



STUDENT PACKET

GENERAL

Dates: March 10-17, 2018

Location: Tizimín, Mexico

PARENT NOTES

We are so excited your student is considering joining us for this life changing opportunity! This trip will not only make an impact on the community, families, and missionaries we are serving, but on your student as well.

We know this kind of a trip is not only a leap of faith for your student, but for you as well. We want you to know that your students' safety is our top priority. We will have numerous adults and staff from Direct Christian Impact (mission organization in Mexico) with us at all times.

This part of Mexico is extremely safe (see safety attachment) and is generally free of the many issues that plague other parts of Mexico. Matt will go through a pre-trip walk before we go on this trip. Pictures and any other information possible will be brought back to you as soon as that trip happens!

STUDENT NOTES

We are excited that you are considering this trip. We know you will be greatly impacted by your experience. However, we want you to fully understand this trip prior to going. This trip will be a lot of work and will not always be easy. We will be doing physical labor during the day, and then spending time with kids in the evening. We will be out in the heat working. Your participation, at all times, will be expected and required.

There will be pre-trip service requirements, meeting requirements, and other requirements for you to go with us. All of this is very attainable, but please see the requirements sections below!

While this will be a hard-working trip and will be a lot of work, we know that you will not regret choosing to go on it!

COST

This trip will be a more expensive trip. That is why we are starting planning so early! We want to provide you as much time to make payments and for us to fundraise some money. That being said, here is a breakdown of what the trip costs and then what you will pay:

Direct Christian Impact (supplies, food, etc.)	\$550
Airline (round trip)	\$494
Excursion Day (special activity)	\$80
Mission Devotion book	\$11
Pre-trip training	\$20
Total cost (Church)	~\$1,155
Student cost	~\$700

Bottom line, the trip will cost you **no more** than **\$700 per student**.

FUNDRAISING

We know \$700 is still a lot for a family to come up with, especially if you are sending multiple students. We will provide you with numerous fundraising opportunities that go directly towards your trip. You could, logistically, pay for your portion of the trip 100% through fundraising.

Some of the fundraising opportunities we may provide for you include letters that you can send to family and friends, parents night out events, dinners, and much more! We want this to be possible for your student without you having to break the bank, so please understand that we will provide you with many opportunities to do this!

As already stated, we will provide multiple fundraising opportunities for you to raise money that goes directly towards the \$700 that you owe. In addition, we will have a few other fundraising opportunities that help us get the trip cheaper for you. These dates have not been determined yet, but we will give you more than a 2 month notice about them!

AIRLINE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

We will be flying with United airlines. For cheaper airfare, we will be flying to Denver before flying to Mexico! As of now, here is our flight schedule:

Date	From	To	Departure Time	Arrival Time
3/10	DFW	Denver	6:05am	7:15am
3/10	Denver	Cancun	8:05am	2:00pm
3/17	Cancun	Denver	12:25pm	3:45pm
3/17	Denver	DFW	5:25pm	8:20pm

DRESS CODE

Out of respect for Christ and each other and for the country we are visiting, we need to make sure to dress appropriately at all times. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when shopping and/or packing for the week. Adult sponsors will instruct student to change if they are wearing anything our hosts deem inappropriate.

The dress code can be summarized pretty simply with several key points:

- All shirts **MUST** have sleeves
- Absolutely no bellybuttons or cleavage revealed at any time
- All shorts must be knee length
- No tank tops
- When visiting churches, you must wear pants, jeans, capri's, knee length skirts, knee length shorts or knee length dresses

REQUIREMENTS FOR TRIP

There will be multiple requirements for this trip. Let me start off by saying that we will work with you to an extent. We understand you have many things pulling you different ways. Most of our students are already meeting these requirements on a consistent basis. However, we fully believe that you need to be active in ministry through service, Bible study, and fellowship in the community you live in before going and serving internationally. All of that being said, here are the requirements for this trip:

Each student will be required to:

- Be an active member of the FBC Saginaw Student Ministry (Sunday Mornings, Wednesday evenings, etc.)**
- 15 hours of approved community service. FBC Saginaw will provide opportunities for all 15 hours, although you may get something approved outside of that!
- Attend multiple training sessions prior to the trip
- Represent Christ well through actions, social media, words, etc.
- Medical release form

**Please note that this does NOT mean you need to be at every event. We just ask that you are active in our student ministry

Each parent will be required to:

- Be a recent/current active member and participant of FBC Saginaw (Attendance and Ministries)
- Attend multiple training sessions prior to the trip
- Medical release form

****We reserve the right to add to these requirements. You will be notified if that happens****

WHAT WE WILL DO

We will be doing a few different things on this trip! This trip will include a construction and evangelism aspect.

Construction: We will be assisting DCI Missions in the construction of a home for a family, building something for their facilities used by the street kids, or doing some sort of physical labor for them! More details about this will be available in the near future.

Evangelism: This part of the trip will consist of providing different activities for local children at schools, churches, community centers and homes. Some of the activities can include crafts, singing, skits, face painting, playing games, etc. Basically, putting on a block party, sporting event, or something else for the local kids!

A typical day will look like:

7:00am	Wake-up at DCI Mission Campus
7:30am	Prayer/Quiet time/Group devotion
8:00am	Breakfast/Leaders meeting
8:45am	Missionary Training Class
9:30am	Load supplies
10:00am	Depart to conduct construction project
5:00pm	Ice cream shop stop
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Area Park outreach for street children
10:30pm	Depart to Mission Campus

As you can see, most our time will be spent on our mission work with this organization. However, we will experience the culture and have some fun while we are here as well! Dinner each night will be provided by locals that partner with DCI Missions and they will prepare many foods specific to the Mayan culture.

On our 2nd day in Tizimín, we will attend a local church and will have the opportunity to lead in some way. Our team will discuss this as we get closer. We will also have one adventure day before our time ends. During this day, we will go visit the Mayan Ruins and/or go to Coconut Island which is located 30 minutes north of Tizimín.

POST TRIP DEBRIEF

After we return from our trip, we will invite all of you back up to the church, after you have had time to process, to have a debrief time. This will allow us to hear from you about the trip and what you liked/didn't like. We will also invite a few students/adults to share in the worship service about our time in Tizimín.

A FINAL WORD

We believe this trip will not only be life changing for those we are serving, but for your student as well and I cannot express how excited that we are that you are considering joining us for this.

As has been made clear in this packet, while this trip will be a lot of fun, this is not a trip to go on for fun or goofing off. We are going with a clear purpose and expect students to take their mission very seriously. We do expect everyone who participates to respect our commitment to Christ and follow the guidelines.

As noted above, there are multiple requirements for our students who want to attend this trip. I want to stress that the statement about being an active member in our student ministry does NOT mean your student must be at everything. We know that is not possible nor fair of us to ask. What this means is that we do want to see your students consistently active throughout our ministry by being here for Sunday school, Bible study, and other events.

If at any point, you are worried about your students' consistency, please just ask Matt where they stand. However, I tell you that you will know if this will be an issue or not.

Below is a list of parent meetings that you should know about:

Sunday, September 17:

3:30pm Mandatory meeting for all parents, students & sponsors

Sunday, December 10:

3:30pm Mandatory meeting for all students, parents & sponsors

Sunday, March 3:

3:30pm Mandatory meeting for all students, parents & sponsors

****Training dates for students and sponsors will be sent out soon****

We hope you will partner with us for this mission trip to Mexico. This week has the potential to be a life-shaping event for each of us. Begin asking God now to prepare your heart for what He has for you. Expect God to do something miraculous in your life!

We realize that this is a lot of information to absorb, so let us know if something does not make sense or is not clear. We also know that this is a leap of faith for you parents and students, so please let us know what we can do to help you!

In Christ,
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