

Mexico Trip Itinerary July 14-21, 2009 (Revised 4/09)

Tuesday 7/14	Wednesday 7/15	Thursday 7/16	Friday 7/17
3:30 AM Leave for airport	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	7:00 Breakfast
8:30 Flight leaves Newark	8:30 Check out of hotel	9:00 Team Devotions	8:00 Leave for city
12:45 PM Arrive in Mexico	9:00 Leave for Sierra	10:00 Sightseeing	1:00 Arrive
1:30 Lunch	2:00 Arrival	2:00 Lunch	2:00 Lunch
2:30 Check into hotel	2:30 Lunch	3:00 Evangelism	3:00 Evangelism
4:00 – 8:00 Sightseeing and dinner	4:00 Evangelism	5:30 Prayer	7:00 Prayer
Team Prayer Time	5:30 Prayer	6:00 Evening service	7:30 Evangelism
	6:00 Evening Service	9:00 Refreshments	10:00 Refreshments w/ host family
	9:00 Refreshments		
	Return to host families		
B \$5 L\$5 D \$10	B hotel L \$5 D host	B host L \$5 D host	B,L,D \$10

Mexico Trip Itinerary, Cont.

Saturday 7/18	Sunday 7/19	Monday 7/20	Tuesday 7/21
8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	Breakfast	7:00 Breakfast
9:00 Evangelism w/ Leyes	9:00 Leave for church	9:00 Devotions	8:00 Leave for City
1:00 Lunch w/ Leyes	10:00 Worship Service	10:00 Sightseeing	10:30 Arrive at Airport
5:00 Youth Service	1:00 Lunch	1:00 Lunch	12:30 Leave for home
7:00 Refreshments	3:00 Leave for Cocoyoc	2:00 Free time	
8:00 Return to host families	6:00 Light meal	5:00 Light meal	
	7:00 Worship & prayer	7:00 Worship & Prayer; Debrief	
B host L\$5 D host	B host L host D \$5	B,L,D \$10	B,L,D \$10 Total: \$70

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

Total Estimated Trip Cost:

\$350 – ticket (paid to church unless bought separately)

\$100 – hotel for arrival night (paid to church) *per couple or divide in ½ for singles staying together

\$100 – food (paid individually)

\$75 – transportation (paid to church)

\$625.00

Drama Team Practice Times:

June 10, 24, July 8 - 6-7:30 PM (Wed)

Present to youth group: **Wed. July 8**

Present to church: **Sun. July 12**

México City Information and History

Set in a high valley under two volcanoes, México (Mexico City) was capital of the Aztec Empire until the 1500s. With a population second only to Tokyo's, the city confronts poverty, congestion, and pollution. Splendid museums and glittering avenues ornament this lofty capital, where beneath the layers of modernity, archaeologists still find objects revealing the brilliance of pre-Colombian cultures.

Population

City proper 8,605,239
Metro area 19,013,000

Elevation

2,224 meters (7,296 feet)

Temperature

January 19°/6°C (66°/43°F);
July 23°/12°C (73°/54°F)
Average daily High/Low °C (°F)

Rainfall

January 8 (0.3);
July 129 (5.1)
Average monthly mm (inches)

Time Zone

-6 hours UTC (Coordinated Universal Time)

Main Religion: Roman Catholic

Currency: Peso (10.5 pesos to the dollar)

Mexico covers almost two million square kilometers. It is the fourteenth largest country in the world, and the fifth largest in the Americas. It is also the most populated Spanish speaking country in the entire world.

Mexico consists of a federation of thirty one states and one federal district. The district, Mexico City, is one of the most populated cities on a global level. Mexico has a population of about one hundred and three million people.

Mexico has a democratic represented and republican government. It is based on the congressional system in line with the 1917 Constitution. The constitution has three levels of the government: the Federal Union, the State Governments and the Municipal Governments. The three separate branches of the Government are the Judiciary, Legislative and the Executive. Mexico has a free market economy. It has the highest per capita income in all of Latin America. It is also the thirteenth largest economy worldwide.

Mexico City has hosted the nineteenth Olympic Games in 1968. It is the only Latin America country to do so. It has also hosted the FIFA World Cup twice, in 1970 and 1986.

The national sport of Mexico is the masculine Bull fighting. All the large cities in Mexico have bullrings. The largest bullring in the world is La Monumental in Mexico City. Apart from the national sport, the favorite sport of Mexico is soccer. It has two National First Division Leagues. Baseball comes a close second in the list of popular sport of Mexico.

Mexico City Weather:

Mexico City has a moderate temperature throughout the year because of its amazing location on a high altitude of the Central plateau of Mexico. The afternoon rain during the months of July to September is a common climatic condition.

List of Participants (as of April)

1. Gustavo Ramirez
2. Twila Ramirez
3. Mickey Ramirez
4. Madelyn Ramirez
5. Ellie Ramirez
6. Evie Ramirez
7. Merle Stutzman
8. Lorraine Stutzman
9. Andrew Smither
10. Daniel Symond
11. Lisa Bernard
12. Clair Zeager
13. Becky Strause
14. Rachael Kahler

~Team Coordinator, Pastor Gustavo

Misc. Notes:

- Do not plan on traditional bathing facilities when we are in the mountains.
- Do not carry money in a purse or place that is easily accessible.
- Make a copy of your passport and only carry the copy on you.
- No shots are necessary for this trip unless you are due for a tetanus shot.
- We will be hosted by local church families every night after our arrival night. We will try to put two or more people together so no one is alone, and when possible, keep you with the same families for the nights we are in Mexico City. In the mountains, we will sleep in tents at the church plant base. ** If possible, bring two small hostess gifts (\$3-5 each); one for the host family in the city and one for the family in the mountains.*
- Airline regulations have recently changed! Continental Airlines now only allows one luggage piece to be checked in. Additional pieces are \$25 a piece.
- Check out our Facebook page for updates, posts, and photos (Mexico City Missions Trip 2009)

Luggage Checklist: (Please pack light! You can wash your clothes on site if necessary)

- Short sleeve shirts/blouses
- Sweaters or jackets for evening hours
- Shorts and/or slacks or jeans (shorts are typical tourist attire)
- Walking shoes
- Sleeping bag/pillow
- Towel/washcloth
- Dress clothes for Sunday service
- Toiletries (travel size if possible; all liquids over 3 oz. cannot be in carry on bag)
- Bible and journal; small Spanish dictionary

Outreach Locations

Agrupacion Familiar

Location: Mexico City (Pastors Gerardo and Fernanda Bravo)

This church was planted in 1987 by the pastors from a small Bible Study. It became part of the Hopewell Network of churches in 2006. It currently has three daughter churches, one in the south of Mexico City (Pedregal), led by Pastor Alex and Cheryl, and two in the Puebla mountains, Zapotitlan and a neighboring town.

Zapotitlan

Location: Puebla (Missionaries Israel and Abigail; Mary Groves)

This is one of the mountain church plants mentioned above. They began services in early 2007. Zapotitlan is a small rural town with one school, Catholic church, library, and small vendors. It is Pastor Gerardo's birth town. His relatives run the missions base where we will be staying.

Dios Con Nosotros Fellowship

Location: Leyes de Reforma, Mexico City (Pastors Cesar and Mimi Marin)

This church was started in 1989 by missionary Robert Stevenson and two local pastors. This is where Pastor Gustavo came to Christ and was discipled. It is also where he and Twila met in 1992 and served until 1995.

Please take time to regularly pray for these outreach locations and those leading them. Ask God for words of encouragement and prophecy ahead of time to share while we are among them. We invite you to fast with us every Tuesday 7am-3pm from April 15 through our departure date, with a specific focus on the nation of Mexico. Regular times of fasting and prayer will help to adequately equip our spirits for the mission trip and enlarge our perspective as to the spiritual climate. It will also bring unity to our team!



Approximate Travel Times:

From airport to hotel: 30 minutes

From hotel to P. Gerardo's church: 45 min.

From Gerardo's church to Zapotitlan, Puebla: 5-7 hrs.

From Gerardo's church to Alex's church: 30 minutes

From Gerardo's church to Cesar's church: 30 minutes