

Texas Mission Trip Details

Team Leader: Stephen Robbins

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I am very excited about the upcoming mission trip to Texas! The Lord is going to do amazing things on this trip; I hope you have been (or will start) praying for the trip and the rest of the team going. In addition to the team meeting, this information packet should answer most of your questions.

Fundraiser:

- Our church will have its annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser this summer – This is an “all hands on deck” event. The Mission Committee is coordinating and putting on the tournament. All members of the Texas team are expected to help out IF they want to benefit from the money that comes in.
- Day of the tournament, we need your help with the lunch/registration for the golfers and at the Cedar Brook Golf course. For the lunch and registration please make yourself available that day from 11:00-1:30.
- We also need a few people willing to be out on the golf course helping with a few details during the tournament (which starts at 1:00).
- Prior to the event, we need help getting tournament sponsors. If you know any businesses or groups that would be willing to sponsor the tournament we recommend a \$100 (or more) sponsorship. See Stephen if you need more info on this.

Money:

- Total Trip Cost = \$800 (+/-)
 - Church budget help = \$400 for members
 - Team member deposit = \$100
 - **Remaining balance = \$300**
 - Other Monies =
 - **Golf Tournament – if you work the golf tournament fundraiser this summer you will be eligible for up to \$200 toward your remaining balance for the trip. This is a big deal! Don't miss it.**
- If you have questions about all of this feel free to contact Stephen Robbins (336-467-4147).

Team:

Please pray specifically for each team member going from our church as well as those we will work with in Texas. Closer to the departure time we will provide you with a list of the team members so you can pray for them by name. In Texas, David Ortega has a team as well as other mission teams and the church plant we are supporting with our efforts.

Travel Info:

- Airline and flight
 - Airfare will be purchased 6-8 weeks prior to the trip. At that time you will be given the flight arrangements for the departure and return.
- Ground transport while in Texas
 - We will rent vehicles for our team to be able to get around while in Texas. Those on the trip who are 25 or older would be eligible to help drive team members around.
- Packing and luggage
 - We have 2 travel days and 5 mission days. For the travel days wear whatever is comfortable to you for car and plane travel.

- For the mission days pack for warm weather. We will spend the first part of each day training in the host church but the afternoons and evenings will be spent in neighborhoods and in parks. I recommend shorts and t-shirts, that's what most of the other people will wear. NOTE: during our training time we will be inside and the air conditioner will be running, if you are cold-natured pack something long sleeved to wear during our morning training sessions.
- If you are able, pack enough clothes for the week. If you need it, we can take a "laundry day" and hit a laundry-mat. If we all pack enough for the week we will not have to do that.
- Bring whatever toiletries and accessories you need. Remember: we are on a mission trip; if you can leave it at home don't bring it! Traveling light is better than bringing too much.
- Shoes – Make sure you have shoes you are willing to walk in when we go out in the community.
- Bedding – In your suitcase, pack twin sheets (bottom and top) and a pillowcase. There are beds at the mission center but we need to take our own linens. For space sake, we will swing by Walmart and pick up anything else you feel like you need once we get there (like pillows).
- Bathroom – Bring a towel and washcloth in your suitcase.
- Luggage – The airline we will use will determine what the luggage space and costs are. You will be informed after we purchase tickets.
- Travel days –
 - Bring some money and/or food for the trip as needed. **Your mission trip payment covers your food for the mission days but we ask you to cover your food costs on the travel days.**

Mission Activity:

- Primary Objective –
 - To PUSH back the spiritual darkness in Brownsville, TX by partnering with church planters who are reaching un-churched communities.
- Partnerships –
 - **David Ortega** – church planting strategist with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. He is the man in charge of this mission opportunity.
 - **First Baptist Church of Brownsville** – This is our host church for the week, the mission facility we will use belongs to them. They are the ones providing the lodging and food for the trip.
 - **Church Planting Team** – David usually brings several people (4-7) with him that work throughout the year assisting him with church planting.
 - **Local Church Connection** – The local church we are assisting will participate with us in the training and ministry outreach.
 - **Other Church Teams** – Typically we are joined by 1 or 2 other churches that are going to have ministry teams their like us.
- The Work –
 - Daily Schedule:
 - Each day we will begin with breakfast at the host church.
 - We will spend the mid-morning time in worship, prayer, and training for our outreach activities.
 - Lunch will be at the host church.
 - Afternoons we will be out in the community visiting, praying, and sharing the gospel.
 - Late afternoon – break-time out of the heat of the day
 - Dinner will be at the host church.
 - Evenings we will be in local parks doing outreach and some members of the team will meet with individuals from the community for "appointments."

- You Are Not Alone!!
 - We always remain in close contact with one another and no one goes anywhere alone. This is a hard rule! No exceptions.
 - Due to the bi-lingual nature of the location we will have Spanish-speakers either with everyone or very nearby.
 - The Holy Spirit will walk with you every step of the way!
- Preparation
 - We are going to be speaking with people about spiritual things. If that terrifies you, know this, everyone is nervous! We will rely on the power of Christ to help us. Also, the mission team will work together to overcome obstacles that we face.
 - Personally, each one of us should be in prayer as we look ahead to this trip. Please do not find yourself on the plane and realize you did not prepare spiritually for this trip. Spend time in prayer, ask others to pray for you, and commit yourself to the work.