

You are invited
to Become AWARE in Tlancualpican, México,
at the “Tree of Life” Training Center for
Integrated Development. The information in this
pamphlet will help you prepare for your trip.

SPECIFICS ON TRAVELING TO MEXICO

Documentation:

1. U.S. Passport
2. Mexican Tourist Card (provided by the airlines or at immigration upon arrival in Mexico)
3. Notarized parental permission (for youth accompanied by only one parent)

Immigration and customs: At the Mexico City Airport it will take 30 to 60 minutes to go through Immigration and Customs. Do not talk about work, work teams, church, missions or missionaries. There are strict laws to protect the state and labor force. You are coming to Mexico as tourists.

Airport Reception: As you come out of customs you will be met by a GYTTE staff member who will be holding a sign with the logo of the UMC on it as well as the GYTTE logo of loaves and fish. If you do not spot this person immediately, wait in the vicinity of the gate area. Fast food restaurants, banks and restrooms are available there and the staff person will find your team.

Money: Upon your arrival there will be time to exchange money at an airport bank. Exercise precaution in money matters. Once you exchange your dollars, count the pesos in front of the bank teller to guarantee that the money matches the amount stated on the receipt.

Luggage: Everyone is responsible for his or her own luggage. Do not leave it unattended. If we use the services of a porter the GYTTE staff member will give an appropriate tip. Some teams put a common mark on every piece of the team's luggage, such as colored tape or ribbon, which makes for easy identification.

SPECIFICS ON LIVING WITH GYTTE

MEXICAN CULTURE: Mexico has a unique culture and history best appreciated with a flexible attitude and a willingness to learn about yourself and others. It is important to be spiritually and emotionally prepared to give and to receive. Come with open eyes and open hearts. You will need to be flexible in relating to cultural differences regarding time, food, work, worship and schedules.

MEALS: The staff CANNOT cater to special diets such as vegetarian or fast food fare. Team members will need to be flexible and open as it relates to meals and new kinds of food. Everyone is asked to take turns with clearing and dish washing activities.

ACCOMMODATIONS: There are two dorms, one for men and one for women. Bedding and towels are provided.

WASHING CLOTHES: There will be staff members who will wash clothes Monday through Thursday. An iron is available if needed.

SPECIFICS ON THE AWARE EXPERIENCE

WORK PROJECTS:

- 8 Hour work-days
- Various construction projects
- Electrical and plumbing projects
- Soil conservation projects
- Road, trail and creek bank maintenance
- Sewing Projects
- Painting Projects

STUDY ACTIVITIES:

- Morning AWARE Experience - Devotions
- Afternoon AWARE Activity - Participatory Experiences
- Evening Reflection Period by Team Leader & Church Service on Sunday & Thursday

"GIVE YE THEM TO EAT"
An Integrated Development Program



Mark 6:37
"Give Ye Them To Eat"

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