

A Note to CPC: *Come Build Hope!*

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Memorial Day is coming up, and you know what that means! *The Come Build Hope Mexico mission trip!*

On Memorial Day weekend (Friday afternoon – Sunday night) our church will join many others in partnership with Amor Ministries in rural Baja Mexico near Rosarito to build houses for families who don't have a house or have a very small run down house. Your labor will bring stability, security, and safety to their lives by providing a sturdy structure to keep the rain out, the warmth in, and a door and windows which can be locked. It is a great mission outreach to our neighbors over the border, and something worth being involved in!

We meet at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church late afternoon Friday, May 27 to board a charter bus to the secure campsite in Baja Mexico. Once there, we enjoy an authentic Mexican dinner, and the company of others around campfires. Saturday morning we go to our work site to meet the family and begin building their home. Sunday, May 29 we finish the house, give keys to the family, and then return home by early evening, with plenty of time to enjoy the Memorial Day holiday. It's a weekend spent learning new skills, meeting new friends, feeling tired at the end of the day and yet so grateful for the experience of sharing, believing and working with a team – *and making a difference in the lives of a family!*

FAQs

Do I need a passport?

Yes! Everyone no matter the age needs a valid passport in order to go. NO EXCEPTIONS! Children under the age of 18 may no longer participate with just a copy of their birth certificate. If you do not have a passport that is valid for travel through at least May 31, begin to look into acquiring one now!

Do I need to know how to build a house?

Nope! We will teach you how to build a house. Experienced or not, there will be a job that is perfect for you on the work site.

Do I need to bring my own tools?

Nope! Tools will be provided! After you have registered, along with your packing list, you will receive a list of tools that you may choose to bring.

What is the minimum age?

Officially there is no minimum age. The recommended age is 4th grade and up, but left to the parents' discretion. Keep in mind that there is no discount for children, and that we will be working on a construction site.

What is the cost of the trip?

The cost is \$410. There is a "Tiered Family Costs" discount if more than one person from your family attends. The rate for the 2nd and 3rd family member is \$360 each and for the fourth or more it's \$310. CPC's mission committee has partial scholarships available for anyone who might need some financial assistance. To inquire, please send me a brief email briefly about why you want to go on this trip and the type of assistance you may need.

What does the \$410 cover?

The cost includes charter bus transportation both ways, bus rides to and from the campground to the build site, six meals (4 prepared, 2 sack lunch), pre-pitched tents at a secure campground, clean filtered drinking water, bucket showers, and building materials.

What if I don't want to go, but still want to help?

Donations are always welcome! Make a check payable to Christ Presbyterian Church and put "Come Build Hope" in the memo. Donations will be used to provide scholarships for CPC folks or for a backpack drive organized by Casa De Amistad, an organization that provides backpacks filled with essentials for school children in Mexico. Last year, CPC donated 20 backpacks. If you have questions about donations or other ways to get involved, please contact me.

How do I sign up?

Register online through the SBPC website. You'll need your passport information to sign up! Click [Come Build Hope](#) You will need to sign into your existing account (if you have one) or register for a new account. Then complete the participant information. At the prompt: *Please select who you would like to serve with*, pick *Christ Presbyterian Church*. Fill out the rest of the form, click on continue. Review your information then click *confirm registration*. You will receive a receipt for your registration. After you have signed up, please email me and let me know (because I will not be able to see if you signed up or not until closer to the date we are going).

I hope that everyone prayerfully considers making the *Come Build Hope Mexico Mission Trip 2016* part of their Memorial Day plans as we go "Build on the Rock!"

Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise person who builds his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. Matthew 7: 24-25

I look forward to seeing you in Mexico!!

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