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Memo

To: **Mission Trip Participant**
From: **Brandon Westgate, ARKLA Youth Director**
Date: **December 11, 2009**
Re: **Mission Trip to Mexico – March 11-21, 2010**

Enclosed is a set of four sheets regarding the 2010 Mexico Mission Trip. The first page is a letter to be sent to all your friends and relatives who might be willing to help with your trip expenses. **If you send out letters (right away), to at least 20 people**, you will raise some of the money you need.

The trip costs \$1400 per person. This includes air fair from Little Rock, AR, all your food and housing, and any tours that the group takes. You may need other money for souvenirs, etc.

The “**Medical Release**” form needs to be completed and returned **by January 22, 2010**, to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference with your \$100 deposit; **Please follow the instructions carefully.** Your deposit and Medical Release form will secure your place for the trip. We can only accommodate 30 participants. Mail it to: Pastor Brandon Westgate, P.O. Box 31000, Shreveport, LA 71130-1000.

Your **first payment of \$650 will be due on February 5, 2010.** Airline tickets will be purchased on February 9, and **the final \$650 must be in the office by March 5, 2010.** If you have to cancel after February 9, your ticket may be sold or transferred to someone else.

You MUST have a PASSPORT to go on this trip. We plan to bring you back into the United States—and you must have a valid Passport.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA MEXICO MISSION TEAM

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Spring Break 2010

Dear Friend,

The Arkansas-Louisiana Mexico Mission Team, working with Maranatha International, is preparing for their Mexico Mission Trip community service project. I really want to go this year... and am offering you the **opportunity to contribute a tax-deductible gift to aid us** in this project. People like you—and mission group members are the sole source of our funding. This year the team is going to construct an urgently needed church in southern Mexico, in the little town of Cascades, Mexico. We will hold a VBS program for the kids and may even get to help with some medical missionary work.

The group includes youth and adults, no matter what their church or school affiliation. This mission group provides a means for our team members to receive an education in another culture, put in approximately **50 hours of community service**, and come home with a new and healthy respect for the needs of others. Just what I need!

Past projects have included: building and painting churches, painting community houses, repairing churches, repairing schools, or teaching English in the local public school. Almost always a Vacation Bible School has been conducted for the children with Evangelistic meetings in the evenings for the adults. It will be a busy and exciting 10 days. I can't wait!

Please send your tax-deductible check payable to "ARKLA Mexico Mission Trip" and mail it to the attention of **Brandon Westgate, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Office, P.O. Box 31000, Shreveport, LA 71130-1000**. Contributions are confidential. Only Pastor Westgate and the treasurer will know of your gift. Please attach a sticky note for Pastor Westgate -- to let him know that your check should be credited to me. For this reason, I want to *thank you now* for your generosity. Feel free to let me know -- if you would like a picture of our trip.

Remember, your non-refundable gift ceases to be tax deductible if you designate a person's name on your check. The conference treasurer banks our funds and writes all the receipts. If you need a tax receipt by a specified date instead of the end of the year, please clearly indicate so.

To be a mission team member, participants must turn in \$100 with their notarized Medical Release Form by January 22, 2010, the first \$650 by February 5, and the final \$650 by March 5, 2010. Thanks so much for helping me get to go on this trip. You are helping to sponsor a real missionary – me!

Please pray for our mission team—and if possible make a donation toward my expenses. I need your help. **Thank you for your assistance.**

Sincerely,

(Sign your name... and use this space to write a short, personal note)

INDIVIDUAL NEEDS CHECK LIST

NOTE:

Absolutely NO military or camouflage items may be taken. Shorts may be worn only in private. No boyfriend/girlfriend show of affection is allowed. (i.e. Inappropriate hugging, hand holding, kissing, back rubs, etc.) **No walkmans or radios or other listening devices except for group meeting use.**

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1. Bible and personal devotional materials
 2. Sports water bottle
 3. Pepto-Bismol Tablets (work as dysentery pills)
 4. Band aids, Neosporin
 5. HAT to screen from sun, lip balm, sunscreen
 6. 1 pair work gloves
 7. Toilet paper – **a must!!**
 8. Tooth brush & paste
 9. Soap, shampoo & comb
 10. Cloth laundry bag
 11. Socks
 12. Under clothes
 13. 4 work, 3 casual, 1 semi-dress outfits
 14. Work shoes (Payless shoes or Goodwill)
 15. Flip-flops (a must in showers & pools)
 16. Rain poncho (a must!)
 17. Coat or jacket (nights get cold)
 18. Modest Swim suit and beach towel
 19. Flash Light (light-weight)
 20. Camera (guard it well)
 21. Money belt or fanny pack
 22. Money for any “extra’s” you might want
 23. Passport is a NECESSITY. You cannot go without a valid Passport.

Note: Because space is limited, pack compact. You may check one bag (that you can carry) and one bag that is within airline size limits to carry on.

DONATIONS for the Mission trip are not refundable.

Each Participant Must Have

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1. Valid Passport
 2. Photo ID
 3. \$ for personal gifts and souvenirs
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Medical Release and Permission to Enter Mexico

March 11-21, 2010

Read First: To be a team member, this document must be dated, signed and filled out in the presence of a notary, notarized and returned to Brandon Westgate, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, P.O. Box 31000, Shreveport, LA 71130-1000, on or before January 22, 2010 with a not-refundable \$100. \$650 will be due on February 5, 2010 and the final \$650 will be due on March 5, 2010

-- Notary must use a rubber stamp, not embossed seal.

Minor

I hereby give my permission, during March 11-21, 2010 for _____

Print Name of Minor

Signature of Father or male guardian

Date Signed

Signature of Mother of female guardian

Date Signed

Adult

I, _____ hereby give my permission during March 11-21, 2010 for
Print Name of Adult

Signature of Adult

Date Signed

To enter into Mexico with Pastor Brandon Westgate, Maranatha and other adult group leaders, and for these leaders to render first aid or procure emergency medical treatment as they may deem necessary.

State of _____ County of _____

This instrument is acknowledged before me on

Date: _____ Notary: _____

..... **Print Legibly and Complete Entire Form**

Legal Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____

Street or P.O. Box: _____

City and State: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Sex: M F Haines T-Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Home Phone: _____ Alternate: _____ Cell: _____

Describe any Life Threatening Condition you have: _____

Have you ever had any dangerous Allergic Reactions? Yes/ No If yes, to what? _____

Remedy for allergic reaction: _____

Dietary Restrictions? _____