

## **F.A.Q. – Tijuana, Mexico**

**Dates:** March 5-10, 2012

**Cost:** \$725 (\$363 for seniors) \*If airfares increase, students will be asked to pay the difference

**Requirements:** 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade LCS student, age 16+

(10<sup>th</sup> grade students under age 16 may attend if accompanied by parent)

### **What does this cost cover?**

The trip cost includes airfare, lodging, ground travel, meals, and medical/travel insurance. We have also designated a small amount in each student's price which will help cover most of the cost of our core chaperones.

### **What costs are not covered?**

Students will be responsible for spending money for snacks and souvenirs. Some ministry materials may need to be purchased, and will be discussed as a team after application is made. Any preparation costs – such as ID cards and recommended vaccinations – are the student's responsibility prior to departure.

### **Why might there be additional airfare costs?**

The trip budget was made using high airfare estimates, based on prices in July 2011. The price of tickets will fluctuate before we purchase tickets in December. If the airfare costs rise above those estimates made, students will be asked to pay the difference as part of their trip cost. This is not expected, but students need to be prepared.

### **With what ministry will this team be partnered?**

Puente de Amistad ([www.puentedeamistad.org](http://www.puentedeamistad.org))

### **What will my student be doing?**

Specific activity venues and placement will be determined closer to the trip, as it will be dependent upon team size and project availability around the city. Ministry activities we are considering are as follows:

- Orphanage projects, including interaction (games, crafts, etc) with children
- Church ministry
- Street outreach through dramas, skits or activities
- Kid's kitchen, including preparing and serving meals
- Home construction for a local family

### **What arrangements have been made for lodging?**

Students will be staying on the Puente de Amistad base. This base is in a residential neighborhood and is gated and secure 24/7. Teams are provided with beds and showers as well as eating and meeting facilities.

**How many leaders will be on this trip?**

We are sending at least 1 adult chaperone for every 8 students, plus staff provided by Puente de Amistad.

**What will travel and transportation look like?**

The team will fly from Portland International Airport to San Diego International Airport. Vans will be rented in San Diego to be used for all travel for the duration of the trip. The team will drive across the border and to the Puente de Amistad base, returning home the same way.

**Is any I.D. required to cross the USA/Mexico border?**

Yes! Adults (age 19+) are required to carry a passport or U.S. Passport Card. Students under 19 are required to carry only an original or copy of his/her birth certificate. Further documentation will be carried by the team leader. For further details, please feel free to contact Carissa Bowen for links to the appropriate sites.

Further information – such as packing lists, insurance provided, and vaccinations required – will be given after application for this trip is made.

If you have any further questions, feel free to email Carissa Bowen at [cbowen@lifeonweb.org](mailto:cbowen@lifeonweb.org).