



## **GENERAL INFO**

### Who is invited on this missions trip?

All adults who attend Crossline Church are invited to apply. Children can join their parents on the outreach without an application although we encourage high school age students to complete their own application. Additional costs for family members can be fundraised or paid together.

### When is the trip?

Depart early AM Friday November 15, 2024 – Return very late PM Sunday November 17, 2024

### What are the requirements for going on the trip?

An application with deposit for the mission trip is required and application is not a guarantee of participation. All applicants are reviewed by The Global Mission and Crossline Community Church Staff. The application process includes a background check with a “Live Scan.” Because you will be in contact with vulnerable populations, the background check and Live Scan are mandatory.

As a participant of this trip, you will be immersed in a different language and culture and be exposed to experiences that can be stressful as well as physically, mentally and emotionally demanding. We require that you disclose any and all conditions that could arise while serving in international ministry.

## **COST AND FUNDRAISING**

### What is the cost to attend this missions trip?

The cost to attend this missions trip is \$265 per person. This includes transportation, 7 meals, and accommodations. There is a nonrefundable, nontransferable \$95 deposit due when you apply for the trip. Applicants who are not accepted will be refunded a portion of their deposit less administrative fees for the background check and application processing.

### When is the money for the trip due?

THE FINAL FINANCIAL DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 10! The \$95 non-refundable deposit is due when you apply for the trip.

### Can I fundraise to cover the cost?

Absolutely. We encourage everyone to fundraise. The staff at The Global Mission will give you the tools needed, including a fundraising page that can accept credit card donations. All donations that other people make to your trip should be made payable to The Global Mission and are tax deductible to the extend allowed by law. You can email [dave@theglobalmission.org](mailto:dave@theglobalmission.org) for assistance.

### Are there scholarships available?

Scholarships depend on the generosity of donors. We encourage everyone to fundraise to cover the cost of their trip. If you need help, please reach out to [dave@theglobalmission.org](mailto:dave@theglobalmission.org).

## **TRAVEL**

### Do I need a passport?

Yes! Everyone needs a passport to travel in and out of Mexico. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PASSPORT IS VALID. Go and find it and touch it with your hands – don't assume you have it and it's still good. A copy of the photo page is required to complete your application. If your passport is expired, you will not be allowed to cross the border. If you have questions about applying for, renewing or any other passport questions, please email [dave@theglobalmission.org](mailto:dave@theglobalmission.org).

### How will we be getting to Ensenada?

We will be driving down as a team in a caravan of our own trucks / SUVs. All team participants will meet in the Crossline parking lot early Friday morning. We need drivers. We will coordinate Mexico Auto Insurance, which is a separate and mandatory insurance for driving in Mexico. If you are not driving, it's best if you can arrange to have someone drop you off, but if not, you can keep your car parked at Crossline over the weekend.

### When will we be getting back?

We will be arriving at the Crossline campus extremely late Sunday night.

### Is Baja Mexico safe?

While we can never promise you that crossing the street to get your mail is "safe" we can tell you that doing ministry in Baja Mexico continues to be a very safe activity for decades of experience. Between Crossline Church, The Global Mission, YUGO and Hands of Mercy, none of our ministries has ever had a person harmed during our mission and outreach trips, and our leaders are familiar with the people, region and culture.

### What should I pack?

You will be given a detailed packing list once you are accepted for the mission trip. In general, you will need to bring your passport; toiletries; modest clothing for church, house building and relaxing; closed toe shoes; any of your required prescriptions (including glasses, even if you wear contacts), etc. Please also bring a towel and washcloth. Bed linens will be provided. Please do not over pack, everything should fit into a duffel bag and a backpack.

### Can I bring prescription medications?

Yes. We recommend backing enough for the trip plus a little extra just in case. You should bring a copy of the prescription with you and make sure the bottles are labeled.

### Will we be eating along the way?

Yes, we will stop for lunch on the way down to Ensenada. You will need to pay for that meal and any snacks you wish to buy out of pocket. Dinner on Friday night and all 3 meals Saturday and Sunday are included in your trip costs.

## **MINISTRY**

### What will we be doing in Ensenada?

Our primary goals are to build a home and to build relationships with the family we are building for and the neighbors in the community. A detailed itinerary will be provided before the trip, but here is a general schedule:

Friday – Travel and Get Checked In with our partners at the YUGO Campus. Dinner is served at YUGO.

Saturday – Build the Loft House. Breakfast and dinner served at YUGO. Sack lunch provided by YUGO. (Sometimes the family cooks us lunch instead.) We will present the keys to the home by sunset!

Sunday – Ministry Day. Breakfast served at YUGO. We will attend a Mexican church, followed by amazing taco lunch at a restaurant with the pastors and their families, and then deliver care packages to families of previous builds. Then out to dinner for more tacos before a special outreach service that evening back at church before the drive and long wait to cross the border back home.

### I've never built a house; can I still go on the trip?

Of course! Most people on the trip will have never built a house before. There will be people on site with experience who will take the lead on the build. And there are a variety of jobs for different skill levels. All you need is a willingness to work hard and get your hands dirty.

### I have limited physical abilities. Can I still go on the trip?

Most likely, yes! There are a variety of jobs for people with different physical capabilities. If you have specific concerns, please email [dave@theglobalmission.org](mailto:dave@theglobalmission.org).

### Will we meet the family we are building a house for?

Yes! You will also get to meet other families that we have built houses for over the past 3 years.

### How are the families chosen to receive a house?

Our partners with Hands of Mercy and YUGO work with a network of pastors in the Ensenada area who have been doing ministry for years in the community, and we have also been working with these ministries for years. The very first mission trip that Crossline Church took in 2006 was with Hands of Mercy. The pastors make sure that the families receiving a loft house have a need, have legal access to the land, will be able to stay in the community at least one year, and are willing to receive the house in the name of Jesus Christ. The family does not need to profess faith in Christ or attend church.

## **ACCOMODATIONS**

### Where will we be staying?

We will be staying in a dorm style accommodation provided by YUGO ministries. You can read more about them and even see pictures here <https://www.yugo.org/see-campus>. The YUGO campus has bunk house style rooming with bathrooms and showers with hot water, a coffee house with Wi-Fi and a fantastic cafeteria for our breakfast and dinner.

### What about the water?

There will be safe drinking water available at all times. And hot water for showering (not drinking.)

### Is there Wi-Fi?

There is Wi-Fi on the YUGO campus. There are also standard US 110v plugs in the dorms for charging devices. There will not be Wi-Fi and may not be wireless / cell service at the building site or at any ministry sites. We recommend you either activate a mobile plan for Mexico when crossing the border or putting your phone in airplane mode and then turning Wi-Fi on and leaving your cell service off until returning to the U.S.

### Will meals be provided?

Yes, we will be providing dinner on Friday night, three meals on Saturday, three meals on Sunday.

### What will the weather be like?

Weather in Ensenada in November is just like Southern California with daytime highs in the upper 60s to low 70s and nights in the low 50s to mid 40s. We prayerfully will avoid the rare days of rain.

### Do I need to bring bedding?

YUGO will provide blankets and pillows but some people like their own sleeping bag. You need your own towel and toiletries.