

CHCA Service Intersession 2023

October 28 - November 3, 2023

Course Description for: **Mexico Service Intersession**

Instructor(s): Mike Fite	
Course Type: International	
Maximum enrollment: 50	Minimum enrollment: 20
Length of trip (if applicable): 7 days, 6 nights	
Price : \$2000	

Overview: A CHCA Service Immersion to Querétaro, Mexico to serve children with the Pan De Vida Children's Home. The city of Querétaro is in the heart of Mexico. **A UNESCO World Heritage Site**, Querétaro will provide a vibrant, safe, and cultural environment for our group to serve, learn, and encounter God.

Course Goals: Students will love and serve the with Pan De Vida ministries of Querétaro while gaining an appreciation of Mexican culture.

- Students will volunteer with and learn from the children at Pan de Vida Children's home
- Student volunteers will do service work to improve the facilities and grounds at Pan de Vida.

Writing Component: Daily Journal, prompts given

Description:

Students will engage in many service opportunities with the children served by Pan De Vida ministries. The group will live on the same campus as the children. We will practice English with the children in their school (on site), worship together, and enjoyed observing and experiencing the sustainable farm that Pan de Vida is in the process of growing. This will also involve spending quality time building relationships, students studying Spanish will be encouraged to use their Spanish while on this trip.

This course is well suited to: Students who are willing to step out of their comfort zone and love others!

Cost: \$ 2000

Additional costs: Money for souvenirs, food during travel (meals in airports traveling there and back).

Other Information:

Please note, this trip leaves on Saturday, October 29 and will return late on Friday, November 3. This is outside of the published dates for Service Intersession.

International travel - Students will need a passport for International travel. Passports cannot expire before May 05, 2024.

In order to travel internationally all students must adhere to the COVID protocols and requirements of both the United States and Mexico. These may change between now and the travel date. So for example, if a vaccine is required for travel by either country between now and the travel date, there will not be a

refund for unvaccinated students. Parents will incur all costs for COVID testing according to what is required by each country with the exception of the test required prior to leaving Mexico for the US on return, this has been arranged through Pan De Vida and is included in the cost of the trip. If a student tests positive (even if vaccinated and possibly a false positive), a parent must travel to that country within 48 hours to quarantine with their student and will need to cover the cost of the chaperone's extended stay and additional travel costs until the parent arrives.

Please note students will participate in volunteer work around the children's home. Please do not select this trip if you are opposed to your student using lawn and general household tools or painting products. A separate power tool waiver will also be signed online designating which power tools your student may use.

Students can take one extra bag with them on the trip full of donations for the orphanage; extra baggage fee is not included in the trip cost. Families will be given more information about donations and luggage costs at the parent meeting. Please note that families will provide their own students' transportation to and from the airport on **October 29th** and **November 3rd**.