

Please answer each of the following in order to be considered for an HDC Missions Trip:

YES NO

- I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- I am 18 or older and regular attendee or member of High Desert Church.
- I have had previous ministry experience.
- I am willing and able to raise all of the needed finances.
- I am willing and able to be a servant to those in the indigenous culture.
- I am willing to share my personal testimony and explain the Gospel of Jesus to others so that they too might come into the family of God.

A “no” answer to any of the above questions may hinder your ability to participate in the proposed mission trip. Please talk to the trip leader or the Missions Pastor about any questions or concerns.

**Passports/passport cards are now required for travel to Mexico.
Please bring original in to be copied when you turn in completed application.**

Signature Page for Team Casa

(Please return only this signature page & retain the others for your records.)

Participant's name (please print): _____

Passport/Passport Card Number (REQUIRED): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

In signing below, I agree to all the conditions stated in the **Personal Covenant & Liability Release** and the **Mexico Travel Requirements**. I further agree that I will be bound by this agreement for the calendar year in which it was signed for any and all trips with High Desert Church.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MINOR AUTHORIZATION & LIABILITY RELEASE:

If participant is under 18 years of age: I as a parent/guardian of the above participant, agree to accept all of the previous conditions and requirements stated in the **Personal Covenant & Liability Release** and the **Mexico Travel Requirements**.

I also understand that all minors must have a parent/guardian present on the trip. Additionally, a notarized Parental Consent form from a non-participating parent/guardian will be required for minor's participation in this trip. In case of any emergencies, I hereby empower the trip leader(s) to administer any course of action they deem necessary. Furthermore, I relinquish any rights to hold High Desert Church, its employees, officers, volunteers, agents and successors or assigns liable for any personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENT:

I understand that I am required by High Desert Church to have medical insurance in order to participate in mission trips. If I do not have medical insurance, I will be required to purchase insurance for each mission trip I participate in and the cost will be added to the total trip cost. I have read and understand this requirement:

Participant/Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I have my own insurance. I need to purchase trip insurance.

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Personal Covenant & Liability Release Form

The guidelines listed below are required for those participating on all trips in which HDC has a part. You go as a guest of other places and countries. Many locations will not have the same conveniences you are used to at home. It is very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of your host. **After reviewing the following guidelines, please sign and return the Signature Page to the Missions Department at High Desert Church.**

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the effectiveness and safety of our short-term missions. If accepted as a member of this team, I agree to the following:

1. Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to understand and learn about the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoints or style. I go, knowing that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective and I know that my way is not necessarily the best.
2. Respect the people and cultures we visit and abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, varying styles of worship or traditions.
3. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
4. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader(s) and promise to abide by all their decisions as they concern this mission trip.
5. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, including and in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including but not limited to such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
6. Expeditiously follow-up on all requirements for passports, visas, financial obligations, vaccinations, travel insurance, and all other things necessary for this mission/travel experience. All participants must have an acceptable form of personal identification. See leader for details.
7. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team unless other prior arrangements are made.
8. Attend all team meetings, both prior to departure and during the mission trip unless other arrangements are made.
9. Abstain from any illegal drugs, substances, or prohibited activities on any trip. Also abstain from using tobacco and any and all alcoholic beverages.
10. Avoid any actions that might be perceived as amorous (loving) attentions toward the indigenous people I meet.

11. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered by the team leader (s) so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my participation shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
12. Refrain from complaining and obscene or insensitive humor. Also refrain from gossip or any dissension.
13. Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or mission organization. I will respect and follow the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking, and other such traditions that will help me to assimilate into the local community.
14. Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewelry, and other similar items. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave can cause problems for our host, particularly jealousy and bitterness amongst those locals who received no such largesse. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the team leader(s) before I promise or give the gift, and I promise to let them make the final decision on this matter. This covenant does not apply to the small fellowship tokens that were discussed and approved before leaving home.
15. Understand that every member of this group is expected to work hard and to share freely from their particular blessings and talents, whether that is a skill such as music, art, carpentry, or basic hard work. I agree to participate in these ways as fully as possible.
16. Understand that ministry is not always predictable. I understand that I will need to be flexible and the program may be altered when it is clear that the local ministry needs something different from what has been planned. While the group leader(s) will try to predict what is needed, sometimes they cannot know until they are on the field. I understand that on arrival, the group leader will meet with the local ministry to make final decisions on how the group can best serve. I also know I may end up not doing the service I planned. This might mean doing something I'm not completely prepared for or that seems a small contribution to how far I have traveled. I will bear in mind that God sometimes gives rewards in unlikely tasks.
17. I understand that I will not display affectionate physical touch or words of affection to someone I am not married to. Dating is not permitted on HDC mission trips. Married couples will also need to be cautious about public displays of affection while in the host culture or with team members.
18. Team leaders may set curfews for all team members to observe. These curfews may include a time for lights out and in bed. See the leader for details.
19. There is no wandering off or leaving the team without prior permission from the team leader.
20. Release and discharge the organizations and individuals that helped make these arrangements, including HDC, any other sponsoring church, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have, against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.

HDC Mexico Mission Trip Requirements

TRAVEL WARNINGS: As of 5/15/09 the CDC lifted the recommendation that non-essential travel to Mexico be avoided. Please check CDC website for current conditions.

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/mexico.aspx>

1. A passport or a passport card is required by everyone. Copies of passports are to be carried by team leader and also by HDC.

The new U.S. Passport Card is now being issued. The card may not be used to travel by air and is available only to U.S. citizens. Further information is available at

http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card/ppt_card_3926.html and upcoming changes to U.S. passport policy can be found on the Bureau of Consular Affairs web site at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html.

We strongly encourage all American citizen travelers to apply for a U.S. passport well in advance of anticipated travel. American citizens can visit travel.state.gov or call 1-877-4USA-PPT (1-877-487-2778) for information on how to apply for their passports

2. Mexican tourist visas are required (based on border crossing standards).

Tourist Travel: U.S. citizens do not require a visa or a tourist card for tourist stays of 72 hours or less within "the border zone," defined as an area between 20 to 30 kilometers of the border with the U.S., depending on the location. U.S. citizens traveling as tourists beyond the border zone or entering Mexico by air must pay a fee to obtain a tourist card, also known as an FM-T, available from Mexican consulates, Mexican border crossing points, Mexican tourism offices, airports within the border zone and most airlines serving Mexico. The fee for the tourist card is generally included in the price of a plane ticket for travelers arriving by air.

3. No minors are allowed unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian (no exceptions). An original notarized permission slip from a second parent or legal guardian, not on the trip, must be carried.

Minors: Mexican law requires that any non-Mexican citizen under the age of 18 departing Mexico must carry notarized written permission from any parent or guardian not traveling with the child to or from Mexico. This permission must include the name of the parent, the name of the child, the name of anyone traveling with the child, and the notarized signature(s) of the absent parent(s). The State Department recommends that the permission should include travel dates, destinations, airlines and a brief summary of the circumstances surrounding the travel. The child must be carrying the original letter – not a facsimile or scanned copy – as well as proof of the parent/child relationship (usually a birth certificate or court document) – and an original custody decree, if applicable. Travelers should contact the Mexican Embassy or closest Mexican Consulate for current information.

*Due to unforeseeable conditions, these requirements may be adjusted at any time.
We thank you in advance for your understanding.*