

10 YEARS

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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THE HOLY TRINITY MISSIONS MINISTRY RETURNS TO PROJECT MEXICO FOR A **CENTENNIAL MISSION TRIP** TO BUILD ITS EIGHTH HOME FOR THE POOR AND HOMELESS OF MEXICO

Join the Holy Trinity Mission Team June 20-26, 2023!

Back for 2023!: Project Mexico is celebrating 35 years of building homes for needy families! Holy Trinity Church has sent seven mission teams during that period and built seven homes for needy families. This year, in celebration of our Holy Trinity Centennial, we're heading back June 20-26!

What does a Project Mexico mission trip look like? Our trips are one week long and include four days of construction. Each team builds a sturdy, weatherproof home for a family without adequate shelter. The week starts with laying a cement floor, and then continues with framing, chicken wire, roofing, and stucco. The week ends with a house blessing!

Where do volunteers stay? Volunteers stay at St. Innocent Orphanage, an Orthodox Christian orphanage for teenage boys located in Rosarito, Mexico. Volunteers stay in homes exactly like those they build for the needy of the area.

Who can participate? No experience is required and training is provided for all aspects of the work. A minimum age of 14 is recommended by Holy Trinity Church. We need parents and young adults, too! See registration form for more details.

What is the cost? The total cost including estimated travel is \$950 for Holy Trinity GOYAns and \$1,350 for all others. This covers food, lodging, building materials, transportation to/from the airport and work site and airfare from Pittsburgh. Cost is subject to change based on group airfare at time of booking.

Are their fundraising opportunities? Yes! A complete fund-raising package will be provided to those who submit their reservation form and deposit by March 1, 2023. It includes letters and brochures to send to friends and family.

How do I get involved? Sign up using the Project Mexico 2023 Reservation Form and **submitting your deposit by March 1**. Full payment due March 30.

Who do I contact with questions? Contact Father John at 412-366-8700 or email missions@HolyTrinityPgh.org.



**Actual home built in 5 days in 2013 by
a Holy Trinity Project Mexico Mission
Team. This could be you! Sign up now!**

Holy Trinity Centennial Mission Trip to Project Mexico: June 20-26, 2023

"As you did it to the least of these, my brethren, so you did it to Me." (Matt. 25.40) With these words, Jesus provided both a divine command and moral imperative to do our part to serve the poor and needy.

Project Mexico is pan-Orthodox ministry in which Orthodox missionaries reach out with the love of Christ Mexico's poor by building homes and supporting the work of the St. Innocent Orphanage and Mission Church in Tijuana, Mexico. Over 10,000 teens and young adults from all jurisdictions across the United States and Europe have participated since its inception, including dozens of team members from Holy Trinity Church since 2002.

Don't miss out on this fulfilling opportunity to put the Gospel of Jesus Christ into action in your life! Reserve your spot today with the form below! More information can be found at HolyTrinityPgh.org/missions and at the Project Mexico web site: ProjectMexico.org.

THERE'S A SPOT ON THE TEAM FOR YOU!



Top Ten Reasons GOYAns, their Parents and Young Adults Should Be Part of the Project Mexico Team This Summer!

1. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25.40)
2. It beats hanging out on Facebook all summer.
3. "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (James 1.27)
4. There are more sunny days in Tijuana every week than there are in Pittsburgh all month!
5. "Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord." (Romans 12.11)
6. It's a great family project that really helps people.
7. "For every person today there is a possibility to do missionary work. Mission is not only for priest or monks." (Archbishop Anastasios of Albania)
8. There's a waiting line of teams wanting to go and help the orphans and build homes. (Waiting lines always make people want to get in, don't they?)
9. "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light." (Luke 8.16)
10. It changes people's lives ... maybe yours is next!

PROJECT MEXICO RESERVATION FORM - DUE DATE MARCH 1, 2023

☐ YES! SIGN ME/US UP! Please reserve space for me/us on Holy Trinity's 2023 Mission Trip to Project Mexico. I have enclosed a deposit of \$200 per person to hold space.

| Name(s) | Age 18 or over | Signature (Parent must sign for those under 18) |
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| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Address: | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Phone: | | E-mail: |

IMPORTANT NOTES: This form will reserve a spot on the 2023 team on a first-come, first-served basis and **SPACE IS LIMITED!!** Additional application information will be required before final approval. **Trip duration:** one week. **Dates:** June 20-26, 2023. **Requirements:** Participants must be capable of performing at least light construction work, though professional skills are not required. **Fees:** Holy Trinity GOYAns estimated fee including travel is \$950. All others estimated fee including travel from Pgh is \$1,350. Prices subject to change based on airfare at time of booking the group. These costs can be underwritten by fund-raising efforts (individual and community). Information on fundraising will be provided by GOYA. **Cancellation:** Individual cancellation after April 1 will result in your deposit being applied to the general trip fund-raising. **AGE Qualifications:** This trip is recommended for ages 14 & above. See Father John for exceptions. Parents and chaperons will be needed for the trip as well. Additional questions? See Father John.

Mail with check payable to "Holy Trinity Agape Fund" to: Holy Trinity Church, Attn: Project Mexico, 985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237