

AIMexico

Youth Mission Experience to Monterrey, Mexico

Practical Application

Housing Arrangements

- Rules of housing facility.
- Respect your place of lodging. Keep facilities clean at all times. When we arrive at the hotel at night. It will be late. All AIM members are expected to return to their room and GET SOME SLEEP, as our days will be hard and long!
- Watch valuables.
- Rules in rooms.
- Be quiet in lobby areas.

Food Arrangements

While in Monterrey, most of our meals will be normal restaurants that all of us are well acquainted with, however, inevitably, there will be a restaurant or meal that you don't particularly care for. In this case, remember the section on attitude, and understand that the next meal may be something you love, but someone else doesn't. We are all going to have to give in a bit and act like we enjoy it, even if we do not.

- Meal times.
 - Early morning continental breakfast at the Hampton Inn.
 - Lunch and dinner will be at restaurants.
- Drink lots of water! It will be HOT and you WILL dehydrate. Your mime make-up will be harder to take off if you are dehydrated.

Emergency Procedures

- If sick, notify leaders immediately.
- First Aid kits in lead van and make-up/ backstage area.
- Telephone numbers of local contacts, hotel.
- What to do if you get lost:
- Guard fanny packs and backpacks at all times.

Ministry

- During Club de Niño's & Adult evening Services
- Altar ministry instructions

Safety

- Always stay in groups.
- Always have a guy in a group.
- Never go anywhere by yourself.
- No purses (backpacks or fanny packs instead)

Being Sent Home

- We will send students home at their expense if need be (violation of rules, etc)
- Cannot tolerate selfishness, complaining, and whining.
- Jesus and the apostles faced so much compared to what we endure.

Costs that will be Your Responsibility

- Souvenirs
- Snacks, etc.

Hotel Information

In San Antonio, Texas, USA:

Hampton Inn-San Antonio
11010 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78230
Phone # (210) 561-9058

In Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico:

Hampton Inn (Monterrey Norte)
Av. Universidad 501 NT.
San Nicolas De Low Garza, N.I. 66450
Phone # 011-528-376-5000

Absolutely follow all directions. No questions asked. Decisions will be based on the group as a whole and not individuals. Everyone is expected to eat, sleep, rest and minister at scheduled times.

Imperatives

BE FLEXIBLE!!!! I cannot state this enough. Satan does not like AIM trips. He will attempt to destroy your trip through a variety of cultural, relationship, and schedule frustrations. You will be tempted to gripe and complain about a particular aspect of the trip. Please know that you are being made aware of this before hand, so you may resist this attempt from Satan. The mission field is not a place for the weak and gripey Christian who has to be pampered to do God's work.

Respect and serve the national pastor and the church.

What to bring

Personal Documentation

1. Passport or original birth certificate.
2. Once you make application at the U.S. Post Office, it takes six weeks to receive your passport.
3. *Month date, year* would be the latest to turn in application to post office to have passport before *month date, year*.
4. Back-up photo ID (Ex. School I.D.).
5. If possible, bring other ID such as voter's registration, etc.
6. Notarized Liability Release, Consent to Travel, and Parental Permission Letter from both Parents.

You must have notarized written permission from your parents or legal guardian if under 18 years of age. **Whether they are divorced, separated, or married, both parents must sign a release and have it notarized.** This is required at the Visa office in Mexico.

All of the above-mentioned documentation will be kept with your local church appointed AIMexico Administrator who will be in charge of all documentation.

Luggage

- A large duffel bag that has one hard side and wheels at the bottom and a collapsible handle at the top is best. It is not a requirement, but hard side luggage takes up a large amount of space in comparison to soft side luggage when multiplied by 20 – 30 people. Soft side luggage saves room in the trailer, which will be crowded with not only our luggage, but also all of the supplies and equipment needed for the crusades.
- Pack as light as possible and leave room for souvenirs.
- Pack all liquids in zip lock bags (Ex. Mouth wash, shaving crème, shampoo, conditioner, sunscreen, lotions, etc.)
- You will have to carry your luggage by yourself.
- Your luggage may be searched at both the border crossing and at the checkpoint going to and from Monterrey.

Personal Items

- Bible
- Passport
- Journal
- Pen
- Pre-paid Phone Card. The current minute conversion rate for Mexico is 10-to-1 (EX. 1000 minute calling card will only give you 100 minutes when calling from Mexico.)
- Disposable Camera. Write your name on the bottom. When several cameras of the same brand are set on a table, they can be confused for someone else's. Only the photo lab will tell the truth.
- Large personal water bottle (wide mouth). Fill it with ice from the ice machine near hotel elevators (it's safe) and at the restaurant at lunch after you eat.
- Excedrin, Tylenol, or Advil
- Tums or Maalox
- Imodium AD
- Pepto Tabs
- Vitamins. Start taking them at least one week before trip to build up your immune system and for the extra energy, you will need for the trip.
- Personal Medication. Make sure AIM Coordinators are aware - especially insulin or anything requiring injections. At the border crossing, an appointed leader should keep prescription medications and syringes.
- Sunscreen & usual toiletries
- Powder
- Girls - Johnson's baby powder.
- Guys - Gold Bond.
- Visine
- Anti-bacterial Hand Gel
- Unscented or Vanilla ONLY! If we have more than those two scent options opened in a hot van, you will not be able to open the windows fast enough. Use the hand gel backstage or in the vans - not in front of the locals. It would be considered rude.
- Baby Wipes. Same rules.
- Sneaker Spray - Odor-eaters
- Do not take anything you do not want to lose/ give away. Leave your high school rings, nice watches, and expensive sunglasses at home.
- Go buy a cheap version of watch/ sunglasses at Wal-Mart of some place like that
- Back Pack or gym bag (you may get an AIMexico backpack for this.)

Clothing – General

- Bring an extra set of clothes.
- Cap or sun visor (nothing you don't want to lose or most likely, give away)
- Shorts
- They are OK for the van ride there & back along with shopping in Monterrey & San Antonio and while dressed in costume as a clown or mime.
- They are not OK for the flight, if you are flying in to San Antonio and on Ministry days except while dressed in costume as a clown or mime.
- Swimsuit. The Hampton Inn has a pool & Fiesta Texas includes a water park.
 - Girls -one piece or tankini with T-shirt.
 - Guys -surfer/board shorts/no Speedo.
- Beach towel
- Comfortable athletic shoes
- NO open toe shoes in Mexico.
- Sandals. Allowed for going swimming or in San Antonio.

Clothing - Ministry Days

Guys:

- Bluejeans are OK, but a little hot
- Old navy PJ bottoms
- Windpants
- Cargo pants (zippered legs turn into shorts)
- Bring shorts as well to change for clowns, mimes, etc.

Girls:

- Use wisdom in selecting clothing. No tank tops, sleeveless blouses, low-cut shirts (no bare midriff), short shorts, crop pants or jeans, short skirts or dresses, etc
- No bare shoulders
- Sundresses are OK if a T-shirt is worn under the dress.
- Long cotton/gauze skirts - calf to ankle level with bike shorts.
- Bring shorts as well to change for clowns, mimes, etc.

Spending Money

- We do not recommend bringing more than \$100.
- You will not need any on ministry days.
- We will exchange with friends in Monterrey to get a better exchange rate than the hotel.
- Souvenirs you may want to buy:
 - T-shirts
 - blankets
 - vanilla
 - jewelry

AIMexico Itinerary – Eight Days

Day One, Month Day	6:00 AM 7:00 AM 11:00 PM	Meet at church Depart from church Arrive in Monterrey, Mexico Check-in at Hampton Inn
Day Two, Month Day through Day Four, Month Day	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Breakfast Prayer & Devotions Leave for ministry site Set-up for Kids Club Crusades/ Illustrated Sermon, Canvass Kids Club (Club de Niño's) Lunch Interaction with nationals (recreation, build relationships) Prepare for Illustrated Sermon Perform Illustrated Sermon Evening Meal Return to Hotel
Day Five, Month Day	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Breakfast Prayer & Devotions Leave for ministry site Set-up for Kids Club Crusades/ Illustrated Sermon, Canvass Kids Club (Club de Niño's) /Clean-up site Lunch Re-pack all equipment cases at Hotel Free time / Souvenir Shopping Evening Meal Return to Hotel & pack Luggage
Day Six, Month Day	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Breakfast Load trailer & Depart Hotel Lunch Depart for San Antonio Arrive in San Antonio Evening Meal
Day Seven, Month Day	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Breakfast Fiesta, Texas or Sea World Return to Hotel Depart for dinner on the Riverwalk Return to Hotel & Pack souvenirs in luggage
Day Eight, Month Day	10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Load trailer & depart from San Antonio Lunch in Austin, Texas Arrive back at church

AIMexico Itinerary – Seven Days

Day One, Month Day	6:00 AM 7:00 AM 11:00 PM	Meet at church Depart from church Arrive in Monterrey, Mexico Check-in at Hampton Inn
Day Two, Month Day and Day Three, Month Day	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Breakfast Prayer & Devotions Leave for ministry site Set-up for Kids Club Crusades/ Illustrated Sermon, Canvass Kids Club (Club de Niño's) Lunch Interaction with nationals (recreation, build relationships) Prepare for Illustrated Sermon Perform Illustrated Sermon Evening Meal Return to Hotel
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Day Seven, Month Day	10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Load trailer & depart from San Antonio Lunch in Austin, Texas Arrive in Dallas

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Day One, Month Day	6:00 AM 7:00 AM 11:00 PM	Meet at church Depart from church Arrive in Monterrey, Mexico Check-in at Hampton Inn
Day Two, Month Day and Day Three, Month Day	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Breakfast Prayer & Devotions Leave for ministry site Set-up for Kids Club Crusades/ Illustrated Sermon, Canvass Kids Club (Club de Niño's) Lunch Interaction with nationals (recreation, build relationships) Prepare for Illustrated Sermon Perform Illustrated Sermon Evening Meal Return to Hotel
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Site Set-up

- Tour site - determine setup location.
- Unload equipment.
- Clear site of debris (broken glass, rocks, etc).
- Setup Canopies for Boys & Girls (unless nearby church/ home is not available.)
- Layout tarps for Boys & Girls.
- Set-up Stage:
 - Hang Niño's & Ninjas signs.
 - Set-up Puppet Stage & Puppets.
 - Inflate & hang big prize Toys.
 - Hang parking lot flags.
- Games
- Sound (including running power cords to nearby church/ house)
- Set-up Backstage:
 - Make-up table & supplies
 - Wardrobe rack & costumes:
 - ◆ Clowns
 - ◆ Mimes
 - ◆ Biblical
- Water:
 - Games
 - Drinking
- Buckets:
 - Boys Candy Bucket
 - Girls Candy Bucket
 - Boys Toy Bucket
 - Girls Toy Bucket
- Assemble Sidewalk Sunday School (SSS) Team Supplies:
 - Crate Speakers with Mic, Mic Cord, Tape deck with good batteries, & tape
 - Club de Niño's Signs
 - Super Soaker
 - Bubble Gun
- Team Members with Backpacks containing:
 - Candy
 - Tracks
 - Stickers
 - Gold coins
 - Balloons
 - Balloon Pump
 - Crusade Handouts
 - Hand Zappers

Order of Service:

- Pump & Thump - Music
- Crusade Rules - order
- Games - competition
- Puppets
- Memory Verse
- Mime
- Object Lesson - Message
- Prayer - Salvation Response
- Close
- Boys & Girls Toy/Candy Lines
- AIMers :
 - Sit with kids during crusade.
 - Hand out two or three gold coins to quiet, attentive kids.
 - Hand out candy and toys after crusade.
 - Clowns are crowd control.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, PLEASE HAVE YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

Participant's Name: _____
Parent's Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Home Ph.: _____
Wk. Ph: _____
Mobile: _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & CONSENT TO TRAVEL

I/We _____ and _____ being the parents or legal guardians of _____, a minor of _____ years of age, consent and agree that said child might travel with **CHURCHNAME** to Mexico from **TRIPSTART** through **TRIPEND**. I/We release Solid Rock Resources, **CHURCHNAME**, its agent, assigns, employees and volunteer assistants from any liability whatsoever arising out of any injury, sickness, or damage which may be sustained by said child during the course of said trip and;

MEDICAL RELEASE

I/We _____ and _____ being the parents or legal guardians of _____, a minor of _____ years of age, do further give my/our consent for the director or properly appointed staff member of Solid Rock Resources or **CHURCHNAME** to secure the administration of medical treatment or medication for the above named child, and I/we do further agree to the performance of such treatment, anesthetics, and operations as in the opinion of the attending physician is deemed necessary for our child during the course of said trip.

SIGNED: _____ Parent or Guardian

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LIST ANY MEDICATIONS CHILD IS PRESENTLY TAKING:

LIST ANY MEDICATIONS AND/OR FOOD CHILD IS ALLERGIC:

STATE OF **STATENAME**
COUNTY OF **COUNTYNAME**

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared _____ and _____ known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this ___ day of ___ **TRIPYEAR**.

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF **STATENAME**

Dear _____,

I'm excited to share with you a great opportunity to win souls for the Kingdom of God. I am planning to go on an AIMexico (Ambassadors in Mission to Mexico) Youth Missions Experience, **TRIPSTART TO TRIPEND**, to Monterrey, Mexico.

We will be conducting "Kid's Club" Children Crusades and performing an Illustrated Drama Presentation, "The Whip, The Hammer, and the Cross", that has highly impacted many people.

As we walk the streets and visit homes in Monterrey, we will give hope to impoverished people because of your help. Statistics say, "For every dollar given, one soul is won to the Kingdom of God." Please do what you can to support our youth missions trip to Mexico by praying and giving. The cost is **COSTOFTRIP**. You can make out your tax-deductible contribution to **CHURCHNAME** and send it back to me. I'll make sure it goes to the appropriate place so you will receive giving credit. Anything you can do will help.

We are meeting every Monday night to practice and to prepare for ministry to the people of Mexico. Please continue to pray that God will use us in mighty ways as we win souls this summer!

Yours for Youth Missions,

APPLICANTNAME