- **Food** at the site and meals enroute for your group
- **Personal** gifts
- **Transportation** (airfares, van rental, gas, toll road fees, etc.)
- Mexican auto **insurance**
- **Traveler's Health Insurance**
- Vacation Bible School **materials** for crafts and games
- **Special Projects.** If your team is interested, the area missionary can suggest an additional specific project that would need additional monies to complete.

MEXICAN MEDICAL MINISTRIES 2009 CARAVAN APPLICATION

Please mail in this form with application fee as soon as possible!
\$50.00 for a weekend group / \$125.00 for week or more
 This amount is not a deposit and is non-refundable. When completed please return to:
 Mexican Medical Ministries
 7850 Lester Ave
 Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Church or Organization name: _____

Church or Organization's address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip +4: _____

Church or Organization's Phone number: _____

Church Website: _____

Denomination/Affiliation of Church or Organization: _____

Name of the Pastor of the church: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Group leader of the mission trip: _____

Group leader's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip +4: _____

Phone number: Work _____ ext.: _____ Cell: _____

Home _____ E-mail _____

Has this leader accompanied a caravan with Mexican Medical before? Yes ___ No ___

If no, has this leader had a similar experience? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, when and where did this leader go? _____

- Desired Caravan dates: 1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____
- Desired Site: (Please check the site you would like to take your caravan to)

<input type="checkbox"/> Cabo San Lucas	<input type="checkbox"/> Gabriel House	<input type="checkbox"/> La Esperanza	<input type="checkbox"/> Loreto	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Palenque	<input type="checkbox"/> San Vicente	<input type="checkbox"/> Tecate	<input type="checkbox"/> Tijuana

- Approximate number: Total: ___ (Type of group: H.S. ___; College ___; Adult ___)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK SIDE OF THE APPLICATION

- Number of people who speak Spanish fluently _____
- Has your group come with Mexican Medical before? Yes ___ No ___
 If so, what year(s) and what site(s) did the group go to? _____

- If this is your group's first mission trip with Mexican Medical how did your group come in contact with us?
 ___ Recommended by a friend/acquaintance. Who recommended? _____
 ___ Received information at a conference / seminar / Mission Fest / etc.
 At what conference or meeting did you receive the information?

 ___ We received the information by: _____

- What specific goals do you wish to accomplish during your time in Mexico? _____

- What are your plans to prepare your caravan team for the mission trip? _____

- **Caravan Leader's Manual:** In what form would you like to receive the manual?
 ___ Hard Copy; ___ C.D.; ___ via e-mail attachment