



RESCUE. LOVE. RESTORE.

MISSION

GROUP LEADERS

We applaud you for bringing a team to serve abroad in the name of Jesus, what we are training and going after is a genuine form of discipleship, one that involves a cost. As we follow the model set by Jesus, we challenge participants to count the cost and set their eyes on the risen One, who for the joy set before Him paid it all. Keeping in mind what 2 Peter 3:18 states about growing in both the “grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus”, we know that growing in each of these births a desire within to become thoughtful and authentic when discovering the Father’s plans for us, his kids.

During a normal week at The Mission: RDSN this is what you can expect to be a part of, but as you’ve heard it said over and over again, being used by God often requires flexibility beyond what comes naturally to us. So see all the following as a framework that may change as we determine to allow the Holy Spirit to move in us regardless of our unmet expectations.

Your team will attend an Orientation where you get to learn a little bit of the history of our ministry and our core values, as well as the need to know items for your stay with us. This will take place either on the day of your arrival or the following morning if your team arrives later in the day.

DURING YOUR TRIP

Visas

Whether we pick you up from the airport or meet and guide you from the border our team will walk you through the Visitor's Visa process at the Mexican Immigration Office. Your online visa forms can only be completed within one month before your arrival date (instructions found on pg. 9). Before applying, please double check that your passport is current. If your passport expires within six months of your arrival date, you will not be able to obtain a visa, and will need to renew your passport.

In order to complete these visas, be sure that each of your team members has a valid passport book or passport card. A valid passport is one that does not expire within 180 days (6 months) of your arrival date. Please note that Enhanced Driver's Licenses (WA) or Real ID's (CA) are not sufficient to obtain a Visitor's Visa in Mexico.

This greatly expedites the immigration process on your arrival day. There are also forms available in the visa office if you are unable to fill them out online Please note that an extended stay visa is required for stays of over seven days, at an additional fee of approximately \$30.00 per person.

Communication & Phones

WiFi is available for purchase by credit card when connecting to our network. This WiFi range only extends to certain areas of campus. International plans are also always available through your wireless carrier. We highly suggest that trip leaders invest in an international plan for the duration of their trip, which allows for important communication with RDSN / The Mission hosts while on your trip.

Using mobile phones in Mexico without making arrangements in advance can result in excessive roaming charges. Many of our group members choose to place their mobile phones on airplane mode to avoid all charges as well as maximise their experience, or at the very least will opt to turn off cellular data upon crossing the border.

For younger teams, such as Christian schools or youth groups, we encourage participants to disconnect from their mobile devices during the trip. We have a high value for being present.

Insuring Your Vehicles

It is recommended that, if you are driving your own vehicles into Mexico, to insure with a Mexican Policy prior to crossing the border. This can be done online through sites like bajabound.com or just before you enter Mexico at a variety of locations near the Tecate, Otay and San Ysidro borders.

Donations & Importing

Please note, upon crossing into Mexico, any purchased supplies or donated items may have an 8% importation tax applied when crossing the border, which your team will be responsible for paying. Used clothing, including hats and shoes, are not permitted to be imported for donation into Mexico. Additionally, Mexico does not allow the importation of fresh produce or other similar food items.

If at the end of your stay you wish to leave items as donations that can be arranged upon your departure.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Housing

We have several group dormitories each equipped with bunk beds and foam pads, which are divided by gender. There are also 4 men's showers, 4 women's showers, and a full restroom that are all shared with our School of Missions students. We simply ask that you join us in using water conservatively and do your very best to keep our campus and facilities clean and damage free.

Please bring hand sanitizer for each of your rooms as it will only be accessible in the shower and restroom facilities.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all served in our dining hall, and for the time being due to Covid-19 restrictions, our kids will not be able to join your team for lunches and dinners. All items served in our kitchen and café are safe for consumption. If someone on your team has food allergies please be sure to talk with them about how to prepare for their stay, as no accommodations will be available in our kitchen.

Additionally, our kitchen staff has incorporated disinfecting protocol between dining times, as well as requiring facemask for entry and at all times when guests are not seated at their specific dining table. Also, expect to have your temperatures checked when entering our dining hall and sanctuary.

Transportation

As you may already know, we have two different transportation options. The first includes stateside transportation from San Diego and crossing the border into Mexico for your stay at RDSN (\$50 per group member). The other simply covers transportation in Mexico and during the different ministries and activities your team will participate in during your stay here (\$25 per group member).

Also, please work with us in planning your arrival and departure days and times for ease.

If you would like our office to book flights for you, we'll need a completed team roster in order to do so. Please let us know if you would like help booking flights as soon as you are able.

When selecting your flights, please book within the following windows* to allow our team sufficient time to get you to your destination:

For your arrival flight, please shoot to land between 9:00AM - 4:00PM PST.

For your departing flight, between 12:00PM - 9:00PM PST work best.

*We do our very best to be accommodating for teams. We understand that sometimes there are flights that work better outside of our proposed time frame. \$10 per person fee for any arrival and departures outside of our normal hours.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday

8am Breakfast
 10am Campus Valle Redondo Service
 - Church & Children's Church
 1pm Lunch
 6pm Dinner
 10pm Quiet Hours

Monday

8am Breakfast
 9am Devotions
 10am Work Project
 Lunch
 2pm Kids Ministry
 6pm Dinner
 10pm Quiet Hours

Tuesday

8am Breakfast
 9am Devotions
 10am Work Project
 Lunch
 2pm Kids Ministry
 6pm Dinner
 /OR
 2pm Evangelism Trailer
 6pm Dinner
 10pm Quiet Hours

Wednesday

8am Breakfast
 9am Devotions
 10am Work Project
 Lunch

2pm Community Outreach
 6pm Dinner
 7pm RDSN History & Testimony Bonfire
 10pm Quiet Hours

Thursday

8am Breakfast
 9am Devotions
 10am Work Project
 Lunch
 2pm Kids Ministry
 6pm Dinner
 AND/OR
 4pm Dinner
 5:30pm Connection Groups
 10pm Quiet Hours

Friday

8am Breakfast
 9am Sponsorship Presentation
 10am Work Project
 Lunch
 2pm Kids Ministry
 6pm Dinner
 10pm Quiet Hours

Saturday

8am Breakfast
 9am Work Project
 Lunch
 2pm Kids Ministry
 6pm Dinner
 10pm Quiet Hours

See page 11 for how to plan for each activity!

SAMPLE TRIP SCHEDULE

On the following page, you'll find a sample schedule for a seven day trip with us.

The ministries and outreaches your team will be involved in are activities that we do every week with our School of Missions students. So you'll have a team of translators at your side as you serve and share the good news! Those ministries always happen on the same day of the week, so your actual trip dates may affect which ministries your team will be involved in.

Additionally, you'll notice several fun activities scattered throughout the week, which you may have requested on your ME application. Below you'll find a brief explanation of each. If you'd like to adjust your schedule to include activities you didn't request, simply let us know!

Finally, there are a few activities that are seasonal and/or dependent on other circumstances, which may or may not be on your schedule, including the History Night and Leader's Coffee.

Special Events and Activities

Activities and outings to **Tacos and Bakery** and even **Rosarito Beach** can be arranged and will likely fall on a Monday, Friday or Saturday but can be arranged another day if your itinerary does not include a Monday, Friday or Saturday.

Additionally, the **Challenge Course** is an excellent tool for building and overcoming fear, it will be added to your itinerary in place of a work project one morning. If your trip is less than 3 days, please be aware the challenge course might not be added to your schedule. **The Challenge Course is currently undergoing maintenance and unavailable for the Summer and Fall of 2021*

The Mission @ RDSN - Missions Experience with:

Your Church Name

Your Trip Date

Updated:	10/4/2021	10/5/2021	10/6/2021	10/7/2021	10/8/2021	10/9/2021	10/10/2021
4/26/2021	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Leaders Name:	Arrival Time:	---	6:45 AM Leader's Coffee @ Mission Office The Mission Leadership	---	---	---	---
Your Team Leader	TBD	8:00 AM Breakfast @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	8:00 AM Breakfast @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	8:00 AM Breakfast @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	8:00 AM Breakfast @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	8:00 AM Breakfast @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	8:00 AM Breakfast @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host
Headcount:	Location:	9:00 AM Devotionals @ La Misión	9:00 AM Devotionals @ La Misión	9:00 AM Devotionals @ La Misión	9:00 AM Sponsorship @ La Misión Host: ME Host Presenter: Leo or Karina	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Prayer Walk @ The Cross Hill Team Only	Devotions on your own
#	Your Pick Up Location						
Accommodations:	Estimated Arrival Time to RDSN:	10:15 AM-12:15 PM Work Project: Ricardo	10:15 AM-12:15 PM Work Project: Ricardo	10:15 AM-12:15 PM Work Project: Ricardo	10:15 AM-12:15 PM Work Project: Ricardo	10:00 AM-12:15 PM Work Project: Ricardo	8:30 AM Church Prep @ La Misión Susy
ME Dorms or Hacienda Home	TBD						10:00 AM Church Service @ La Misión
Transportation	Orientation & Tour Your ME Host Tour: Rancho Home	1:00 PM Lunch @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	1:00 PM Lunch @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	1:00 PM Lunch @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	1:00 PM Lunch @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	1:00 PM Lunch @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	1:00 PM Lunch @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host
Your Transportation							
Departure Date & Time	Upon Arrival	2:00 PM Evangelism Trailer Prep @ The Chapel: Dani	2:00 PM - 5:30PM Community Outreach @ La Misión : Selah	4:00 PM Dinner @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	2:00 PM- 4:00 PM Kids Ministry @ La Primaria : Mary	2:00 PM - 5:30PM Community Outreach @ La Misión : Selah	
Your Trip Date							
Assigned Dorms:	Free Time / Rest	2:30 PM - 5:30PM Evangelism Trailer: Dani	5:00 PM Connection Groups Prep @ La Misión : Susy	Free Time / Rest	Free Time / Rest	Free Time / Rest	
Men:	5:30PM Tacos & Bakery @ El Guero Y Mejor Pan Your ME Host Vehicle: TBD	6:00 PM Dinner @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	6:00 PM Dinner @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	Free Time / Rest	Free Time / Rest	6:00 PM Dinner @ Dining Hall: Your ME Host	
Women:							
Outstanding Balance:	Free Time / Rest	Free Time / Rest	Possible Bontite	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Connection Groups Susy	5:30PM Tacos & Bakery @ El Guero Y Mejor Pan Your ME Host Vehicle: TBD	Free Time / Rest	
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Depart RDSN:
Flight Departure Time:
Vehicle:
Lead Driver:
Location:

PACKING LIST

Essentials

Passport Book or Passport Card*

Notarized Parental Consent for Travel Abroad (for each minor)

Medications**

Insurance card

Bible

Journal / Notebook

Pens/Pencils

Flashlight

Sleeping Bag / Blankets

Pillow

Work Gloves

Hand Sanitizer & Facemask

Towels

Soap / Shampoo

Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Hair Product

Deodorant

Sun-block

Cash for 2 meals & extras (US Dollars ok)

Box Fan (summer time)

Small Space Heater (winter time)

First Aid Kit (one per group)

Refillable Water Bottle

Mini Gatorade/Crystal Light Flavor Pack

Latex/Latex Free Gloves for Community Time

*Enhanced Driver's License is not sufficient to obtain a Visitor's Visa in Mexico.

**Prescription drugs are only permitted as medication prescribed by a physician. If you or anyone in your group requires medication on the trip, please be sure that medications are kept safely and remain in the original container with written prescription and dosage information.

There are no laundry facilities available to groups. Please bring a sufficient amount of clothing for the duration of your stay.

Clothes

Work Pants/Shorts

Work Shirts

Work Shoes

Casual Pants/Shorts

Casual Shirts

Casual Shoes

Socks

Underwear

Hat/Beanie

Work Gloves

Cool Pajamas

Light Jacket and/or Sweatshirt

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND...

Some items may not be beneficial to your group's overall experience so please be sure to set clear guidelines and expectations of appropriate use for the members of your group regarding the following:

Smart Phones
Digital Music/Video Device

Personal Gaming Devices
Laptops/Tablet

These items should never interfere with a group or individual's work, ministry, or healthy relationships while at RDSN.

Also, please understand the importance of working well with the staff, school of missions students and interns at RDSN as they are committed to your overall mission experience and safety. Finally, the following are items we ask you do not introduce to our campus:

Fireworks
Tobacco Products
Alcohol
Drugs

Weapons (all firearms illegal in Mexico)
Sexually Explicit Material or Talk
Derogatory or Disrespectful Language

Special Consideration

Please consider the risk of bringing new clothes and other valuable items. While we do our best to provide a secure campus, we are also serving and ministering to the needs of hundreds of children and teenagers on a daily basis.

GET CONNECTED – STAY CONNECTED

As you plan and prepare for your upcoming trip let's be in touch! One of the best ways for your team group to keep up with us is by liking us on Facebook, following us on Instagram, and even subscribing to our youtube channel.

Additionally, feel free to use the #themissioninc when you post about team meetings, fundraisers and throughout your time in Mexico with us!



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ONLINE VISA APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (SHORT-TERM)

Take your time while filling out the visa application

Please Note: Visas can only be applied for within 30 days of your arrival date.

If applying for a stay longer than seven days (extended stay), please contact us for specific instructions.

Go to the Website: www.inm.gob.mx/fmme

2. Your Home Address

Entry Information:

1. Change from “ES” to “EN” (English) above plus sign on right hand side of the screen
2. By Land
3. Point of Entry: Tecate, Otay Mesa, or San Ysidro (choose the border your team will cross)
4. Date of arrival: DAY/MONTH/YEAR
 - a. ie. July 13, 2017 = 13/07/2017
5. Date of Departure: DAY/MONTH/YEAR

Trip Information:

1. Reason for Trip: Other
2. Specify: Religious Minister
3. State: Baja California
4. Rancho de Sus Niños

Email:

1. Enter email
2. Re-enter email
3. Enter Verification code as seen

Personal Information:

1. First Name as it appears on passport
2. Last name (Surname) as it appears on passport
3. Gender (Male or Female)
4. Date of Birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)
5. Nationality (“United States of America” or country that issued your passport)
6. Country of birth

Save and Print “Electronic Multiple Migratory Form” which will look something like this:

ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS FORMA MIGRATORIA MÚLTIPLE (FMM)		
ESTA FORMA DEBE SER LLENADA DE MANERA INDIVIDUAL POR TODO EXTRANJERO QUE SE INTERNE A MÉXICO INCLUIDO EL PERSONAL DIPLOMÁTICO/ This form must be completed individually by all foreigners entering to Mexico including diplomats.		
REGISTRO DE ENTRADA/ENTRY REGISTRATION		
Datos como aparecen en el pasaporte/Personal information as it appears on the passport		
1. Nombre/First name Konstanze	2. Apellido (s)/Last name Whaler	3. Nacionalidad/Nationality German
4. Fecha de nacimiento/Date of birth 1-1-02-1-9-92	5. Sexo/Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mujeres/Female <input type="checkbox"/> Hombres/Male	6. No. Pasaporte/Passport No. C9VGW95TL
7. País de Residencia/Country of Residence Austria	8. No. de Tarjeta o Forma Migratoria/Immigration Form or Card No. 1258446 489	
9. Tipo de Viaje/Purpose of the Trip <input type="checkbox"/> Turismo/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Otro/	10. Vía de internación/Entering By <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aérea/Air <input type="checkbox"/> Marítima/Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestre/Land	
11. Nombre de la Aerolínea o embarcación/ Aerline or vessel name American Airlines	12. No. de vuelo o matrícula de la aerolínea o embarcación/ Flight No. or vessel registration AA1112	13. Estado y Ciudad de destino en México/ State and City of destination in Mexico Yucatán, Mérida
14. Domicilio en México (Nombre del Hotel, Calle y número)/Address in Mexico (hotel name, street and number)		

Identification Document:

1. Passport or Passport card (which you will use to cross on this trip)
2. Passport Number (Located on the upper right corner of your passport)
3. Repeat Passport Number
4. Country Passport was issued
5. Date Passport Issued (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)
6. Confirm date

Place of Residence:

1. Country of Residence (USA or other if applicable)

TRIP PRICES

Group Dorms

Room and Board (per person)

3 Days and 2 Nights for \$180

4 Days and 3 Nights for \$237

5 Days and 4 Nights for \$293

6 Days and 5 Nights for \$347

7 Days and 6 Nights for \$399

8 Days and 7 Nights for \$451

9 Days and 8 Nights for \$501

10 Days and 9 Nights for \$549

11 Days and 10 Nights for \$597

12 Days and 11 Nights for \$643

13 Days and 12 Nights for \$688

14 Days and 13 Nights for \$731

Children 10 and under are \$34 a day.

Children 5 and under are free.

Hacienda Home

Room and Board (per person)

These prices reflect the additional cost per person, per night, to stay in our Hacienda. This is a 14 room home and is a great option for families! There is a kitchen, family room space for you and your team to share. All meals will still be provided in the on site cafeteria.

\$40 a night, per adult*

\$25 a night, per child 10 and under*

Children 5 and under are free

*These prices are additional charges to the prices listed above

Payment Timeline

\$200 deposit due two weeks after confirmation of trip dates

50% of balance is due 8 weeks prior to arrival

Payment in full is due 4 weeks prior to arrival

Payments can be made by check or credit card (by phone or online).

Credit card payments are subject to a 5.49% transaction fee.

Short-term mission teams consist of a minimum of 5 paying persons

The \$200 deposit is not refundable, but it is transferable if your team needs to reschedule. All other money received prior to 2 weeks before the trip are refundable/transferable. Changes or cancellations made within 2 weeks of arrival are non-refundable and non-transferable.

This simply gives you an idea of pricing and costs. Team size changes are normal, and you can adjust them up to 2 weeks before your arrival date.

PREPARING FOR YOUR MINISTRY TIMES

Evangelism Trailer

Our Evangelism Trailer program happens every Tuesday and is a part of our vision for creating a place for communities to come together in family to experience the joy of community and minister hope and healing in a high energy and exciting environment.

The Setting

Evangelism Trailer takes place in the communities that we have strategically selected. The first part of the time is spent outdoors visiting from home to home inviting them to join us at the trailer at the program start time. As you invite people, listen carefully to the Holy Spirit and always look for an open door to speak a word of blessing over each home and family. Back at the trailer you will man a game or activity station for a period of time until the presentation starts, at which time you will clean up your assigned activity area. Skits and testimonies of God's goodness and his plan for salvation and abundant life will be highlighted flowing into a time for prayer.

The Schedule

2:00 PM	Meeting with someone from the church team in the church sanctuary to get directions for your outreach.
2:30 PM	Meet in the bus loading area to go out to the community.
3:00 PM	Walk around a community ministering to people through conversation and prayer while inviting them to trailer.
4:00 PM	Participate in the program by working an activity station and engaging the children and families.
4:30 PM	Participate in the program by cleaning up activity areas, helping participants be seated and focus in on the presentation.
5:00 PM	Help clean up trash surrounding the trailer and load up chairs and equipment.
5:30 PM	Return to Rancho

What to Bring

Please bring a sweatshirt or light jacket, some snack money and your Bible. Being prepared with any of the following activities and necessary supplies will help you make the most of your time.

1. Crafts for Kids
2. Face Painting, <https://youtu.be/9l8uwL8TgY>
3. Balloon Animals
<https://youtu.be/2tDg9BtM7g4>
<https://youtu.be/st1rhmnIkE4>
<https://youtu.be/5pGPtDKFknU>
<https://youtu.be/Yk3F2k8Y4Pw>

4. Short Skits or Human Videos
5. Fun and Simple Games/Contests, <https://youtu.be/OZIT0Hp-hf8>
6. Upbeat Songs with Dances or Hand Motions
7. Testimonies of God’s Goodness/Healing/Protection/Restoration (not necessarily salvation story)
8. Willingness to play and interact with people of our communities!

How You Fit In

During this time you will work with an assigned team under the direction of a team leader and translator. You will participate in specific activities to help prepare your hearts to serve and your minds to be focused on the voice of God in the midst of your serving. You will be challenged to step out and pray using a translator, to play with kids, to interact with strangers under our direct supervision. The key is to have fun and not to be shy, engage with anyone and everyone you can to help prepare their hearts for whatever Jesus has in store for them.

Community Outreach

Community outreach happens every Wednesday afternoon and is a part of our vision for serving our communities. The desire is to get to know them and become a tangible expression of Jesus while providing an opportunity for them to know Jesus and become a part of our church family.

The Setting

Community Outreach takes place in the communities that we have strategically selected. The majority of this time is spent outdoors visiting from home to home offering to clean up or haul away garbage for free. Removing garbage is something families and households would otherwise have to pay for. In meeting this felt need we demonstrate our desire to serve them which often results in an open door to speak a word of blessing over their home and family or even pray with them over specific difficulties they are encountering as a family or individual.

The Schedule

- 2:30 PM A 15 minute training meeting with your ministry leader in the church sanctuary to get directions for the afternoon.
- 2:45 PM Load vehicles and depart to the community.
- 5:00 PM Meet at the bus to load and return to campus.
- 5:30 PM Back on campus.

What to Bring

Work gloves, closed toed shoes, appropriate clothing for getting dirty.

How You Fit In

During this time you will work with an assigned team under the direction of a team leader and translator. You will participate in specific activities to help prepare your hearts to serve and your minds to be focused on the voice of God in the midst of your serving. You will be challenged to step out and pray using a translator, to play with

kids, to interact with strangers under our direct supervision. You'll also have information on bus routes for church and the nearest connection groups for those you meet who are interested in getting involved.

Connection Group

Connection group happens every Thursday night and is a part of our vision for building community and making strong followers of Jesus.

The Setting

Connection groups happen in 19 different places around the Tijuana area mostly in small, humble Mexican homes. Because of the size of these homes we may have to split your team into smaller groups to accommodate the size of the setting. Groups of 5 are ideal, but we can accommodate larger groups up to 10 in a couple of our locations. Please make sure there is one adult assigned to every group.

The Schedule

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| 3:00 PM | Meeting with someone from the church team in the church sanctuary to get directions for the night. |
| 4:00 PM | Eat a quick dinner in the dining hall. |
| 4:30 PM | Meet in the bus loading area to go to your connection area. |
| 5:30 PM | Walk around a community ministering to people through conversation and prayer. |
| 7:00 PM | Participate in the Connection Group which usually consists of worship, bible study, testimonies, and prayer. |
| 8:00 PM | Pick you up and return you to Rancho. |
| 8:30 PM | Return to Rancho. |

What to Bring

Please bring a sweatshirt and your Bible. You may want a small amount of money to buy a drink or snacks from a local store.

How You Fit In

During the connection group we encourage you to participate as you would at your own church. Talk to the people; interact with the kids; pray with people. We realize that there will probably be a language barrier- but our church people are loving and patient and there will be a translator available to you. If someone has musical ability, we would welcome 1-2 songs of worship (Spanish preferably). 1-2 people from your group could share a short testimony or devotion with the group. You carry gifts, wisdom, and faith that will bless the people in our church and community- we welcome you to share what God has given you.

Kids' Ministry

As a part of your mission experience at RDSN you will have the opportunity to partner with our church, orphanage and school ministry to kids in the surrounding communities. We have kids who live on our campus, others who spend nearly 12 hours a day in our programs and those who solely join us on Sunday mornings. No matter how much time we have with them our vision is to transform Mexico by impacting the life of one child at a time, making strong followers of Jesus who will in turn impact their family and community.

The Settings

Orphanage (La Cancha) **Currently unavailable for Spring of 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions*

Ministry in this setting takes place on the Cancha of the orphanage, for about two hours under the supervision of our orphanage on-call staff. During this time your team would be working with between 40 and 60 kids, infants through young adults.

While this usually takes place in the afternoon there are occasions when you might spend a morning involved in this ministry. In preparing for this time think about what types of activities, games or short and simple lessons could appeal to the wide age range. Additionally, be creative about ways to involve younger and older children in your planned activities. Finally, remember you won't be left alone so any behavior concerns will always be addressed by our team.

The kids who live at RDSN are mostly placed here by the Mexican government's version of Child Protective Services and may or may not be in the process of reunification with their biological family. We work hard to create a safe and healthy environment while respecting the privacy of our kids, please keep this in mind during your time with them.

Elementary School (La Primaria) **Hosted off campus for the Spring of 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions*

Ministry in this setting takes place on our elementary school playground or in classrooms, for about two hours under the supervision of our Elementary Education Director. During this time your team would be working with between 150 and 200 kids infant through sixth grade. Depending on the size of your team and your preparation it may be possible to split the kids into two groups; lower grades and upper grades, as well as send some of your team to serve in the nursery.

Elementary School ministry always takes place in the afternoon. In preparing for this time think about what types of activities, games or short and simple lessons could appeal to the entire age group, or if your team is more than 20 you can plan two sets of activities and lessons; one for lower grades and one for upper grades. Think about ways to involve kids with different intellectual ability levels and talents. Finally, remember you won't be left alone so any behavior concerns will always be addressed by our team.

The kids who attend our elementary school come from a wide variety of backgrounds, from poverty to middle class and from Christian and non-Christian homes. We work hard to create a safe place for them to be educated and to get to know Jesus. We are always blessed when their families bring us good reports about how their kids have changed since attending our school. All of these kids are bussed in from the communities of east Tijuana, they share two meals a day with us in addition to their traditional school day and after school program.

Kids Church **Facemask required for the 2021 season due to Covid-19 restrictions*

Ministry in this setting takes place on Sunday mornings at our Valle church campuses, for about one hour under the supervision of our Kids Ministry team. During this time your team would be working with between 20 and 60 kids kindergarten through sixth grade.

Our kids from the community, sometimes from our school, make up our Sunday morning children's ministry. Keep this in mind when planning activities for Sunday as some of the kids you spent time with during the week will also be present.

The Schedule

Varies depending on setting.

In the **orphanage** usually 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM or 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on the weekends.

With **elementary school** 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on one or two weekdays, depending on length of stay.

For **kids church** meet with the Ministry Leader at 9:00 AM to go over the program and then go to the chapel when children are dismissed from worship.

What to Bring

When you are with kids depending on the place or time that you have with them, it is always good to be prepared with:

- Supplies for a number of indoor and outdoor games (ie. four corners, soccer)
- An adequate lesson (no more than 15 minutes) to be taught geared toward the age group you'll be with
- When possible a skit or drama illustrating the message or lesson being shared
- A craft or activity that either connects to the lesson or creates space for your team to connect one on one with the children

General Supplies

such as Coloring Books, Crayons, Markers, Sidewalk Chalk, Crafts, Face Paints, Balls (all different types), Balloons, Construction and Craft Paper

How You Fit In

As you take time to plan and prepare for your ministry time with the kids we serve year round at RDSN keep in mind that you will be a physical representation of the love of God toward these kids and toward the nation of Mexico. Our kids may or may not always show it but they are forever impacted by the fact that visitors from around the world have taken time to share life with them , invest in them spiritually and financially and lift them up in prayer throughout the year. You are part of the safety net helping to provide a healthy and whole future for each and every one of the children who make up our programming here at RDSN.