

Riverside Community Church
2009 Fall Mission Trip
Piedras Negras, Mexico
October 16-18th

INFORMATION SHEET

- WHO:** All ages (10 and older) – families welcome! At least one parent must be present with minors
- WHAT:** Weekend mission trip to serve at the following:
- *Aleluya Church School*
 - *Casa Bethesda special needs orphanage*
 - *Casa de Misericordia orphanage*
- WHEN:** Meet at The Loft parking lot on Friday, October 16th after school – load, pray & depart.
- WHERE:** Riverside Community Church missionaries will stay in a Christian retreat center (known as Mision El Faro) run by an American couple in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Mision El Faro is ideally located within 10 minutes of all mission sites and has a pool, volleyball court, basketball court, and air conditioning. Mission El Faro will provide the majority of our meals.
- WHY:** By participating in a mission trip you will experience the joy of serving others and learn first hand what it means to be the “hands and feet of Jesus” in our world. This is an opportunity to worship the Lord by serving His children in need. Expect your heart to be changed and your faith to grow from this experience!
- PASSPORT:** “As of June 1st, 2009, US and Canadian citizens aged 16 and over who are entering the United States from Mexico, Canada or the Caribbean by land or sea are required to show a passport or alternative [WHTI](#)-compliant document such as a [passport card](#) or enhanced driver's license. **Children up to the age of 15** may present proof of citizenship alone, such as a birth certificate, a consular report of birth abroad, a naturalization certificate, or a Canadian citizenship card.”
- SAFETY:** At this time, AHUMC would not consider leading a group into Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, as this city is clearly unstable and unsafe to visit at this time. As a church we have taken numerous weekend mission trips into Mexico (Piedras Negras & Reynosa) and have yet to experience a single problem. Coker and University UMC have gone to Piedras Negras multiple times for years and have also not experienced problems. Just like any city in the US, if you want to find trouble, you can find it in certain areas late at night. But, just like in the US, if you don't go looking for trouble, you typically don't find any. The businesses in Piedras Negras want your business so they, along with the police, have done an excellent job in keeping panhandlers and crime off of the street.
- TRANSPORT:** We will carpool to Mexico in our own vehicles. Please let your trip leader know if you are willing to be a driver. AHUMC will reimburse for gas and insurance while your vehicle is in Mexico. Insurance costs \$35.00 for a weekend per car. Simply go online to <http://www.sanbornsinsurance.com/> or call toll free 1-800-222-0158. If you would like to be reimbursed for this amount, please provide Linda Marceau a receipt or confirmation notice.

ITINERARY: The weekend itinerary will be available at the mandatory pre-trip meeting, date, time & location to be announced.

COST: The cost is \$100 /per person (includes 2 nights lodging, majority of meals, supplies, gas, etc.). Make checks payable to "Riverside" and write "October Mission Trip 2009" in the memo line. Send checks to:

Riverside Community Church
Attn: Linda Marceau
20475 Hwy 46 W.
Spring Branch, TX 78070

Please bring additional money for lunch on Friday in Eagle Pass before crossing the border and a late lunch on Sunday in Eagle Pass on the return home (\$5-\$8 each). Bring additional money for snacks and/or souvenirs if you wish.

TO REGISTER: Complete the Registration Form/Liability Release available on the church website (www.ahumc.org - under mission & outreach link /mission trips) and turn it in along with your check to Linda Marcea.

If you are under age 18, you must complete a Parental Consent form (regardless if your parents are present on the trip. **Your Registration Form/Liability Release, Parental Consent (if applicable) AND check are due by October 9, 2009.**

PRE-TRIP MEETING:

There will be a meeting (time & location to be announced) to discuss the trip. Meeting is mandatory and at least one family member must attend.

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