

Mexico Trip Preparation Sheet

Things to think about:

1. We are going to share Christ's love with others (those on the trip with us, those we meet along the way, and those we meet in Mexico).
2. We are going to serve others and experience another culture.
3. We are going to fulfill the great commission.
4. We are representing God, so be sure to set an example—people will be watching us when we least expect it and learning from our life, language, actions, and topics of conversation.
5. Prepare yourself through prayer, reading, and meditation. God will be working through us throughout this trip.
6. Be patient—Mexico is a slower culture, and being in a new culture will be stressful on everyone at times. If we go with servant's hearts—not just doing what we are assigned but actively looking for ways to serve others and each other—it will greatly ease any tensions that may develop. Look for ways to make other people's lives on the trip easier and more enjoyable, and our group will be happier and better off as a whole.
7. Keep an upbeat, positive spirit. Our attitudes and actions will not only speak to others who are watching, but will also help and encourage each other to new heights. If everyone gives and pours out of themselves to others, we will all be constantly renewed in each other and in Christ.
8. Most importantly—seek Christ in all you do on this trip. Never forget that He is the entire reason we are there.

Things to Bring:

1. Clothes: Ladies... Please wear t-shirts with sleeves—no tank tops or sleeves cut off of shirts or soffee shorts. We encourage you to wear basketball style shorts or longer or capris. You will want tennis shoes for work, flip flops for the shower, work clothes you don't mind getting very dirty, and clothing appropriate for a semi-conservative Church service (please be conscious of skirt length). Men... Please wear t-shirts with sleeves—no shirts with sleeves cut off, and please wear a shirt whenever you are not in the men's dorm. You will want tennis shoes, flip flops for the shower, work clothes you don't mind getting very dirty, and clothing appropriate for a semi-conservative Church service. Men and Women: Keep in mind that these recommendations are to help us represent Jesus Christ well in a culture that is different from our own. If you aren't certain about something, it is better to err on the side of being too conservative than to be broadcasting wrong messages.
2. Personal Items: Soap, Shampoo, towels (x2), washcloth, contact stuff, sunblock, chap stick, (ladies—feminine products), deodorant, and so on...
3. Water bottle
4. Any personal medications (check with trip leader if you are taking prescription medicines for a list of drugs that are illegal to bring into Mexico).

5. Sleeping items: Twin sheets, light blanket and/or sleeping bag, pillow, and pads or an air mattress for Tucumcari.
6. Bible, Pen, Notebook
7. Leather or work gloves and a flashlight
8. Snacks
9. Money for the market and meals going down (probably around \$100 unless you plan to buy an incredible amount at the market)
10. 1 or 2 large bags of hard candy to give to the children over the course of the week.

Tentative departure schedule:

TBA We will likely meet at the Church around noon (having already eaten) to load up, pray and depart.