

Guanajuato, Mexico

October 5 - 8, 2023

Cost: \$1,100

Important Dates:

May 21 – Info Meeting

Informational meeting after service

June 1 - Application Due

(Prior to first team meeting)

June 4 – First Team Meeting

\$200 Deposit Due (non-refundable)

*(*If paying via PayPal/On-line payment = \$206.67)*

July 1 - Second Payment

\$300 Payment Due

*(*If paying via PayPal/On-line payment = \$309.97)*

August 1 - Third Payment

\$300 Payment Due

*(*If paying via PayPal/On-line payment = \$309.97)*

August 6 – Second Team Meeting

September 1 - Final Payment

Final \$300 Payment Due

*(*If paying via PayPal/On-line payment = \$309.97)*

September 24 – Final Team Meeting

Final Headcount and travel planning

Travel

October 5, 2023

Arrive at LAX no later than 9:45pm

October 8, 2023

Return to LAX 11:30pm

If Interested in Joining:

- Read through and fill out the attached contract, application and spiritual information pages.
- Attend the Informational Meeting
- Mail or hand-deliver the completed forms (*with a copy of your passport*) and the non-refundable down payment to the church office by the due date.

Important Information

- **Passport:** If you do not have a current one, apply for or update your Passport immediately as it can be time consuming. *A passport **book** is required for international air travel, a passport card will not be sufficient.*
- Each team member is responsible for their own expenses. This can be paid for by the individual or raised through donations as missions support. The church will hold an account for each applicant that will be used for covering trip expenses. There is a sample donation letter at the end of this application.

For more information:

Greg Stanford:

Phone – (805) 901-3038

Email – gstanford@calvaryventura.org

TEAM MEMBER CONTRACT

1. As part of this team, I realize that I will be expected to take an active role.
2. I realize that refusing to participate in scheduled meetings, fundraising, etc., could be cause for my removal from the team or loss of church financial support.
3. I will keep good communication with the team leader. It is my responsibility to let the team leader know, before an event, if I am unable to attend.
4. I will respectfully submit to my team leader, realizing that God has appointed him to this position.
5. I will cooperate in whatever duties or roles I am asked to perform by my team leader.
6. If I personally have a conflict with my team leader or any other team member, I will go directly to that person to make things right. If we are unable to settle our conflict, the matter will then be brought to the team leader, then to the pastor.
7. I will seek to promote team unity and respect for the leadership. I commit to not cause division among my team members.
8. I will keep a good Christian witness at all times and in all places.
9. I realize that failure to keep my Christian witness could be cause for my removal from the team.
10. I agree to a “no drinking” (alcohol) policy while on this mission trip.
11. I realize that as a team member, I am responsible for all of my trip and personal finances. I personally take responsibility for the funding of my trip.
12. If for any reason I drop from, or am removed from the team, all funds raised in my name will go to support the rest of the team.
13. I have a valid passport; I have already applied for a passport; I will obtain a passport by the date required
14. I do promise to support the policies and doctrines of Calvary Ventura.

We are excited that you are interested in the upcoming mission trip. We read through and prayerfully consider each application received. Our desire is to see the Lord put this team together as He knows is best and we trust He will lead us in that. Before you turn in this application, please review the commitments required for each team member.

1. **TEAM COMMITMENT:** team meetings, which include prayer and trip information, are mandatory and typically are held on a monthly basis.
2. **FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:** as with every trip, there is a non-refundable deposit due upon the application deadline date. In addition to the initial deposit there will be other financial due dates that are also non-refundable (but are tax-deductible) which cover the expenses of the trip. You are responsible for the full amount of the trip.

Signature _____

Date _____

**Make all checks payable to:
Calvary Ventura
with “Guanajuato Mission Trip” written in the memo line*

GUANAJUATO 2023 APPLICATION

1. Complete the application
2. Attach a recent photo and a copy of your passport, if you already have one
3. Submit to Calvary Ventura office
4. Call (805) 642-1435 or email missions@calvaryventura.org with any questions

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
M/F: ____ Age: ____ Date of Birth: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birthplace: City/State: _____
Citizenship: _____
Passport #: _____
Issue Date: _____
Expiration Date: _____

Your passport must be valid for 6 months after your return date or the Airline will not allow you to leave the country.

HEALTH INFORMATION

List any allergies/ any medications you are allergic to:

Are you currently taking any prescription medication? If so, please describe the medication and purpose:

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Have you ever been out of the country before?

Yes Where? _____

Have you been on a mission trip before?

Yes Where? _____

Do you have problems with:

Traveling? _____

Food? _____

Briefly explain WHY you want to be apart of this trip:

Please list any talents, hobbies, special abilities:

If needed, I can be a carpool driver in my personal vehicle to and from the airport Yes No

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of emergency, please contact:

Full Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

How long have you been attending Calvary Ventura?

How long have you been walking with the Lord?

How and when did you come to know the Lord?

Describe your personal devotional life?

Describe your present church involvement?
(attendance, participation in ministries, etc.)

What do you see as your strongest and weakest character qualities? Describe:

What Spiritual Gifts do you feel you have?
(See Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31; Ephesians 4:11-13)

What fruit of the Spirit do you see in your life?
What do you feel you lack? *(See Galatians 5:22-26)*

What is your experience with and attitude towards Roman Catholics?

Describe your present church involvement?
(attendance, participation in ministries, etc.)

Please give two references we can contact (one from a pastor or spiritual leader and another non-family member). If the applicant has been involved at Calvary Ventura, then a reference is not required.

Name 1 _____

Address 1: _____

Cell Phone 1: _____

Email 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Address 2: _____

Cell Phone 2: _____

Email 2: _____

SAMPLE FUNDRAISING LETTER TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

February 1, 2023

Dear Friend,

I have been given the opportunity to go to Guanajuato, Mexico, as a Christian missionary. I will be leaving on October ____ and returning on October ____.

I am very excited about my trip and I want you also to share in the excitement. The cost of the trip is _____. This includes transportation, lodging, and meals. I am asking that you partner with me for this trip in prayer, and prayerfully consider supporting a portion of this trip.

Not only is your donation tax deductible, but it will affect people in another country for eternity!

If you feel God is leading you to be a part of this opportunity financially, please fill out the attached mission support coupon and send it with your check payable to Calvary Ventura (write **“Guanajuato Mission Trip”** in the memo line) to:

Calvary Ventura
Attn: Missions Team
4221 E Main Street, Suite C
Ventura, CA 93003

If you would like to pray for me and the team or updates on my trip fill out the attached mission support coupon, mark the box indicating you will be praying and provide your email address, I will send updates to you as I can.

If you have any questions call me at *ENTER YOUR PHONE HERE*. Thank you for praying for us and potentially supporting this mission trip.

Respectfully yours,

Guanajuato Mission Support Coupon



- I will be praying regularly for _____, team members, and the over-all effectiveness of this project trip and would like to be added to your email update list, I have included my email address below.
- I have enclosed \$_____ to support this team and their work.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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