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2023 Tijuana Ministry Mission Trip Traveler Orientation

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The Tijuana Ministry logo features a blue house outline with a brown roof and a dove icon to the left. Below the house are three stylized human figures. The text "Brothers and Sisters In Community Service" is arched above the house. Below the house is the text "Tijuana Ministry" in blue, followed by "Faith into Action by Building Community & Homes" and the website "www.TijuanaMinistry.org". At the bottom, it says "A Ministry of" followed by the BASICS logo and "www.goBASICS.org".

We Pray



Lord Jesus, Carpenter and Healer,

We ask that you look upon the multitudes in Tijuana who have too little to eat, have too little shelter, and struggle each day to find work and ways to care for their family.

We pray for the sick who have little resources to be healed. We ask you to guide us and open our eyes and hearts to their plight. Help us to hear their voices and learn from their faith and wisdom. Show us how we can help. In your name we pray. Amen



The Mission of Tijuana Ministry

We foster friendships and spiritual growth by reaching across borders to bring God's people together. By putting our faith into action, we build lasting and vibrant communities in collaboration with Maria Inmaculada Parish in Tijuana. We provide opportunities for education, immersion, and commitment to promote human dignity.



Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- Paperwork, Verify Information
- Transportation
- Where We Stay
- Reflection
- Food
- Typical Day
- Safety and Regulations
- Packing
- Important Dates
- Help Us to Help Others
- Q & A

Please Verify Information Tonight

**Please check the attendance log emailed to you
and confirm the following:**

- **Verify we have your correct email and cell phone number, and if your phone will work in Mexico.**
- **Confirm if you are planning to drive**
- **Discuss any travel date or transportation changes with Joan Mibach, 650-279-0450 jmibach@sbcglobal.net**

Your Core Team Leaders

Name		Title
Monica Rising	**	Tijuana Ministry Director
Jesse Perez	**	Construction Director
Mike O'Connell	**	Treasurer, Resurrection Parish Coordinator
Mimi Bimi	*	Holy Family Parish Coordinator
Joan Mibach	**	Trip Logistics & Home Site Coordinator. St. Simon Coordinator
Monica Rising	**	First Aid Coordinator
Joanna Thurman	*	Spirituality Coordinator
Bob Malone	**	BASICS President, Deacon

* Trip Coordinators

** BASICS Board of Directors

Our Tijuana Contacts

- ❑ Fr. Jesse – Priest Maria Inmaculada Parish
- ❑ Fr. Lucio Castillo, Priest Maria Inmaculada
- ❑ Adriana Gonzales - Trip Coordinator in TJ
- ❑ Rosita De Alba – Cooking Staff
- ❑ Sergio, Francisco (Poncho), Willy Perez –
Local construction workers

Introductions

Please take 30 seconds to introduce yourself to your fellow travelers:

- **First and Last Name**
- **Your Parish, school or other Community**
- **How many times have you traveled with the Tijuana Ministry?**

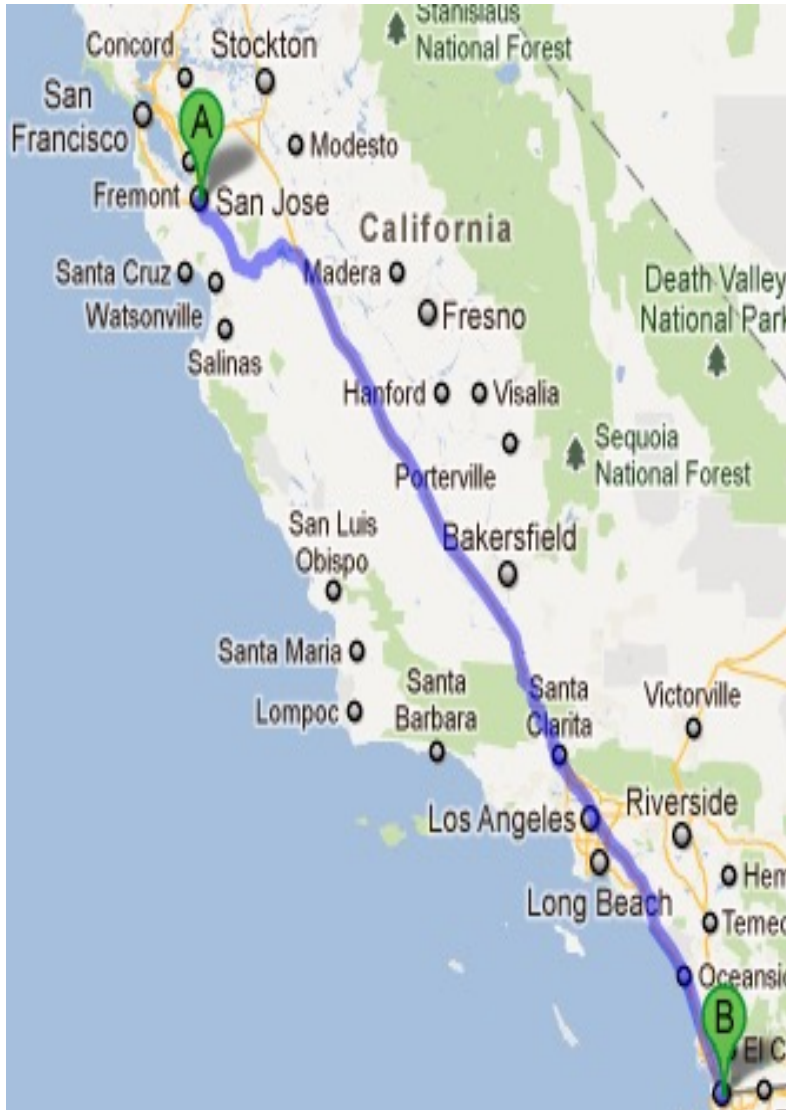
Paperwork Due Now

- All Travelers
 - Pay Your Travel Fees
 - Get Your Passport
 - Registration & Waiver Forms
 - Fingerprinting
 - Virtus Training
 - Medical Card
- Youth
 - Registration, Medical Card, Contract, Training,
 - Unaccompanied Youth Form
- Drivers
 - License, Registration, insurance & BajaBound forms

[View Paperwork Details](#)

Transportation

Final Transportation Plan at All Hands meeting



- Travelers leave Saturday, July 1 at 6 a.m. From St Julies unless otherwise agreed to.
- Passport check before leaving San Jose.
- Cars do not stay together in caravan.
- 8-10 Hour drive to arrive in San Diego by 4pm.
- Stop for lunch, Usually on Highway 5.
- Stay in phone contact with others.
- Cross together at Otay Mesa Border.

Please notify Joan Mibach if there is someone you wish to ride with that is not a family member. Notify if you are not traveling with the caravan.

[View Drivers' Transportation Details](#)

Where We Stay: Maria Imaculada Parish Compound



Terrazas II Site

- ❑ All travelers stay at Terrazas II
- ❑ Compound is enclosed and gated with 24/7 security
- ❑ Two 2 story dorms with bathrooms on each floor with 3-4 showers, sinks, and toilets.
- ❑ Men and Women sleep in separate dorms.
- ❑ Some cots provided, urge you to bringing your own. Only single wide mattresses.

Where We Stay, Continued

Terrazas I Site

Compound is enclosed and gated with 24/7 security. About 1 mile from TII.

- ❑ 1 story building with kitchen area, chapel, classrooms, outdoor shaded tables.
- ❑ Construction storage, pre-build and painting done at this site
- ❑ Storage for trailers and car overflow.



[View Where We Stay Details](#)

What We Eat

- ❑ Most food brought from US; some food bought locally
- ❑ Home Site / Cook Team prepares breakfast each day (variety of hot & cold choices)
- ❑ Home Site / Cook Team prepares lunches for Building Teams
 - ❑ Sack lunches of sandwiches, fruits, snacks, drinks).
- ❑ Lunches delivered to build sites about 10:30 a.m.
- ❑ Some dinners cooked by local parish women under Cook Team guidance and direction
- ❑ Local vegetables are fully cooked; fruit is carefully washed with bottled water. US purchased fresh fruit and vegetables included in the menus.
- ❑ Do not buy from local market vendors
- ❑ Drink only bottled water we provide
- ❑ Let us know of special dietary restrictions (on application form) and discuss with Joan Mibach before travel.

A Typical Day



5:00 am	Cooks: Wake up and begin breakfast preparation	Noon	Lunch, at T2 for site program staff.
6:00 am	All Volunteers wake up call	1 pm	Construction: Continue building.
6:30 am	Breakfast - Morning Prayer	1:30	Week 1 Programs at T1 1:30 – 4:00. Monday – Thursday
7:15 am	Construction Teams Load up and drive to sites	3-6pm	Cooks: Prepare Dinner
7:30 am	Home Site: Clean breakfast and begin to prepare lunches	4:30 pm	Construction: Return back to compound, clean up for dinner
7:30 am	Week 1 Children, Teens, Mothers programs set up for AM session	6:15 pm	Dinner with everyone at T2
9:00 am	Week 1 Morning Programs begin Monday – Thursday	7:30 pm	Evening Gatherings and Reflection
10:30 am	Lunches and Snacks delivered to job sites	10:00 pm	Teen Curfew
11:30 am	Week 1 Morning Programs end	10:30 pm	Lights out

2023 schedule

With programs included

Liturgy, Spirituality, Reflection: Activities Include

- **Mass with the local parish.**
- **Morning prayer with daily reflection question.**
- **Construction crews get to know the family at lunch.**
- **Local teens participate.**
- **Build families come for dinner.**
- **Evening Reflections and guest speakers.**
- **Day time visits to school for the disabled, aids clinic, medical clinic, and previous build sites.**
- **House Blessings.**
- **Game Nights**

Tijuana Ministry Community

Goal: Make this the BEST experience possible for ALL of our travelers.

- *Be present so you can encounter God in all of us and around us.*
- *Build community and fellowship with all volunteers on the immersion trip.*
- *See handout for details.*



Personal Safety and A Few Rules

➤ Don't be a Target

- We are in a poor area.
- Dress Conservatively

➤ Health

- Drink Plenty of Water
- Covid Test before 7/1
- Sun protection

➤ Safety in the Compound

- 24 hr security provided.
- Keep dorms locked.

➤ Personal Safety & Courtesy

- No alcohol
- Stay in Groups
- Money & gifts only through programs.

[View Safety Details](#)

Packing

See Packing List

- Pack light, comfortable, reusable.
- No laundry on-site.
- Pack your own toiletries.
- Nothing fancy – nice casual for Mass.
- We have some cots – **bring your own single wide light weight cot, inflatable mattress or sleeping pad.**
- Bring own towel, sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, linens.
- Bring ear plugs if you're light sleeper – snoring, barking, roosters.
- Handout - Personal Packing List
- Check website for recommended additional items for construction workers.
- Cel phone use & Plans



Gifts for Our Families



- ❑ Gifts will be presented during the House Blessings.
- ❑ We present a framed display board and photo signed by all participants during that week.
- ❑ We provide loaded backpacks for the children of the families we build for.
- ❑ We provide a reusable storage container of food and household items.

Program Updates



❖ Children's Program



❖ Teen Program



❖ Mother's Program

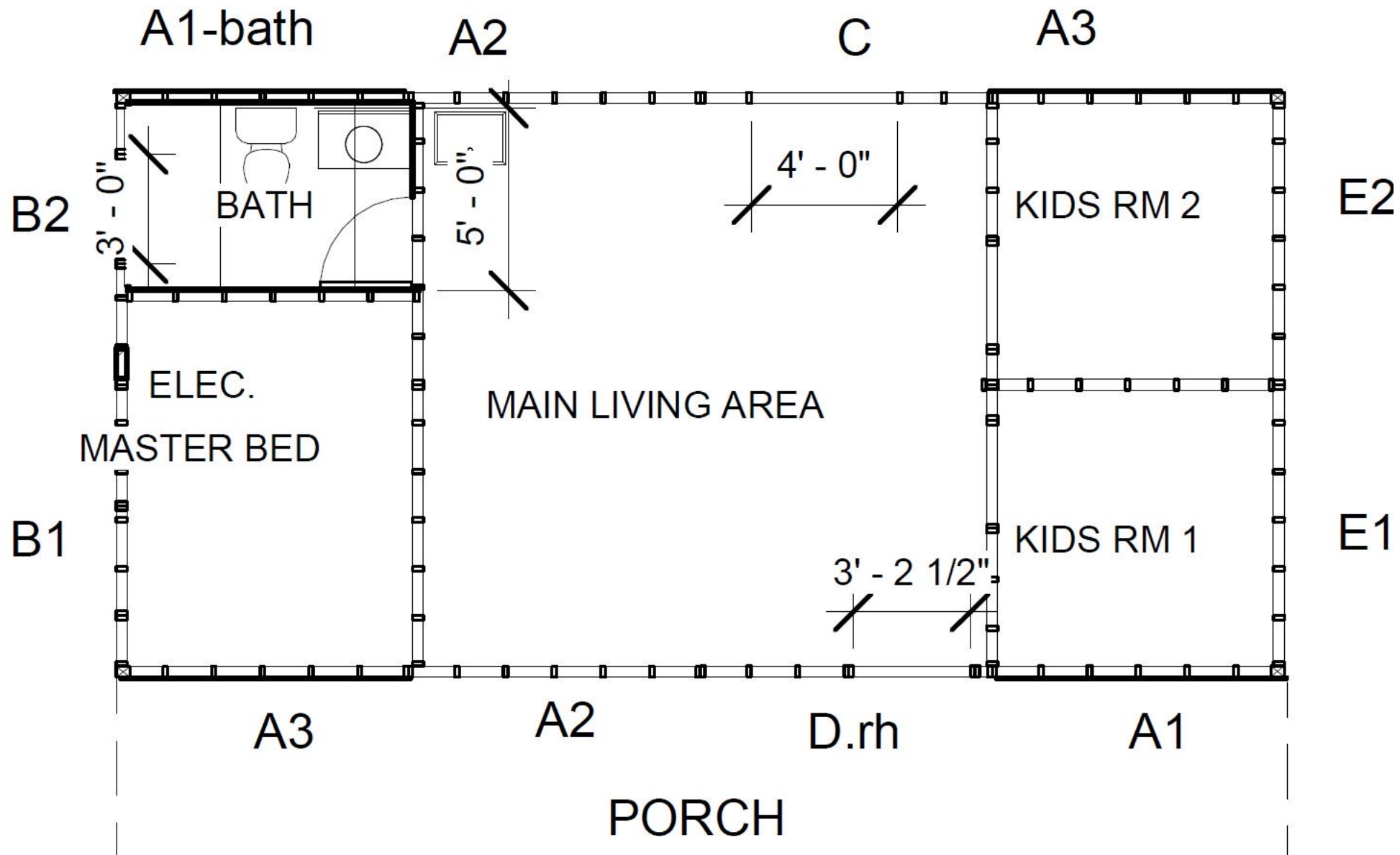


❖ Construction Program

➤ *See Your Handout*

[View Construction Safety Details](#)

House Structure Floor Plan



Build Sites 2023





House 3: Virginia Ureta Lopez

Virginia lives with her husband and children, the eldest son is 27, the middle son is 22 and has an intellectual disability. The third child is 13 years old.

The mother has problems with her hip and is often confined to a wheel chair. It is nearly impossible for her to get around her house which has been pieced together on multiple levels. You can see that their home is open to the outside elements. Much of their income is spent on medical treatments.

We will be adding an additional 8 feet to the common living area of this house.



House 1: Elizabeth Judith Silva Velasco.

This is an older couple with three children. Eldest son is 16, a 4 year old daughter, and a one year old boy. The husband has a disability of his spine and it is difficult for him to work. The family recently suffered a fire where they lost their home and possessions.

The five of them are living in one small room built over the old foundation with a separate out house structure for a bathroom.



House 2: Maria de Jesus

Maria is a senior who has taken over sole responsibility for her two grandsons. The oldest grandson is 14 and the youngest is 12.

Their home consists of a single room structure. There is a small cinder block structure behind this purple house where one of the boys sleeps. The roof on both structures is bad and water pours in when it rains, leaving behind mold and decay that the family lives in.

Questions and Answers

Thank you for participating and for opening your hearts to the people of Tijuana!

