



Mexico Outreach 2012

Team Member Application

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Mexico outreach project is a ministry of New Life Church. Students in grade 9 to 12 who are members of a Switchlife small group are invited to apply. Students from other churches are encouraged to go on the trip their home church offers. If we need to make a consideration the onus (responsibility) is upon you the student to have your youth pastor contact Koenraad Beugelink at the New Life office 604-743-8004.

By its nature, a mission trip is designed to bring to the people in Mexico the Word of God through the actions and attitudes of the outreach team. Your involvement on the team will carry a commitment of unity and solidarity to completing the mission as brothers and sisters in Christ. Your commitment to this must be made carefully and prayerfully.

This application will help you search your heart to see if this is where God wants you to serve. It is also designed for us to get to know you better...to hear your heart and hear what God has been doing in your life. Please take the time to prayerfully complete this application. Once you have filled out your application, return to Koenraad Beugelink no later than November 6th, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Koenraad".

Koenraad Beugelink

The theme Azusa Pacific University has chosen for this years Mexico Outreach Trip is:

Matt 18: 1-5



The dates for this mission trip are:

Leaving March 29th, 2012
Returning April 7th, 2012.

Mexico Missions Information

We have been experiencing a continuous increase in the interest and size of our mission team each and every year. In order to accommodate all those who are interested in coming on the trip, we would ask that you take this application and commitment seriously. Please be aware of all deadlines and requirements, if you have any questions about them contact Koenraad Beugelink.

This year we are asking that a **non-refundable** deposit of \$200.00 be handed in by **Nov 15th 2011**. (At our parents meeting).

NOTE: New Life will issue charitable receipts for all deposits and donations. For this reason if a tripper should have to leave the team (**for any reason**) the money will be used to assist team members who have trouble fundraising or used for general trip expenses. Money can not be refunded back to trippers or individual donators. Any surplus funds at the end of the trip will be used for future mission related projects.

After completing and turning in this application, you may be asked to meet with for an interview before final acceptance is made. Each applicant will be called and given the final word as to the status of their application after Nov 13th 2011.

Important parent information meeting Tuesday Night November 15th, 2011.

This year our team will be partnering with Azusa Pacific University's outreach program. Because of this partnership APU also has some required paperwork regarding medical, immigration etc. The due dates for those documents will be **January 10th 2012**.

You will be expected to participate in all fundraiser events, work projects and service projects in the area in preparation for the work that God is calling us to do in Mexico.

Please take the time to **prayerfully** consider participating on this missions trip and filling out the application.

If you have any concerns about time commitments, financial considerations, lifestyle issues, please contact Koenraad. Do not disqualify yourself without first talking to Koenraad.

There is support available.

Mexico Mission 2012 Application Procedure:

1. Pray.
2. Read over and fill out application (with parents).
3. Hand in application
4. **Parent Information Meeting 200\$ Deposit Due**
5. Hand in medical forms / consent to travel / etc
6. Attend all meetings (Sun Nov 20th, Dec 4th Jan 8th, Feb 5th, and March 4th)
7. Participate in fundraising events (Flowers @ Feb 14th, Auction Feb 10th or March 9th)
8. Maintain Commitments
9. Be actively involved in a Switchlife Small Group

Due: (Nov. 6th, 2011)

Date:(Nov. 15th, 2011)

Due: (Jan. 10th, 2012)

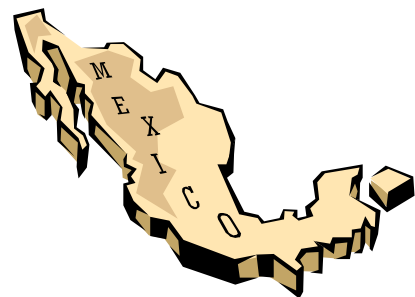
***** Please familiarize yourself with all the above deadlines!!!! *****

Cost: At this point the costs look to be the same as years previous. This year the costs will be between \$950-1150 per student. These costs do not count what we will be raising as a team so the actual personal amount that each student is responsible for is much less.

School: Here is the bad news. Because the Mexican Spring Break does not line up with Canadian spring break students will have to miss 4 days of school this year. April 2-5 2012.

I will make a letter available to you as parents that describes to the students school administrators what this trip is about. However in each case it is a matter of parents needing to excuse each child via letter from school those days. Please consider carefully with your student if they can afford to miss those days of school.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”
Matthew 28:19 & 20



***** Hand in following pages only!! *****

Mexico Outreach Team 2012 Application

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Birthdate: _____

Home Church: _____

How many times have you been on a mission trip? 1st Trip ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____

T-Shirt Size _____ s, m, l, xl, xxl

What type of ministry team do you feel God is calling you to?

Put a number 1, 2 or 3 next to your top three choices.

Note: (This does not mean we will have all these options nor that you will be in your first or second choice.)

VBS _____

Construction _____

Drama _____

Sports _____

Prison Ministry _____

Please answer the following questions on the bottom or on additional paper...this allows more room for you to answer the questions. All answers are confidential. Information will be shared only among the group organizers and your team leader.

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

1. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? _____ Yes _____ No
How did you come to that point in your life?

2. How is Jesus alive and working in your life today?

3. What has God been challenging you with the past year?

4. Describe your spiritual habits (The ways in which you encourage your growth in Christ).

5. Describe a time when you experienced being in the presence of God.

TEAM INFO

1. Why do you want to be a part of this mission trip to Mexico?
2. What are some important qualities of a team?
3. List some ways in which you can contribute to building community within our team.
Include ways in which you can show encouragement towards others.
4. What do you think are some of your strengths, abilities, gifts, or experiences that would be a benefit to our trip to Mexico?
5. What are some of your expectations from this Missions trip?
6. What are some of your concerns about this trip to Mexico?

TEAM COMMITMENT

1. Are you willing to commit yourself to building community in Team Mexico by thinking of the needs and concerns of others before yourself? ___ No ___ Yes

2. Do you agree to attend ALL of the training sessions and fundraisers prior to our departure to Mexico? ___ No ___ Yes

3. Are you willing to be held accountable by your fellow team members and leaders? ___ No ___ Yes

4. Can you commit to bring up and work out any problems or concerns you have with another one of your team members? ___ No ___ Yes

5. Prayer is a necessary part of making this mission trip a blessing to you. Will you get at least 3 people to pray specifically for you before and during our Mexico outreach? ___ No ___ Yes

6. What challenges do you anticipate being with the same people for so many days?

7. What types of distractions do you hope to free yourself from while on this Mexico trip?

8. How do you plan to challenge yourself over the next couple months?

9. What struggles are you experiencing that might prevent you from being a part of this team?

Please read the following with your PARENTS. We want to be clear on what is required and expected from each Team Member and parent. We do not want to become babysitters, but rather be a unit working together for our Lord.

Mexico Missions Contract Team Member

I realize that being a part of the Mexico Outreach Team is a responsibility as well as a privilege.

I realize that **I need to commit to...**

- Being a part of a “Team” and do my part in preparing for our work in Mexico.
- Participating in all of the pre-trip meetings and fundraisers
- Have a positive attitude in all circumstances.
- Be a servant and encourager. To minister, but also to be ministered to.
- Be an ambassador of Christ, Your Family, New Life Church and Canada
- Striving to be culturally sensitive to the Mexican culture at all times while in Mexico.
- Handing in ALL the paper work required to go on this trip by Jan. 10, 2012.
- Absolutely **NO** buying alcohol, tobacco, drugs, matches, firecrackers, knives, etc.
- While in camp, attending all chapels and group devotions as a group.
- While on the trip abiding by the curfew set by team leaders and 11:00PM curfew set by our hosts.
- Obeying all directions given by team leadership and our host’s (A.P.U.).
- Understanding that personal relationships can often be a distraction to myself and others and will ensure that my actions remain appropriate.
- Being a **Christ like** example in all circumstance, living my life worthy of the calling that I am accepting:
 - ❖ Living a lifestyle that reflects and honors your relationship with Christ, not only for the trip but before and after. This includes refraining from using alcohol, tobacco, drugs, any behavior that might involve sexual misconduct, pornography, addictions, as well as bitterness, self-righteousness, gossip, struggles with self harm issues, negative attitudes towards the Church, fellow participants and leadership.
 - ❖ Realizing that God’s work in us is not complete and we are not yet perfect I understand the responsibility falls on me personally to seek help with any of the above issues asap.
- Holding myself and others accountable to the commitments they make, in a loving and compassionate way, including involving others if necessary to ensure that they remain true to their word.

**As a result of willful disobedience to any of these commitments,
I can expect to be removed from the team and may be sent home at my own expense.**

Signing below shows that *you* have read all the above and that you have made a commitment to The Mexico Outreach Team.

Participant’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mexico Outreach Commitment Form

Parents/Guardians

I am committed to ...

- ✓ Having read over and understand the commitment form signed by my Teen(s).
- ✓ Encouraging my Teen(s) to participate in ALL training sessions as well as ALL fundraisers.
- ✓ Supporting the Mexico Outreach Team and its needs.
- ✓ *Making sure ALL the paper work that's needed is completed and handed in by Jan. 10, 2012.*
- ✓ Helping out with ***at least one*** fundraiser.
- ✓ Praying for the Mexico Outreach Team and its leaders, during training, as well as during their mission.
- ✓ Being financially responsible for the transportation costs of which may result from any willful disobedience by my Teen(s) of said rules set up by Azusa Pacific University and the leadership team that may result in my Teen(s) being sent home early.

Signing below shows that *you* have read all the above and that you have made a commitment to The Mexico Outreach Team.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Any questions or concerns you have please direct them to Koenraad Beugelink at 604-743-8004.

Consent to Travel to Mexico for Minors

Keep this original form with you while traveling in Mexico. This form ensures that both parents/guardians have consented to their minor engaging in international travel. Both parents must sign this document and get it notarized. If the parents are divorced or separated, both parents must still sign the document unless a parent has sole custody of the minor. If the minor is under the sole custody of a parent, a copy of the necessary documents proving sole custody must be attached to this form. If a parent has died, a copy of the necessary documents proving death must be attached to this form. Mexican law prohibits a minor from visiting Mexico if signatures are missing.

Choose Mexico Outreach Event dates:

Mexicali, Mar. 31-Apr. 6, 2012

Dates: _____

This must be notarized.

Participant name
Name of "Mother or Guardian"
Name of "Father or Guardian"

Licensee name (Organization)
Youth Leader or Staff Member (herein "Agent")

USA, Canadian or Mexican Citizenships must:

To enter Mexico and return to the USA: Bring a passport, or appropriate documents based upon your age (See the "Immigration Documents Chart"). If you have a "Greencard", YOU MUST BRING THE ORIGINAL. (There is a \$170 fine for not having your original Greencard.)

All Other Citizenships must:

To enter Mexico and return to the USA: Contact the nearest Mexican Consulate for permission to travel into Mexico. NOTE: Some citizenships require extra visas for entry which may take up to 4 months to process or are excluded from entry based upon diplomatic relations (See the "Immigration Documents Chart"). You must have a visa and Passport that allows re-entry into the USA. If you have a "Greencard," YOU MUST BRING THE ORIGINAL. (There is a \$170 fine for not having your original Greencard.)

Consent to Travel Outside the United States to Mexico: The above-named Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of the Participant has entrusted the Participant into the care of the Agent, an adult, and a duly authorized representative of the Organization, while the Participant participates in "Mexico Outreach," an activity of the Organization.

The Parent(s) or Guardian(s) do hereby authorize the Participant to travel outside the United States to the nation of Mexico.

Signature of "Mother or Guardian" (required)
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Signature of "Father or Guardian" (required)
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ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of _____)
 County of _____) ss.

On _____, before me, _____
Date Name and Title of Officer (e.g., "Jane Doe, Notary Public")

personally appeared _____
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the state of _____ that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public _____ (Seal)

General Release of Liability

Participant name:
Participant address:
Name of Sponsoring Organization:

Choose Mexico Outreach Event dates:

Mexicali, Mar. 31-Apr. 6, 2012

Dates: _____

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I, the Participant, desire to voluntarily use Azusa Pacific University's camp site in Mexico operated as part of Azusa Pacific University's Mexico Outreach Program and any services offered by APU in connection with my use of APU's camp site.

In consideration for being allowed to use APU's camp site, I agree to comply with the following conditions:

Assumptions of Risks: I acknowledge that my use of APU's camp site will involve travel into Mexico, a country which is on the U.S. State Department's Travel Warning List. I hereby certify that I have read the U.S. State Department's Consular information (available at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html), as well as the Centers for Disease Control information (available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationMexico.aspx>) concerning travel to, in, and around, Mexico, and am aware of and understand the associated risks and dangers, including but not limited to the dangers to my own health and personal safety posed by the hazards of war, terrorist activity, riots, civil unrest, and earthquakes. I also understand and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to maintain contact with the local American Embassy for any and all bulletins pertinent to the health, safety or welfare of Americans who are visiting or living abroad and to act prudently based on any such bulletins.

I further understand that my use of APU's camp site in Mexico may involve visiting in a foreign country, which exposes me to certain risks and dangers. Some of these risks include, but are not limited to: (i) the hazards of travel by airplane, boat, train, bus, car, or other forms of transportation; (ii) different or unstable political, legal, social and economic conditions; (iii) local health and weather conditions; (iv) the potential of criminal or injurious acts by others, including the hazards of war, terrorist activity, riots, and civil unrest; (v) physical exertion or emotional distress associated with length of travel or activities undertaken while abroad; (vi) exposure to infectious, communicable and other diseases; (vii) loss of or damage to personal property; (viii) physical injury or even death, resulting from accidents, natural disasters or acts of God; from strikes, war, quarantine or government restrictions; lack of access to adequate medical services or facilities; and (iv) also the following possible risks specific to my stay in Mexico:

- Risks associated with an increasingly high rate of crime, often violent, in Mexico, with low rates of apprehension and conviction of criminals. Crime risks include, but are not limited to, drug-related violence, kidnappings, shootings, homicides, rape, criminal assaults, armed street crime, taxi robberies, subway robberies, armed robberies, pick-pocketing, purse-snatching, and harassment/extortion by Mexican officials.
- Risks associated with politically motivated violence, including those relating to public demonstrations and large public gatherings.
- Risks associated with choosing to eat or drink food or beverages offered in the local community (e.g. possibly unfamiliar or upsetting food or beverages, including unsafe tap water; limited refrigeration; limited dietary choices);
- Adverse environmental conditions (e.g. lots of dust, rocks, dirt); dry climate, limited air-conditioning;
- Adverse forces of nature and/or other agencies known or unknown (e.g. insect bites, earthquakes);
- Risks associated with choosing to participate in visitations to various ministry sites in the local community (e.g. rehabilitation centers, men's prison - playing basketball with prisoners, women's prison- engaging in theatre or crafts with prisoners, elderly care centers, orphanages, women's or children's shelters, community service agencies); and
- Risks associated with choosing to participate in various construction-related ministry activities (e.g. laying a cement floor, building a bathroom, fixing a broken pipe, building a structure, or other projects). I know, understand, and appreciate the risks that are inherent in my use of APU's camp site in Mexico and related services. I hereby assert that my use of the facility and related services is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

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PLEASE INITIAL HERE 

In traveling abroad, it may be difficult or impossible to secure medical care or consent thereto in a timely manner. I acknowledge that I will be responsible for the payment of all fees, charges and other monetary items related to such treatment and/or care. I represent that I have obtained all health, accident and/or repatriation insurance I deem necessary. I further agree that I am responsible for my own medical needs during the trip or activity, that I will hold and appropriately use any over-the-counter or prescription drugs I may hold, purchase or otherwise deem necessary during the trip or activity. I acknowledge that the University, and the sponsors or directors of the Program, are not responsible for my medical needs or any medical treatments of any kind.

General Release of Liability: I acknowledge that part of the enjoyment and learning of travel and/or volunteering is derived from the risks assumed by me and being part of an activity beyond the accepted safety of my everyday life. I hereby state that the enjoyment and learning derived from these inherent risks is part of the reason for my use of APU's camp site. I recognize these risks may be present before, during and after my use of APU's camp site. Knowing the above-mentioned risks, and in consideration of being allowed to use APU's camp site, I, for myself, my family, heirs, administrators, executors, personal representatives, assigns, and third parties, agree to release APU and Azusa Pacific Mexico ("APM"), and their respective boards, trustees, officers, agents, employees, students, volunteers, affiliates and related foundations (collectively, "APU Entities") and (insert name of your Sponsoring Organization)

from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any sort on account of bodily injury, illness, death, emotional trauma, property damage, theft or other loss of any kind that I may sustain as a result of my use of APU's camp site, including travel related thereto and any act or omission of any third party (e.g. first aid volunteer, rescue squad, hospital, community agencies).

Covenant Not to Sue: I understand that by signing this document, I am giving up my right to sue any of the APU Entities for any accident or injury that happens either on or off the premises of APU's camp site, unless such accident or injury arises out of the intentional conduct of any of the APU Entities. I also understand that I am giving up my right to sue my Sponsoring Organization for any accident or injury that happens either on or off the premises of APU's camp site, unless such accident or injury arises out of the intentional conduct of my Sponsoring Organization. **I understand that by agreeing to this clause I am releasing claims and giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.**

Indemnification: I further understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to defend, indemnify and hold harmless all of the APU Entities and my Sponsoring Organization from any and all loss, liability, damage or costs incurred by them as a result of any injury or damage to the person or property of others which I may cause, or from any financial liability or obligation which I may personally incur in connection with my use of APU's camp site.

Governing Law: I agree that any dispute arising out of my use of APU's camp site shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of Mexico.

Facsimile; PDF. I agree that, with prior APU consent, facsimile or PDF signatures for any documents in support of my registration for APU's camp site shall be deemed as effective as original signatures. APU consent will be given under this provision only in extenuating circumstances.

Change to Camp Use. I agree that APU has the right to make cancellations, substitutions, or changes in the case of emergency or changed conditions, including the level of participant interest in use of APU's camp site. I accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delays or other changes in the means of transportation, other services, or sickness, weather, strikes, or other unforeseen causes. I understand that APU is not responsible for any such disruption to my use of APU's camp site, nor for any consequent expenses I may thereby incur.

Consent for use of Statements, Photographs, and Videos: I agree and hereby authorize Azusa Pacific University ("APU") to use statements made by me and photographs and/or videos taken of me in conjunction with my use of APU's camp site for promotional or university-related purposes.

Participant signature: _____ Date: _____ 

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____
(if Participant is under 18*)

* If your son, daughter, or ward is less than 18 years of age, it is our policy that you sign on behalf of your son, daughter, or ward to the above terms, and to be legally responsible for the obligation and acts of the Participant as described in this agreement; and to agree, for yourself and for your son, daughter, or ward, to be bound by its terms.