AGUA VIVA MINISTRIES

2018 Booking Information

September 27, 2017

Hello Friends,

We are wrapping up our 2017 summer season, which means you are looking at your 2018 calendars to book your next trip. But before we get to the immigration requirements, costs, etc., let's take a step back and look at some of the amazing things that happened this year.

Our theme this year was "Ensancha," or "Extend" and the theme verse was Isaiah 54:2-3a, "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left." We talked a lot this year about opening up our ministry and ourselves to be able to bring more people into the family of God.

This year people like you opened themselves up to spread the Gospel in the following ways:

- *We worked with **9 new ministry sites** and welcomed **3 new U.S. groups** to serve with us.*
- *We helped run **7 sports ministries** and had **2 groups run games** at spring and summer youth camps.*
- *We had **16 one-day medical clinics** and 4 **one-day dental clinics** in Ensenada and nearby towns.*
- *We worked with **25 VBS teams** loving the children of Ensenada.*
- *We had **3 women's ministry teams.***
- *We worked on **10 construction projects** throughout the Ensenada area and **5 groups worked** at Rancho Agua Viva.*
- *We had **6 summer staff** on our team.*
- *We were able to reach **hundreds** of people with the Gospel to see **lives transformed**!*

Thank you for loving Mexico and partnering with the beautiful church communities of Ensenada. We look forward to serving with you in 2018!

Sign up for your 2018 Mexico mission trip. Our calendar is already filling up! Please look at your calendars and check your available dates.

Included are the current price list and registration form. As soon as we receive your booking information and your nonrefundable deposit, we can confirm your dates and send your group training manuals, leaders' manuals and music book.

Immigration Requirements

Passports

Both the Mexican and United States immigration departments ***require passports for all travelers of all ages*** as of June 2009. We encourage you to start obtaining passports now, as ***NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.*** The process may take several months and can be started through your local DMV office, post office, or even some insurance companies. You can also get information about passport requirements at www.travel.state.gov/passport. We encourage you to start now, to ensure you have your passport in time and that your passage back to the United States is quick and painless! The U.S. government is issuing passport cards, which are valid for any land travel to and from Mexico. The passport cards are not stamped when crossing into Mexico and can make exiting Mexico much smoother.

Tourist Visas

A second requirement for immigration is acquiring a tourist visa when crossing the border. There are 2 different ways to obtain a visa:

- ***Pay for the visa.*** The cost for a tourist visa is approximately $25.00. This visa is valid for 6 months and does not need to be turned in at the end of your week.
- ***Ask for the free visa.*** There is no charge for this visa and it is valid for 7 days.

These visas can easily be obtained at the immigration office when your group crosses the border and the Ensenada immigration office requires that those serving with a ministry obtain a visa. ***THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US TO KEEP AVM IN GOOD LEGAL STANDING AND MAINTAIN A GOOD TESTIMONY BY ENSURING THAT EACH MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP HAS A VISA.***

Forms

Send ***immigration template,*** copies of all ***passports,*** and ***notarized permission*** slips ***one month prior*** to your group's arrival. These documents are required by the Mexican immigration office in order to obtain permission for the various ministries you are planning. If you would rather complete this on your computer, download the form at http://www.aguaviva.com/short-term-mission-trips/how-to-book-a-trip .

All persons under the age of 18 years old must send a copy of a notarized permission slip signed by parent(s) or legal guardians. The original must be brought with a group leader during the trip.

Returning Groups

If you would like the same week for 2018 that you had in 2017, you may confirm by sending in a nonrefundable deposit and the completed registration form by ***November 1st.*** You will receive a confirmation letter acknowledging receipt of the deposit and the date for which you are scheduled. (See 2018 costs sheet for explanation of nonrefundable deposit.)

If you would like to change your dates for the 2018 season, please fill out the enclosed registration form stating your requested date, two alternate dates and the nonrefundable deposit. After ***December 15th*** we will apply your nonrefundable deposit toward the requested date if it is still open. If it is not still open, we will attempt to schedule your two alternate dates. If no satisfactory date can be found, we will send the unapplied nonrefundable deposit back to you.

Please note that if we do not receive materials by November 1st your group will lose priority for the same week you had previously.

New Groups

If you would like to book a date for the 2018 season, please send in a completed registration form (enclosed) and a nonrefundable deposit. If the deposit cannot be applied to any of your requested dates, it will be sent back to you. ***No booking will be considered without a deposit.*** (See 2018 costs sheet for an explanation of the nonrefundable deposit).

Border Escorts

We offer to meet your group stateside, escort you through immigration, and caravan with you all the way to Agua viva. The cost for this service is ***$100 each direction*** and if you plan on using it we ask that you let us know ***one month*** in advance.

If you opt for this service, border escorts to Ensenada will depart from San Diego at 1:00pm on arrival day to ensure the group's timeliness to dinner. Border escorts to San Diego will leave Agua Viva no later than 10:00am on the day of departure, unless prior arrangements have been made.

We highly suggest giving yourself *at least* 4 hours from San Diego to Agua Viva. This allows for plenty of time in case the border takes longer than expected.

Construction Funds

Groups planning construction projects: In order to ensure your group will have all the materials and tools you need for your project, we need to receive your ***project money*** at least ***2 months prior*** to your scheduled dates.

In order to ensure that the project planning can be completed in time for your ministry, we also need to know your ***project budget*** at least ***4months*** ahead of time.

Medication Funds

Groups planning medical or dental clinics: In order to ensure your group will have all the medications and supplies you need for your clinics, we need to receive your ***medication money*** at least ***2 months prior*** to your scheduled dates.

Training Manuals

In order to reduce paper waste and unnecessary cost, we will send an electronic copy of the group training manual, leaders' manual, and songbook to each group. Feel free to print out as many as you need for group training. If you would like hard copies sent to you, please let us know at booking@aguaviva.com.

We ask that all groups please work through the training material provided while preparing for their ministry time here in Mexico.

An excellent tool for preparing a team for a short-term missions trip is the book *Helping without Hurting in Short-Term Missions* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert along with the participant's guide. It has great training and debrief ideas, as well as videos, and we recommend it!

Deadlines

For your convenience, here is a list summarizing the different forms, fees and information that need to be turned in prior to your trip and when we need them by:

- ☐ If anyone needs a passport- apply 6 months prior.
- ☐ Completed registration form and deposit check- *At least* 4 months prior (but the sooner we receive it, the better chance you have at getting your first choice of dates)
- ☐ Construction Funds (if applicable)- 2 months prior.
- ☐ Medication Funds (if applicable)- 2 months prior.
- ☐ Copies of passports- 1 month prior.
- ☐ Immigration Template- 1month prior.
- ☐ Notarized permission slips- 1month prior.
- ☐ List of dietary restrictions (allergies, vegetarians, gluten free, etc.)- 2 weeks prior.

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"If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water'." John 7:38

2018 Costs

updated September 2017

5-Day Experience

Weeklong Ministry available year round:

Arrival on Sunday between 4:30pm and 6:00pm; departure on Friday before 10:00am. You are welcome to arrive earlier than 4:30, but our staff will not be available to assist you until 4:30.

*See below for interpreter and intern fees.

Costs

Per adult: $305
Per child ages 4-12: $210
Per child 3 and under: $45
Nonrefundable deposit* required: *minimum for group of 15 or less:* $1,250. *For group of 15 or more, deposit is* 20% *of estimated total cost of trip.*
Total Payment due six weeks before trip.

4-Day Experience

Three days of ministry available Sep-May:

Arrival Friday night after dinner; departure Monday night after dinner or Tuesday morning after breakfast.

*See below for interpreter and intern fees.

Costs

Per adult: $260
Per child ages 4-12: $190
Per child 3 and under: $45
Nonrefundable deposit required: $1,000
Total payment due six weeks before trip.

3-Day Experience

Two days of ministry available Sep-May:

Arrival Friday night after dinner; departure Sunday night after dinner or Monday morning after breakfast.

*See below for interpreter and intern fees.

Costs

Per adult: $185
Per child ages 4-12: $140
Per child 3 and under: $35
Nonrefundable deposit required: $700
Total payment due six weeks before trip.

2-Day Experience

One day of ministry available Sep-May:

Arrival Friday night after dinner; departure Saturday night after dinner or Sunday morning after breakfast.

*See below for interpreter and intern fees.

Costs

Per adult: $150
Per child ages 4-12: $105
Per child 3 and under: $30
Nonrefundable deposit required: $700
Total payment due six weeks before trip.

*Nonrefundable Deposit: *Deposit is applied to total cost of trip.*
*Interpreter: *We provide one interpreter per 25 persons. Ministries requiring additional interpreters carry a* $60 *per week additional fee per extra interpreter.*

*Intern: *Each group will have at least 2 interns per 25 persons. The fee for these interns is* $100.
*Tool Fee: *Each group planning a work project will be charged a* $200 *tool fee to replace used, broken, or lost tools. This enables us to be fully stocked and prepared for your- and future- ministry projects.*

Registration From

Please return this completed form with your nonrefundable deposit.
If you have any questions please contact us at ***booking@aguaviva.com***

Name of group/organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. (_____)_____

Contact Person: _____Fax. (_____)_____

Cell Phone: (_____)_____ Work Phone: (_____)_____

Email: _____ Church/Organization Web: _____

Name of Head Pastor: _____ Head Pastor Email: _____

Name of Missions Pastor: _____ Missions Pastor Email: _____

☐ Check here if this is new contact information.

Signature

I have read and agree to follow the guidelines addressed in the booking information and cover letter. I, as group leader, commit to leading my group through the training material to be provided by Agua Viva Ministries upon acceptance of this registration form.

Signature: _____

Returning Groups

We will hold for you the same week you had last year until October 15th. If you would like it, please write the date for that particular week and your initials.

Date: _____ Initials: _____

New Groups

We'd like to get to know your church/organization a bit better to know how to best match you in ministry with churches and organizations in Ensenada.

What's your denomination? _____

Tell us the vision for your mission trip: _____

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Are you more: Traditional or Contemporary? (Circle one)

The majority of your group members are: Children Youth Adults Mix (Circle one)

Any other pertinent information? _____

Desired Dates

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Approximate group size: _____

Check # _____ Amount _____

Desired Ministry

☐ VBS

☐ Sports Outreach

☐ Women's Outreach

☐ Breakfast Ministry (Available weekends)

☐ Youth Camp (Ask about dates)

☐ Medical/Dental Ministry

☐ Men's Outreach

☐ Youth Outreach

☐ Construction Project

☐ Rehab Center Ministry

☐ Other

☐ Prison Ministry (Occasionally available for adults)