**Summer Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico**

**Team CENTERPOINT | July 29 - August 5, 2023**

**Ministry Guidelines**

This experience provides a great opportunity for spiritual and personal growth through training and ministry projects as participants build relationships with the team and those being ministered to, making a big Kingdom impact.

**You can expect the following:**

* We will provide training and preparation prior to trip (three meetings minimum) and a de-briefing after trip.
* We will strive to provide a sense of community and trust within the group.
* We will strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for open discussion, reflection, and service.
* We will encourage the imitation of Christ through the service of Mexicans, Haitians and one another.
* We will help you raise as much of the $675 trip cost as possible.
* Rio Bravo leaders will guide and escort us any time we’re off the compound and will coach us regarding safety, cultural differences and effective ministry practices.
* All meals and some snacks will be provided; you will likely be tasked with preparing some of the food.
* You’ll be provided with rooming on ministry compound; sleeping arrangements will be in gender-specific rooms.
* All team members will be assigned ministry jobs which will include serving the team, supporting Rio Bravo Ministries, ministering to the orphans on the compound and ministering to individuals off-compound.

**We will expect the following:**

* That you attend all training and planning meetings (as possible) and at least one of the fund-raising events.
* That you provide a $200 deposit by June 10 and that you provide the remaining $475 by start of trip—whether through group fundraising, personal support letters, and/or your own donations.
* That you use any electronic devices modestly and respectfully during trip, only during travel and personal break and rest times.
* That you dress modestly so as not to tempt others to sin and so as to maintain an effective witness for Christ; please inquire if you are not sure what this should look like.
* That you participate in all activities as physically and emotionally able.
* That you respect other team members with your actions, attitudes, and words.
* That you not visit rooms of team members of the opposite gender without leader permission.
* That you submit to the leaders’ guidance, direction and decisions, including that you seek permission to participate in any activities not planned and/or organized by the leaders.

**Contact Information**

 Team Leaders: ***Markus Jeromin (269-808-4287), Jason Olson (269- 615-5692), Phil Edmonds (269-569-9451)***

 Rio Bravo Ministries address in Reynosa: Capitán Carlos Cantú #1051, Campestre, 88730 Reynosa, Tamps., MX

**Packing List:**

* Bible (may be electronic)
* Team-issued devotional guide, notebook/journal (optional) and pen/pencil
* Valid passport (option 1) or certified copy of birth certificate plus valid photo ID (option 2)
* Linens (towel(s), washcloth, sheet(s) and pillowcase) (they will provide pillows and blankets) - *if willing to donate these items (leave them) at end of week, please do so; the ministry always needs & appreciates them*
* Shower shoes/flip flops (minimizes spread of foot fungi via shared shower facility)
* Personal toiletries
* Water bottle
* Medicines/prescriptions
* Sunblock and sunglasses
* Hat
* Work clothes for facility improvements (we may do some painting)
* Pajamas

**Reynosa Mission Trip Application**

Deadline: May 10

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Grade (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (other) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have valid ID for crossing border or are you in the process of obtaining it? Y/N (circle) If not, please explain:

Parents/emergency contact (at least one): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #(s) of above individual(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please explain below (provide brief testimony):

Do you speak any foreign languages? (If yes, which?) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you like to work with elementary school aged kids? (If yes, please describe your level of interest in participating in VBS-type activities.)

List two or three goals in going on this mission trip (personal development, ministry goals, etc.):

1.

2.

3.

What is one area of your life in which you would like to grow?

How do you think you could contribute to this mission trip?

How do you think you might potentially harm this mission trip if not careful?

By signing below, you acknowledge

1. That you are applying for the Reynosa Mission Trip primarily to participate in ministry work.
2. That you have carefully read and will abide by the Ministry Guidelines.
3. That you will abide by and submit to all additional instructions given by trip & Rio Bravo leaders.
4. That you will encourage and help others by your attitudes and actions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_