

Mexico City 2012



Tyro Christian Youth
June 22nd - July 1st

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All about Mexico City

- Mexico City's metropolitan population is over 20 million.
- Mexico City is one of the largest city's in the world. Tokyo and Soul are larger by most accounts and New York City is slightly smaller.
- Mexico City is the capital of Mexico and is in North America.
- Highly Roman Catholic religion.
- Very different than the Mexican Border or tourist area.
- The altitude of our location is 7800 ft, half a mile higher than Denver, CO.



Why are we going to Mexico City?

We started going to Niños de México in 2002 when Seth Thomas was our Teen Intern (son of Dave and Toni Thomas). His wife Dana (Stine) was the director's daughter and she grew up at Niños. Since that time, Seth himself has become director, as his father-in-law became president of Boise Bible College. We have taken 3 teen mission trips to Niños de México in the past decade.

Who is Going?

- 12 teens are able to go with Myron and Christy Klesner.
- Christy has been to Mexico several times and on many other mission trips. She is a great sponsor, knowledgeable and helpful in many ways.
- Myron has been on numerous mission trips both overseas and in the US starting when he was about 15. Besides leading trips to Costa Rica, Trinidad, and Honduras, he also led all the past trips to Niños.
- If you have questions you can contact him at myron@tyrochristian.org
- Myron's Cell - 620-988-4545 - Christy's Cell - 620-988-0140

What needs to happen?

▪ Passports

- Go to <http://www.usps.com/passport/>
- You need a passport book not card.
- This is a good website that will guide you through the whole process. There is a different process for those who are 15 years old and under, 16-17 year olds, and 18 year olds and above.
- You will have to have specific pictures taken. You can do this at Wal-mart, Walgreens, UPS stores, or at the post office.
- When you go to the post office to turn in your papers make sure you understand the documentation and forms of payment you need.
- This needs to be done in February or March.



▪ Turn in Money

- The whole trip will cost about \$700.
 - \$700 will include all food, housing, gas, airline ticket (which is \$715 by itself), special insurance, departure tax, project material, in-country transportation, etc.
 - \$700 will not include
 - Snacks, drinks, extra food
 - Souvenirs
 - Passport
- \$100 needs to be turned in by January 22nd.
 - General thoughts about money
 - Please make regular payments. You may set up your own plan with what works best for you (paychecks, other bills, etc).
 - If you have trouble making a payment, please let Myron know. Keep in good communication.

- All checks made payable to Tyro Christian Youth. You may hand it to Myron or put them in Myron's box in the main office. If cash, it must be in an envelope with name/date/Mexico.
- We can also take your credit or debit card. See Myron.
- The missions committee pays $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of one mission trip per student per year. This is what makes the trip possible for many of you. We need to express our gratitude whenever possible.
- Permission Sheet
 - There is a special permission form for this trip. It needs to be notarized. This can happen at your bank or at a future meeting.

What and When!

We will leave on June 22nd and return on June 30th.

This is a tentative schedule but it will give you an idea.

June 22nd - Be at the church at 4:00 for luggage weigh-in, passport check, and packing of supplies. We will head down to Tulsa and spend the night before flying out the next day.

June 23rd - We generally have to be up very early, and are in Mexico City by noon.

June 24th - We'll have church at a local church and most likely see the ancient pyramids.

June 24th - June 30th - Work on manual projects and spending time with kids and teens of the orphanage. We will have a day of cultural experience in the city.

June 30th - Fly out of Mexico City and arrive back in Tulsa via Houston or Dallas.



Everything Else...

- One US dollar is worth about 13 pesos.
- You will need extra money for snacks and souvenirs. (about \$75 or over 1,000 pesos). You can take more or less.
- You will need 1 suitcase weighing 50 lbs or less and 62 dimensional inches or less (height+width+Length). They will need to be quality suitcases with wheels (Goodwill or Salvation Army often has good cheap ones). We might need a few of you to carry two suitcases for supplies and donations.
- You are not required to get shots for this trip. Although your tetanus should be up to date. I suggest that you ask your personal physician anything you are unsure about. We will be in the city and not rural areas.
- It is optional that you send out letters to your family and friends asking for support. I would suggest that you not use this as your main means of support but, for some, this might be the only way for you to go. If you need help with this be sure to ask Myron.



Information for you

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Center for Disease Control

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/mexico.htm>

CIA fact book about Mexico

- <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/mx.html>
- http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html
- <http://ninosdemexico.org/>



"...the LORD will RECEIVE me..."

Psalm 27:10 NIV

