

Mazatlán, Mexico – October 2020 – Special Needs

Q: What are the dates of the trip?

A: Saturday, October 10 thru Friday, October 16, 2020

Q: What will we be doing?

A: Our partner organization, Back2Back Ministries, works with indigenous orphanages to supplement the children's spiritual, educational, physical, emotional and social needs. You will have the opportunity to serve in a manner that fits your gifts. Both relational and task-oriented personalities are needed to play with the children and complete work projects. This trip will focus on children who have special needs.

Q: How much is it and what does that include?

A: The cost is approximately \$1900. This price includes airfare, trip insurance, meals for the week and transportation while in Mexico. If you don't have a valid passport, application fees are outside of this amount. It is recommended that you take about \$75-100 for souvenirs and food while traveling to and from Mexico.

Q: When do I need to start paying?

A: A \$300 per person deposit is required with your application by no later than Sunday, May 17, 2020. There are only 15 spots available, and those spots will be filled on a first come basis with a completed application and deposit received. The remaining amount due schedule is:

Approximately 50% of the funds are due to TPCC by Friday, July 24, 2020 = \$950

100% of the funds are due to TPCC by no later than Friday, September 25, 2020 = \$1900

Q: What do I need to prepare (shots, passport, flight, etc.)

A: All flight arrangements are made by the TPCC Outreach Programming Director, Taranza Brown. A current tetanus shot and a prescription for Cipro (in case of diarrhea) are recommended, but they aren't required. There will be an additional travel document for minors traveling without both parents that will need to be completed and notarized, along with a Back2Back information form, but we will get those out once our team is assembled. Participants must have a current passport (one with an expiration date of later than April 30, 2021). If you have a passport, but it has an expiration date sooner than this date, the passport will have to be renewed before the trip.

To get information on how to get a passport go to

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/information/fees.html>

Q: How old do my kids need to be if they want to go?

A: They must be at least 8 years old to go on a Back2Back Mission trip.

Q: What are the meals like?

A: Back2Back prepares excellent meals that reflect the local culture as well as providing American-style dishes. You will eat well and aren't required to step far outside of your culinary comfort zone.

Q: Where will we be staying?

A: Back2Back Mazatlán, Mexico is located in a large house in secure gated neighborhood within the city. Sleeping accommodations are air-conditioned dormitories with bunk beds.

Information on Back2Back Ministries

Website for Back2Back Ministries is: back2back.org

Some very helpful YouTube videos to watch to learn more about the Back2Back Short Term Mission trips and ministry are:

- Back2Back Ministries – Going (this was made for Apex, another organization that goes to Mexico on a regular basis like TPCC, but it is applicable and the same for our trips as well.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Utppm7edn_k
- Take a trip with Back2Back – a look at what the short term trips are like.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naTIpwwbpSA>
- The Heart of Back2Back Ministries – a look at what Back2Back ministries is all about.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxZqvMwcZFQ>
- A video from the Tim Tebow foundation about the specific site in Mazatlán that we go to: Rancho de Los Niños.
<https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/videos/tim-tebow-foundation-movement-season-1-episode-3>