

# MEXICO, MONTERREY | TRIP #1 | JULY 6 - 12, 2018

FOCUS ON ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN (FAMILY FRIENDLY - MUST BE AT LEAST 8)

## Trip Cost = \$ 1675

This covers your flight, lodging, meals, work supplies, and activities. It does not cover things like souvenirs, snacks at the airport, passport fees, visa fees, or vaccinations. (This cost is an estimate and the actual cost of the trip may be slightly higher or lower depending on the cost of the airfare once it has been purchased.)

## Application & Deposit:

To sign up for this trip go to [tpcc.org/go](http://tpcc.org/go) and fill out an application by no later than February 15, 2018. For your application to be complete, you will need to pay your non-refundable deposit of \$300. Applications are not complete until the deposit is received. All applicants will be contacted once the application is received to confirm their trip participation.

## Mission Partner / Organization:

We partner with Back2Back Ministries which is an international Christian non-profit organization that is dedicated to being a voice for orphans. They exist to love and care for orphans and vulnerable children, by meeting their spiritual, physical, educational, emotional and social needs to help children overcome their life circumstances and break free from the cycle of generational poverty. Learn more at [back2back.org](http://back2back.org)

## The People:

As of the 2010 census, there is an estimated population of around 110,645,154 people in Mexico. The official language in Mexico is Spanish, however, native tribes on the eastern coast speak their own languages. Almost 88% of the population are Catholic, while only 7% are Protestant.

## Passport & Visa Information:

Each person needs a US passport, and it must be valid at least six months beyond your stay in Mexico. A visa is not required for American citizens. It is recommended that you carry a photocopy of your passport with you at all times.

## Immunizations:

It is recommended by the Center for Disease Control that you are up to date on routine vaccines (MMR, Tetanus, etc.). Optional – Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccines, and diarrhea medicine. Traveler's diarrhea is the most common travel-related ailment. The best prevention is adequate intake of fluids and using food precautions (not eating from local vendors, etc.).

## Weather:

Monterrey has a semi-arid climate, and is one of the warmest large cities in Mexico. The average high temperatures in June are in the upper 90s, and the low temperatures are in the upper 70's to low 80's.

## Accommodations:

While in Monterrey the team will be staying at the Back2Back Campus. There are separate male and female dorms with bunk beds and air conditioning, restrooms and showers.

## Transportation:

The team will fly into Monterrey, Mexico and will be traveling by chartered bus to all locations in country, driven by Back2Back staff.

## Meals:

Meals will all be prepared and/or provided by Back2Back Ministries staff where we will be staying or working.

## Medical Attention:

In the event of a serious illness or medical emergency, there are medical clinics and hospitals nearby. Included in your trip cost is travel medical insurance that will cover expenses if medical attention is needed while outside of the US.

## Communication:

Family members and friends may track the journey through our Missions Blog at [servingtheworld.org](http://servingtheworld.org)

## A glimpse of possible activities:

- building relationships and provide spiritual encouragement
- small construction projects
- playing with children at the Orphanage