



WELCOME TO COLEGIO BIBLICO!

Dear Missions Team Member,

The staff here at Colegio Biblico is excited that you are considering a short-term mission trip with us. We are prayerfully making plans, setting goals, and organizing projects. We have high hopes about what will be accomplished for our Lord. If you are still uncertain about God's will for you in this area, let us both pray that His will shall be done.

This handbook contains information that will help prepare you for your work team experience. Included is information about dress, items to take, and mission requirements.

Your team leader has been given important forms that **MUST** be returned to us. These forms must be in our office before you arrive: Health History, Release, and Personal Information. See your team leader for this deadline.

If you have any questions, that we have not answered in this handbook, or that your team leader has not addressed, please do not hesitate to contact me at jmercado@colegiobiblico.net.

You and your teammates are in our prayers. We also ask for your prayers for Colegio Biblico and for the people we serve. It is our desire to be in God's will and do our best to facilitate you with a great short-term mission trip experience. We look forward to the Christian fellowship that accompanies work in the field, and for the opportunity for you to share in Colegio Biblico's mission.

In Christ's service,

Jorge E. Mercado, President
Colegio Biblico

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP... Reasons to Go

Each year, many people choose to experience short-term, cross-cultural mission team experiences through mission organizations such as Colegio Biblico.

Why should you take advantage of such an opportunity? Here are just a few good reasons:

- Enhance your personal spiritual growth.
- Cultivate a servant's heart as you minister physically and spiritually to needy people.
- Increase your mission awareness and involvement.
- Experience a foreign culture.
- Meet "foreign" Christians.
- Worship God with nationals.
- Encourage others.
- Give hands-on help to the mission.
- Be a witness of Christ's love abroad and witness Christ at home.
- Bond with your team members and nationals.
- Exercise and increase your faith.
- Obey the Great Commission.
- Build and strengthen home churches.
- Open up to possible full-time service.

Organizing, preparing, hosting and leading work teams requires much effort. Planning, preparation, and prayer on the part of the sending, as well as receiving organizations, must take place to assure the best experience for the participants. Providing for a quality experience is a full-time ministry for Colegio Biblico. Our desire is for you to experience a good overview of Colegio Biblico's work by giving you the opportunity to have hands-on ministry opportunities.

Many factors affect the outcome of a work trip:

1. Good, strong leadership and a clear sense of goals and direction must exist and must be communicated to the subordinate leaders and team members.
2. Respect for the missionaries and their methods must be given by team members .
3. On the part of the missionary hosts: a willing attitude to be facilitators for team members to learn.

After all the preparation has taken place, everyone must relax and let God work. When this happens, lives are changed and Christ is lifted up. God's Word reminds us that if Christ is lifted up, He will draw all men to Himself.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

1. Mode of Travel: Although most teams choose to drive to Colegio, some fly to San Antonio, TX and then drive to Eagle Pass.

2. Financial Contribution Covers:

- Building materials for projects.
- Housing in men's and women's dorms.
- Transportation from Eagle Pass, TX to the work site in Mexico.
- Meals during your stay (as specified by your team leader...group may have some meals on your own).
- Border crossing fee.

3. Non-Covered Expenses:

- Additional spending money for souvenirs is recommended (\$50-\$75 should be adequate).
- Snacks and meals during travel.

4. Adults Need:

- Driver's license AND
- A second picture I.D., OR passport (current or expired for less than 6 months), OR birth certificate.

5. Youth under 18 and Children Need:

- Picture I.D. AND birth certificate.
- Signed/notarized authorization from parents, designating the team leader to act on their behalf in case of emergency, sickness, or accident. This authorization **MUST** include permission for child to leave the United States without his or her parents.
- Keep in mind that a Tetanus booster vaccine is required every ten years.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bible
- Blood type
- Camera
- Clothing for work and for church
- Comfortable working shoes
- Flashlight and batteries
- Insect repellent
- Journal
- Money (\$50-\$75) for tips, snacks, food, souvenirs, and church offerings
- Medications that you require
- Phone numbers, fax and e-mail addresses of parents, and/or friends at home
- Photo I.D.
- Shower shoes
- Snacks
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries (toothbrush, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Towel and washcloth

CLIMATE AND DRESS

- Climate: During summer: 98°F average. During winter: 65°F average.
- Daily and Work Dress is Casual.
 - Dress modestly and appropriately for working
 - You may work in conservative shorts.
 - You must wear shirts at all times.
 - Do not wear your best clothing for work. It will get soiled.
- Church Dress is Conservative.
 - Ladies: No shorts, halter tops, tank tops, low cut blouses or dresses.
 - Men: No shorts or tank tops. Ties are not required.
- Laundry facilities are available on campus in Eagle Pass.
- Remember to have comfortable walking and working shoes.

PERSONAL HEALTH HISTORY

Please print clearly.

Full Name

Family members on team/Relationship

____ / ____ / ____
Date of Birth Sex Occupation
month / day / year

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number E-mail

Emergency Contact Relationship to You Contact's Phone Number

Allergies Blood Type

Past Medical Problems or Surgical History

Currently under Doctor's Care? Reason

List any medications you are now taking

Have you ever experienced any of the following? Check if Yes and say when.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS/HIV | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> TB | <input type="checkbox"/> Polio | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liver Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken Bones | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures | <input type="checkbox"/> Hernias | <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke | <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Exhaustion | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent Infections | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) | |