

Build Love Projects (Building Houses!)

16' x 20' 3-Room Home with Loft for \$10,500

In just one weekend, your mission team can construct a 16' x 20' weatherproof home that is built to last and offers families shelter for many years to come. Regardless of your skills, gender, or age, there's a role for everyone to contribute!

- Baja Christian Ministries (BCM) provides a concrete foundation and construction materials
 - All lumber is pre-cut and marked for ease of construction
 - Home Exteriors feature: an asphalt shingles roof, siding with trim, paint, four windows, metal security door, and locks
 - Home Interiors include drywall, mud, electrical outlets & switches, light fixtures, and paint
- Add-Ons
 - Furniture Package, \$2,100
 - Bunk bed and mattress, full bed and mattress, stove kit, kitchen table and chairs
 - 4' x 4' latrine, \$2,100
 - Most developing communities don't have sewer systems, and a latrine is a necessary
 - Full house insulation, \$1200
 - Ceiling drywall with ceiling fan, \$300
 - Interior finish- BCM will sand and paint the interior, \$500
 - Refrigerator, \$450
- Special building projects such as church buildings, classrooms, and playgrounds are possible. (contact office to discuss specific projects)

Acts 20:30 Evangelism (\$350 per outreach)

- BCM and the mission teams conduct door-to-door invitations for community members to attend a gathering to receive the "good news." Attendees are offered complimentary copies of both the Bible and the Purple Book. What is the purple book? <https://youtu.be/gSNBoamm9CA>
- Once the group has assembled, we prompt missionary team participants to share a "two-minute miracle" or personal testimony illustrating the impact of Jesus on their lives. Following this, the Gospel is shared, and we extend an invitation to receive prayer.
- After outreach, BCM works with local pastors and leaders who follow up with community members.
- Every year, we distribute numerous Bibles and Purple Books through Acts 20:20 evangelism, sparking the establishment of many church plants.
- Add-Ons
 - Project Open Storehouse, \$30 per food kit, a minimum of 10 kits @ \$300
 - During the lockdowns of 2020, we initiated an urgent food assistance initiative to support needy families. This initiative has since been maintained, providing essential supplies to numerous families near our housing projects. This approach effectively cultivates community involvement and promotes the gospel's message. We work closely with the families we aid, coordinating gatherings and utilizing the backing of local church leaders for outreach activities.
 - Fiesta / Clown Show and BMX Show with Hot Dogs, Tamales, or Tacos for 150 people (vary)
 - Special Outreach, Liaison, or help fund another BCM Program (vary)

Mission House Facilities

Note: BCM doesn't own or operate these facilities, and each facility sets prices and is subject to change. If any of these options are already booked, we have other accommodations for your team to consider.

"Connections House" (Great location in Rosarito but limited capacity):

<https://www.facebook.com/ConnectionsHouse>

Location: Rosarito
Accommodates: 40 people
Parking: for approximately three vehicles and street parking
Amenities: bathrooms, showers, and bedding included
Catering: \$6 Meal
Cost: \$20 per person per night - Contact Kristi for booking 608.322.7650

"Rancho Don Fermin" (Closest to our build sites and most affordable)

Location: In the eastern outskirts of Tijuana
Accommodates: 100 people
Parking: 40 vehicles
Amenities: 12 bathrooms, showers, two kitchens with stove, oven, and refrigerator; you will need to bring your own pots and pans, dishes, and utensils
Catering: Available if desired
Cost: \$11 per person per night

"Rancho la Paloma" (Great location in Tecate and close to build sites)

<http://www.rancholapaloma.org/>

Location: In the western outskirts of Tecate
Accommodates: 125 people
Parking: 45 vehicles
Amenities: bathrooms, showers, outdoor pool
Catering: Rancho la Paloma requests that you use their catering and not use the kitchen
Cost: Check Prices on their website

Hotel Facilities

Note: Hotel prices may vary depending on the exchange rate. If any of these options are already booked, we have other accommodations for your team to consider.

"City Express Rosarito" (Great location near a mall in Rosarito includes breakfast)

Location: Mall in Rosarito
Accommodates: 300 people
Parking: 70 vehicles
Amenities: individual bathrooms, showers, in-house restaurant, nearby restaurants and taco stands, pool, housekeeping
Catering: Available from the hotel
Cost: \$74 ** per night, up to 4 adults per room, additional cost for extra people
Website:

“Hotel Estancia” (Great location in Tecate and can accommodate very large groups)

<http://www.estanciainn.com.mx/>

Location: Tecate
Accommodates: 200 people
Parking: 60 vehicles
Amenities: individual bathrooms, showers, nearby restaurants and taco stands, pool, game room
Catering: Not Available
Cost: \$94 ** per night, up to 4 people per room

“Rosarito Inn” (Condo style accommodations with Ocean Views on shores of Rosarito Beach)

<http://www.rosaritoinn.com/>

Location: Rosarito Beach
Accommodates: 400+ people
Parking: for approximately 100 vehicles
Amenities: individual bathrooms, showers, nearby restaurants and taco stands
Catering: Available from our recommended catering company
Cost: \$185 condo units with kitchens **per night, up to 6 people per room depending on room, additional cost for extra people

Catering

La Especial Catering

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g150776-d1032023-Reviews-Cafe_La_Especial-Tijuana_Baja_California.html

BCM partner's with the wonderful family-owned restaurant, La Especial run by Robert and Laura. Their menu offers breakfast at \$11, lunch at \$11, and dinner at \$12. Additionally, they are equipped to cater to significant events, having successfully served up to 500 guests at a rate of \$9.00 per person.

Transportation Options

Vehicle Insurance

American insurance policies are not valid in Mexico. It's essential to secure insurance coverage specifically for your vehicles through Mexican Auto Insurance. Baja Bound is an online company dedicated to providing Mexican auto insurance policies. Additionally, they have pledged to contribute to BCM if you utilize this link:

<https://www.bajabound.com/quote/?r=y7z7zll4b8>

Rental Vehicles

We suggest Sun Diego Car Rentals. <https://www.sundiegotcarrental.com/> Please inform them that Baja Christian Ministries referred you.

Special Transportation Arrangements

BCM offers transportation charter services for large groups throughout the mission trip, facilitating US and Mexico transportation arrangements.

Other Vehicles

If you plan to utilize additional vehicles such as trailers, RVs, or box trucks, please notify us in advance so that we can verify their compliance with Mexican Customs regulations.



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Sample Budget for a 2025 Mission Trip

Mexico Mission Sample Budget	Units	Cost	Ext.
House	1	10,500	\$10,500
Furniture Package	1	2100	\$2,100
Outreach to the community	1	350	\$350
Connection House Lodging (\$20 a night)	20	20	\$400
Food Cost (Fri. Eve, Sat. 3 meals , Sun - 1 Meal- \$6	20	100	\$2,000
Van Rental	1	150	\$150
Contingency	3	750	\$2,250
		Total	\$17,750
		Per Person	\$888

Tools List

We advise each team to bring the items specified in the Basic Tool List. If any team member is a foreman or has handyman skills, please review and provide items from Foreman Tool List, which covers "Small Tools, Large Tools, and Power Tools".

Basic Tool List Per House

- Framing Hammer for everyone
- Canvas Work Apron for everyone
- 5 Painters Kits
- Work gloves
- 1 First Aid Kit
- 4 Mud Pans and 2- 6" & 2-10" Drywall Spatulas
- Electrical Wire stripper
- Flat and Phillips screwdriver

Foreman Tool List Per House "Small Tools"

- 2 Speed Squares
- 2 Tape Measures
- 2 Chalk Lines with Blue Chalk
- 1 Level
- 1 Pro "Claw Nail" Puller
- 1 Adjustable Wrench
- 1 Ratcheting Socket Wrench
- 1 Deep Socket 3/4"
- 2 Coil Roofing Nailers
- 1 Hammer Tacker
- 1 Box 3/8" Staples
- 2 Tin Snips
- 2 Utility knives
- 1 Drywall T-Square
- 1 Drywall Utility Saw
- 1 Broom and Dustpan
- 1 Magnetic Pick-Up Tool
- 2 Folding Saw Horse

Foreman Tool List Per House "Large Tools"

- 1 Four Foot Ladder
- 1 Six Foot Ladder
- 1 Sixteen Foot Extension Ladder
- 1 Thirteen Foot Aluminum Work Plank

Optional Foreman Tool List Per House "Power Tools"

- 1 Reciprocating Saw/ Blades
- 1 Hammer Drill
- 1 Wood Boring Bit 7/8"
- 1 Nail Killer 3/4"
- 1 Hole Saw 4"
- 1 Saw Arbor
- 2 Impact Drivers
- Drywall Screw Setter Bit
- 2 Cordless Fuel Framing Nailer
- 2" & 3" Framing Nails
- Framing Fuel
- Router and bit
- 1 Cut Out Tool

Optional Foreman Tool List Per House "Generator and Compressor Needed"

- Generator
- Air Compressor
 - 2 PVC Air Hose 3/8" x 50'
 - 2 Coil Roofing Nailers
 - 1 Box 7/8" Roofing Nails
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 - 16 Gauge Finish Nails

What to Bring to Mexico

- GOD'S LOVE AND DESIRE TO SERVE!
- Passport or Passport Card
- Wear suitable construction work attire, including sturdy shoes and a hat.
- Bottled water (average 1 gallon per day)
- Food for meals and snacks (consider catering options)
- Cash (preferably in small US dollar denominations - exchanging into pesos is not necessary)
- Sunscreen, lip balm, and any necessary personal medications
- If staying at a bunkhouse
 - Overnight accessories, i.e., towels, flashlights, etc.
 - Sleeping bag and pillow
- Kitchen Items
 - Dishes, pots, pans, cups, and eating utensils
 - Broom and dustpan
 - Candles and candle holders
- Hygiene
 - Towels
 - Toiletries
- Kids Gifts
 - Small gifts for kids such as Crayons/coloring books
 - Sports Equipment and Toys (Purchase in Mexico only)

Distributing Items in the Communities

Kindly notify Baja Christian Ministries of any additional items your team wishes to distribute. Please be aware that used items such as toys and clothes may pose border crossing issues and are not allowed. If the items are permissible, we can then proceed with the appropriate importation procedures. The importation cost for items is typically 16% of their value. However, there may be instances where we can reduce costs if they are received as donations in Mexico. Please consult with us beforehand to discuss this possibility.

Clearing Mexican Customs

Mexico technically requires a minimum 7-day tourist visa or longer to enter the border. But to those who have driven across recently have experienced that Mexico customs rarely asks to see this document. However, the authorities require you to attain this 7-day tourist visa if you walk across the border. If you are staying longer than seven days, you must obtain a 180-tourist visa.

- Visas can be obtained online at this link: <https://mexico.visahq.com/>
- Baja Bound website gives a good description of how to clear customs: <https://www.bajabound.com/before/permits/customs.php>
- Have Passport or Passport Card Ready
- If you have minors traveling without parents who will need to notarize a travel Letter of Consent to Travel in case of emergency. A copy is included in this packet.

Temporary Importation of Items

If your group is large and is planning on bringing more personal items than suggested on the What to Bring list, then Baja Christian Ministries may be able to help you file a temporary import permit with Mexico Customs. Depending on the border agent's interpretation of the Mexican customs laws, they may charge you 16% on certain items. You need to provide Baja Christian Ministries with a list of these items at least one week in advance of your border entry:

- # people and days staying in Mexico
- What will your team be doing in Mexico to justify the temporary importation
- Manifest of what your team is bringing into Mexico and the intended purpose for the trip
- Manifest of the vehicles your team will bring into Mexico (Vehicle Info and Driver License)

Things to Remember while in Mexico

- Cultural Differences: <https://youtu.be/ZoEMQ5-p2gU>
- Stay within your caravans unless you are very familiar with where you are.
- IF YOU GET SEPARATED from the group, pull over at the first opportunity, DO NOT turn onto a different street. Someone will come back for you. Do not assume that you know where they went.
- Please avoid straying from the group unless you have arranged with our staff or your group leaders to leave for evangelizing, shopping, or other essential activities.
- Kindly heed any instructions provided by BCM team members. Their guidance is solely for your safety and to enhance the quality of your trip.
- Upon arrival at the worksite, park all vehicles as close to the site as feasible. Ensure that all doors are securely locked, windows closed, and valuables concealed. If your group is large or has numerous vehicles, or if close parking isn't feasible, we strongly advise implementing the buddy system, where two individuals take turns monitoring the vehicles in one-hour shifts. Please bear in mind that items such as backpacks, cameras, purses, and tools are highly appealing to potential thieves.
- Kindly refrain from allowing local children to play in your vehicles, whether with your kids or yourselves. Allowing them access can tempt them and potentially lead to break-ins, as it gives them insight into the contents.
- Mission House/Hotels Things to Remember
 - Avoid consuming water from any faucets, including while showering or brushing your teeth. Use bottled water.
 - Dispose of all toilet paper in the trash rather than the toilet. This applies to most establishments, including restaurants, stores, and any other places you may visit.

Crossing back into the United States

- Ensure you have all passports readily accessible and not stored in a bag tucked away.
- Remember, bringing meats, nuts, fruits, and vegetables back into the United States is prohibited. This list is subject to weekly changes. We suggest consuming or giving away these items to the family you've assisted.
- Declare any purchases made while in Mexico. For more information, visit the Clearing USA Customs link provided.

Payments to BCM

- Baja Christian Ministries California operates as a 501c3 nonprofit. We will provide an invoice outlining the expected costs for all projects. It's important to note that circumstances may sometimes lead to changes in these costs. However, we make every effort to maintain consistent project costs throughout the year and provide advance notice of any significant changes whenever possible. All overnight facility

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expenses will be managed through BCM via an invoice. Please be aware that BCM does not own the facilities your team utilizes.

Team Checklist

- 3-12 months prior
 - Team Leader Fills Out Online Sign-Up
 - Mission House and Hotel Rooms Booked
- 2 months prior
 - Transportation Booked
 - Deposit for concrete foundation paid
- 1 month prior
 - All invoice payments for build costs paid
- 2 weeks prior
 - Group size finalized for accommodation bookings and travel insurance
 - Arrangements made if crossing with more than the What to Bring List and Basic Tools
 - Consent to Travel is Notarized for all minors traveling without a parent
 - All invoice payments are made for accommodations and transportation
 - Auto Insurance Purchased
 - Online Waiver/Integrity Form Signed

Team Coordination/Extension Guide

Your group will have a BCM coordinator to manage trip logistics. In Mexico, BCM team members will assist with construction and navigation, but we cannot guarantee constant availability. If your team requires additional guidance, an extension guide may be provided for an extra fee.

Communication while in Mexico

Ensure at least two team members have roaming packages for reliable cell service in Mexico. This enables constant communication with the BCM team and effective navigation using Google Maps and Waze.

Letter of Consent to Travel

Minors are not allowed in Mexico, by law, without a parent or a legal guardian. As a group leader, you become the guardian of all minors in your group, making you legally responsible for their actions. Mexican Law requires the Letter of Consent to Travel and must be notarized before arrival and carried for the entire stay in Mexico.



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Your group can not cross the border into Mexico with Baja Christian Ministries this completed form

I _____ am the parent and/or the legal guardian,
provide my consent for my child(ren) _____
to travel with (Name of leader directly responsible for my child): _____
to Mexico for the purpose of serving the poor by building houses & latrines with BAJA CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES,
from departure (date) _____ and returning on (date) : _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone/Contact: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

___ personally known to me

___ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribes to the within instrument and acknowledgment to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal: _____

Notary's Printed Name: _____

Notary Seal: