

tijuana outreach



Frequently Asked Questions...

- Do I need a passport?
 - A passport is required for ages 16 and over. Kids under age 16 without passports will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.
 - *SENTRI or Global Entry is a plus...this allows you to cross back into the US in an expedited manner.
- How long is the day?
 - We usually meet in the church parking lot at 6:30am and return somewhere around 5pm *(all depending on border crossing times on the return)
- Do I need to speak Spanish
 - No. While it may be helpful in communicating with our Tijuana friends, there are usually a few Spanish speakers that can help translate.
- Do I drive my own car?
 - We usually take the church vans. In the event we have a really large group, we may need a few extra drivers, but we will usually ask those who have SENTRI or Global Entry.
- How long does it take to cross the border?
 - Once we leave The Shoreline, it's about a 1.5-hour drive down to the border. We'll meet at McDonald's/Starbucks right before crossing the border to get coffee, use the restroom and pray.
 - Once we cross the border it's anywhere from 30-60 minutes to the church, depending on which church we visit that day.
- What do we do there?
 - Bible lesson and crafts for kids and families
 - Fellowship with kids and moms
 - Sometimes there may be painting, fixing things, light construction
 - Lunch and games with the kids
 - Sometimes a walk to the local market to shop for necessities for the locals in need

- Is it safe?
 - We stick together as a group the whole time, from caravanning across the border together, to staying at the church together to driving back across the border together.
 - Our partners there are continually monitoring the area and will let us know if there are any increased risks.
 - We have never had an incident of danger to date.

- Can I bring my kids?
 - Absolutely! This is such a great opportunity to show our kids what serving others really looks like. There are lots of kids that show up for these events, so your kids will fit right in and have a fun-filled day!
- Should I bring my own food?
 - Lunch is always served at the church and is either provided by us (pizzas/salads/fruit) or made by the local ladies at the church (tacos, tamales, chicken, etc.)
 - *Feel free to bring your own food/snacks, especially if you have dietary restrictions or allergies.
- What is the plan for drinking water?
 - We'll have lots of bottled water to share, but feel free to bring your own water bottle and/or other drinks you might need for the day.
- What do I need to bring?
 - An open heart and hands to serve.
- What if I encounter someone asking for money, or my heart is moved to give someone money to help them get out of poverty?
 - Our desire is to not undermine the local church we are working through, who is walking with these families long-term and knows their needs better than we do.
 - Money will not fix poverty, so we ask that you refrain from giving directly to anyone you encounter. If asked, you can point them to the pastor.
 - There is a child sponsorship program set up through the Do For One Foundation if you'd like to sponsor a child's educational needs.
 - Cost is \$360/year for K-12 and \$600/year for university
 - Includes backpack, school supplies, uniform and shoes
 - Great opportunity to visit your sponsored child on one of our day trips!
 - More info here: <https://doforonefoundation.org/>