

MAIL REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT (Made out to LA ANNUAL CONFERENCE) to:
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FOR MOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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REGISTRATION:

Yes, I would like to be a member of the LAVIM Mini-Medical and Construction mission team,
October 7-10, 2010 Team Leaders: Rev. Ricky Willis
Fund #: 10-009

I understand the cost of the mission to be approximately \$310 for mission fees and medicines or
construction materials costs PLUS travel expenses

Enclosed is my deposit of \$310 made payable to the Louisiana Annual
Conference, Fund # 10-009. (Please include Fund Number on check.)

NAME _____ PHONE _____ /
FAX _____ / E-MAIL _____
ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT (required)

PASSPORT # _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

I plan to be part of the _____ medical team _____ construction team.



MINI-MEXICO MISSION MEDICAL & CONSTRUCTION October 7-10, 2010

Mini Medical and Construction

LAVIM medical teams work under the auspices of Clinica Bretania, a Mexican Methodist and United Methodist sponsored Clinic in Reynosa. Medical care is offered in mobile clinics providing maintenance or Level One medical assistance in the Reynosa colonia or community where the team is assigned. Some patients can be referred to Clinica Bretania where our team doctors can assist in performing minor surgeries on occasion. A temporary pharmacy is set up at the clinic site and distributes medicines supplied by the main mission pharmacy in Reynosa. Medicines are purchased with a portion of the mission fee.

Construction teams labor in repair, maintenance and new construction in projects prioritized by the San Pablo District. These normally consist of church buildings, clinics, schools and other mission properties of the District. A new project began in 2009, a new school at the Piedra Angular (Cornerstone) Methodist Church of Reynosa.

Willie Berman, Director of VIM for the Mexican Methodist Church and GBGM missionary, gives oversight and makes clinic location and construction project assignments for all teams. Dr. Elias Lara is Medical Team Coordinator as well as director of the mission pharmacy. Mobile dental units are available which will enable volunteer dentists to perform in the field any procedure normally done in US dental offices. Construction projects are supervised by Jorge Chacon of Rio Bravo and Rev. Roberto Gomez of Matamoras among others.

Needed for the Mini Medical and Construction mission: general practitioners or specialists, dentists, optometrists, nurses, technicians and pharmacists for medical teams. Both professionals and experts in carpentry, painting, roofing, electrical and plumbing are sought for construction teams. Non-professionals are welcome on both medical and construction efforts of teams.

“Go-fers”, those who want to learn or are willing to try new skills are important to every team. Most teams include an educational or VBS component. Opportunities for sewing instruction, Bible study and vocational and basic hygiene training are also encouraged. God can do marvelous things with willing and ready servants!

Costs for participation on a LAVIM Mini-Medical/Construction mission includes team lodging, meals, in-country transportation, secondary insurance*, administrative and leadership fees and a \$100 per person medicine or materials donation. The team from Pineville FUMC will drive to McAllen, TX, where the team will be met by our Mexico VIM partners and transported by van to the lodging sites. The total cost of the mission per volunteer is determined by the final round trip cost from Louisiana or departing city to McAllen.

A deposit of \$310 must accompany each registration and may be submitted up to 65 days prior to the date of the mission. Please include team Fund Number on your registration and check. Fees can be paid by VISA or MasterCard by calling Pat Maruas at 225-346-1646.



Casual clothing is recommended for after work and travel or sightseeing. Dress clothes are not necessary. At no time are tank tops, sleeveless shirts, halter-tops, or short shorts appropriate while serving on Louisiana Volunteer in Mission teams. This includes both men and women. Construction volunteers should wear sturdy shoes or boots. Old or work clothing is recommended for construction and hospital scrubs for medical volunteers. Adequate protection from hot sun (long sleeves, hat and sun screen) is important. Many LAVIM teams are housed at Pueblo de Dios in Reynosa. De Dios provides group rooms, bunk beds and adequate showers and flush toilets. Teams housed in de Dios need to bring bedroll or sleeping bag, bath towels and personal toilet items. Teams working in other areas may be housed in those locations and the team will be advised of the facilities there and what to bring. Meals are prepared by local church members. Selections will include dishes which are cultural favorites and will be both healthy and plentiful. Bottled water will be supplied but team members are advised to bring a canteen or water bottle for refilling.

LAVIM is not responsible for primary travel, life and/or medical insurance. It is the responsibility of the volunteer to acquire these policies before departing. *A secondary accident insurance policy is provided as part of the mission fees. The team leader will provide an application form, required for participation in the mission, for this coverage. The team leader will also provide required registration and legal documents.

LAVIM and the United Methodist Church require you to have a Passport which is valid up to six months after the return of the mission to participate in a LAVIM mini-medical/construction team to Mexico or any country outside the United States. Application takes a minimum of six weeks in most cases.