

Overview

2023 Mexico House Building Trip

April 9-15

The Trip in a Nutshell:

The purpose of our house-building trip to Mexico is two-fold: (1) to provide a basic home according to the standards and needs of the village in which we work, and (2) to build a community of love within our team and with the Mexican families who work with us for the week.

We sleep in tents pitched in a basic campground operated by AMOR Ministries, work full days in the Mexican sun, rain or wind and shower with water warmed only by the sun. This trip will change your life as you get to know and fall in love with the people of Mexico who live in these conditions every day. We are guests in Mexico; although we have much to give, we also have much to receive from these inspiring and loving people.

We will work with AMOR Ministries, who have been operating in Mexico since 1980. The AMOR house we will build is a simple wood-frame/stucco structure that requires no power tools – so that everyone on the team can do just about any task. No previous construction experience or skills are necessary. The trip is open to ages 5 and older.

Schedule:

Sun. 2/5	Information Meeting, 11:15 am-12:15 pm; Live Oak Room
Friday, 2/10	Registration & deposit due
Sun. 3/5	Group Meeting #2, 11:15 am-12:30 pm; Live Oak Room; final payment due
Sun. 4/2	Group Meeting #3, 11:15 am-12:30 pm; Live Oak Room
Sat. 4/8, 3:00 pm	Pack trailer & vehicles
Sun. 4/9; 8:00am	Leave LAUMC; Overnight in San Diego
Mon. 4/10	Cross border to Mexico, set up camp
4/11-14	Build a house!
Sat. 4/15	Pack up and leave Mexico; return to LAUMC
TBD	Clean and repack gear, 1-3pm

Team Spirit:

Throughout the week we work in teams to build, to provide an educational and mission experience for everyone, and to meet the community needs of our group (e.g., transportation, food, shelter, and worship). Each person will sign up to help with specific tasks. Flexibility is our key word!

Our children will participate in age-appropriate work-site tasks, craft projects designed for use in the homes we build, and play adventures with the village children. Integrating our children into the experience requires the support of all adults. Parents retain responsibility for their children at all times.

Estimated Costs:

The cost of the trip includes all expenses including the cost of the building materials. You will need to carry additional cash for meals in California and any shopping you might do in California or Mexico. The cost of the trip is \$600 for each participant 10 and over on the first day of the trip, \$300 for each participant under 10.

Your deposit of \$200/adult and \$100/child is due by 2/10/23. This deposit becomes non-refundable when the final payment of the balance is due on 3/5/23. Do not let money stand in the way of your

participation. Ask Leslie Carmichael (see contact information below) about available mission scholarships for LAUMC participants.

Signing Up:

Sign up by using the LAUMC event portal for the Mexico Trip: <https://laumc.gomethod.app!/29786/mexico-trip>

Registering with AMOR Ministries is also required using one of these links:

- 18 and over: <https://bit.ly/LosAltos2023over18>
- 17 and under: <https://bit.ly/LosAltos2023under17>

Questions?

Please see additional info at www.laumc.org and/or contact one of the following people:

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