

Mission To Mexico Information July 28th – August 4th 2018

Cost

- \$350 - \$450 per person (includes lodging, most meals, gas and other transportation costs)
- 4 meals will be on your own
- Extra money for souvenirs

Signing Up

- Sign-up on the website (<http://valleycommunity.church/>)

Minors

- If minor is going with one, or no parent(s), you **MUST** have notarized permission from non-participating parent(s). A sample letter is available on the VCC website. UPS stores, and other postal stores have notary services.
- This year we are requiring that any minor NOT traveling with at least one parents has an adult sponsor that will be on the trip. This adult must agree to sponsor that child. The adult sponsor will look after and discipline the child as necessary for the safety of the child and others on the trip.

Passports

- Get your passports ASAP. Can take more than 6 weeks to get them.
- Cost is over \$150
- Done at Post Office

Take the following with you when you go to apply:

1. **Proof of U.S. citizenship.** This must be one of the following:
 - A certified birth record (with official seal and date of filing)
 - Naturalization papers
 - Old passport
2. **Proof of identity.** This is a document with photo and signature such as a valid driver's license or military ID.
3. **Two photos.** These must be taken within the past six months and be full-face view, two-inches square with a plain white background. Do not wear head covering unless required by your religion. One-hour photo labs in shopping malls do passport photos.
4. **Payment.** Take a check, money order, or exact change for each application.
5. **Completed application form.** This form can be obtained from the post office. If you are renewing a passport, you can get the form from the post office and renew by mail. It may take time to get a certified copy of your birth certificate, so request it early.

Before leaving home, make three photocopies of the identification page so it is easier to get a new passport, should it be necessary. Leave one at home with a family member or friend. You will give one copy to your team leader. The third copy will go in your luggage.

Concerns

- Safety: please visit - <https://travel.state.gov>
- Crossing the boarder
 - What NOT to try to bring over the boarder
 - Weapons, drugs, explosives, alcohol.
- Vaccines
 - Tenuis is suggested. Please consult your doctor to see what the recommend.

What NOT to bring (or bring back!)

- Electronics
- Weapons
- Explosives
- Alcohol
- Inappropriate clothing, which includes: short-shorts, tank tops or other clothing that does not appropriately cover. Cultural norms are different in Mexico and modesty is very important.
- Anything of value

Phone usage

- International rates apply