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**REGISTRATION:**

Yes, I would like to be a member of an LAVIM Mini-Medical and Construction mission team,  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Fund #: **11-067**

I understand the base cost of a four day mission to be \$334.00 if the team is driving and that final mission fees and deposits may vary if the team is of longer duration or chooses to fly.

Enclosed is my deposit of \$334.00 made payable to the Louisiana Annual Conference, Fund # \_\_\_\_\_  
(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.

**NOT INCLUDED** - Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas; immunizations, personal gratuities, laundry and dry cleaning, excursions not outlined in the mission schedule, mineral waters and meals in route or not mentioned in this brochure under included features, travel and luggage insurance, all items of strictly personal nature.



**Louisiana Volunteers  
In Mission**

**M**ini Medical  
and  
Construction  
Mexico

**Oct 6-9, 2011**

# MEXICO 2011

## Mini Medical and Construction

A Ministry of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church



Louisiana Volunteers in Mission began its relationship with the San Pablo District of the Mexican Methodist Church over ten years ago working in the crowded colonias of Reynosa. As LAVIM has expanded its ministry so has Mexico VIM. Louisiana volunteers are now invited to labor among our neighbors in Nuevo Progreso, Carboneras, Rio Bravo, Matamoras and many other communities along the border.

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 Mexico VIM and the Mexican Methodist Church. These normally consist of church buildings, clinics, schools and other mission properties of the District.

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. A new Medical Team Coordinator and pharmacy director will be joining our 2011 teams as well. 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.

You are invited to join this exciting LAVIM ministry in Mexico by registering for our Medical and Construction Mission on October 6-9, 2011. Needed for medical teams are *at least two general practitioners* or specialists for each team, dentists, optometrists, nurses (3-4), technicians and pharmacists. Teams very often see 150 or more patients each day. Both Professionals and experts in carpentry, painting, roofing, electrical and plumbing are sought for construction teams. But non-professionals are welcome on both medical and construction efforts of teams. There is a place for anyone who is willing to answer God's call to serve.

"Go-fers", those who want to learn or who are willing to try new skills are important to every team. Teams are encouraged to 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, supervision and a \$100 per person (\$50 per work day) medicine or materials donation. Our team will drive to McAllen, TX, where the team will be met by our Mexico VIM partners and transported by van to the lodging sites.

A deposit of \$334.00 is due from each volunteer. Deposits 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 (plus a 3% handling fee) by calling the LAVIM offices at the above numbers. Please ask for Amanda Short, LAVIM Financial Assistant. Teams are limited to no more than 24 volunteers.

Casual clothing is recommended for after work, worship, 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.

The United States government *requires you to have a Passport or Passport Card* to return from Mexico. It must be valid at least six months *after* the return of the mission to the United States. Application takes a minimum of six weeks in some cases. LAVIM recommends that you apply early if you do not have a Passport or Card or are nearing your expiration.

**RESPONSIBILITY** - LAVIM has no control or responsibility in regard to delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical defect, failure of negligence or any nature however caused in connection with any accommodations, transportation or services for any substitution of accommodations or of common carrier equipment, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. Dates, mission details and fees, although in good faith and based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, are subject to change at or before the time of departure. No revisions of the printed itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, should this become necessary changes will be made in consultation with the team leader who will be responsible for informing the team. Additional expenses incurred in such changes are the responsibility of the individual volunteer.

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** Please see your physician or health department for recommendations for any international mission. A tetanus update is recommended for all volunteers participating in construction or medical missions.

**CANCELLATION** - Administrative Fees are non-refundable in the event of any cancellation. Trip cancellation insurance information is available upon request.