

Latin American Ministries

Info for a short-term Mission Group/ Interns

About Us



We are two families working together, headed by brothers Joshua and Jonathan Angel, whose parents started Latin American Ministries before passing away in 2017 and 2021. Our ministry exists ***to disciple Latin American Christians in the Word, equipping them to offer the hope of Jesus Christ to their families, communities, and the world.*** Joshua and Anne with their two kids and Jonathan and Anastasiya with their three boys live and work on the ministry base, just half an hour outside of the city of Guadalajara, Jalisco.

Building on the years of pastoring of our parents, we continue to lead a small church in nearby La Venta, and we are developing **a support network for four pastors' families** that are now multiplying the Kingdom in other ministries, both **church plants and mercy outreaches**. Josh is developing **The Forge** program to sharpen character and capability of young people through survival and rescue training. We also have a heart to see **Christians mobilized** across the globe to participate in the Great Commission, and so we always include missions training in our equipping courses and welcome short-term teams to have their first (or fiftieth!) cross-cultural experience.

Work for Short Term Missionaries



When interns or short-term mission groups come to help, we ask them what their talents are and what they would be willing to do; we also let them know what our needs are and decide from there what they would be working on while they are here.

We continually have construction needs and service opportunities in our regularly scheduled events. For groups with that interest, we can also plan special evangelistic programs or service projects. If interns are interested in coming for a few months or so, they can choose to teach English as a second language in our village, be in charge of Sunday School for the time they're here, teach a class on a subject they're knowledgeable about for our church and network, help with whatever projects they can, like painting, admin work, organizing, cooking, childcare, and whatever else God puts on their heart and in their hands to do.

Everybody is unique and has different talents and abilities they can bring to the table. The attached form is to fill out for people who are interested in coming. Anyone who is interested can fill it out and the group leader can send it to us, so we can make an appropriate service plan for your team.

Leadership Structure

Each team that comes should have a leader or leaders within it. This is the person we will communicate with to set goals and expectations for the group. There are many reasons to go on a mission trip and many reasons for missionaries to host them or not. Working primarily through your leader, we will try to discern together what God wants to accomplish in and through your group, and then discuss what your desires or goals are and what our needs and expectations are.

The leader of the group will be the one in charge of setting an expectation of service, leading or organizing any devotional or debriefing times, and maintaining the unity of the team. This is done by

setting an example, planning team bonding events before the trip, and being willing to correct any member of the team that may need it throughout the course of your stay. We are willing to help in these areas

Group Communication

In Mexico, we mostly use WhatsApp to communicate, as our phone signal isn't always great on base. But we can also be reached by regular phone and text or by email. We ask for the contact info of everyone on the form, so that when the team arrives we can add everyone to group communications.

Visas

Six month visas to Mexico are included with the cost of a plane ticket. You will fill them out on the plane. (Our address is Camino al Cerro #8, El Roble, Zapopan, Jalisco.) You will write down where you will be staying and for how long. At customs, they will tuck that paper back into your passport and you will need it upon leaving, so take good care of it!

Accommodations

We are flexible in accommodating families, seniors, couples, singles or whomever. We have two dorm rooms on our base and access to more rooms and beds with our neighbor. Groups can be small or as large as 20 people. We provide towels, pillows (with pillow cases), blankets for cold nights, bug repellants, first aid kit, toilet paper, soap and filtered water.

Fun Day Out

If you are interested in doing a 'day out' for full or half day with your team, there are several options available and we can exchange US dollars into pesos ahead of time for your personal shopping

1. Sunday after our church service, we usually don't make plans for work or ministry. Sunday afternoon could be a good opportunity to go out to eat and do some souvenir shopping in nearby small towns.
2. Groups have enjoyed going to Tequila, Chapala, or downtown Guadalajara for the open markets and restaurants. All of those are within two hours driving and require probably a full day excursion.

An ideal length of time to come for would be for 7-10 days to make the most of your plane ticket and the projects you want to help with. Obviously, sometimes needs are different, and we have even made five day trips valuable.

Gift Ideas to bring to be a blessing for the ministry

1. Kids clothing - New or gently used items you can find on sale or have to donate from baby to teen are always appreciated.
2. Door prizes for kids events like soccer balls, basketballs, volleyballs (Bring them deflated and we can inflate them before the events) fishing rods with bait kits, flashlights, or any other cool items you can think of.

Top Construction Needs

1. Help building Jonathan's house so that his family can move off base
 - Cabinets
 - Flooring: tile & carpet
 - Doors, windows, painting, and etc.
2. Finish the construction on our base so the ministry buildings can be used for Bible training:
 - Tile for the office and restrooms
 - Finish & equip the cafeteria kitchen with a large sink and dishware/ silverware/ pots/pans to be able to cook for up to 50 people.
3. To find and buy a new location for our La Venta congregation, and then to build a church on the site.

Top Ministry Needs

1. To raise consistent spiritual and financial support for our ministry and ministry partners so that pastors Yoni, Esteban, Chino, and Beto as well as our two families are able to continue ministering while providing for our families. As these laborers are equipped, souls will be reached. We know this support comes in relationship, so we love to provide the chance for teams to meet our partners.
2. To help the Gutierrez family establish and grow the Pan de Vida mercy ministry in ExHacienda, providing regular food and Bible instruction to the village children and mothers.
3. To have guest teachers come with prepared classes, either one- or two-day intensives, to continue equipping our church members and ministry partners with Biblical foundations.

Expenses & Details

1. Our airport is Guadalajara/GDL (Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla Guadalajara International Airport). Because we need to prepare for the arrival and need to know if the group (or the person that is coming) are certainly coming, we require that airplane tickets be purchased **6 WEEKS** in advance. Send us the flight information directly. Everyone should arrive and leave on the same flight. If coming from different places, they should arrive around the same time or be willing to wait, as the airport is about an hour and half away from our base.

2. As of 2023, we charge a grounds fee of **\$75 per day per person** for trips that are ten days or less. This cost is **separate from your transportation costs** in getting here. That allows us to make your stay comfortable (delicious meals, clean rooms, and transportation) while making sure you are also a blessing for our ministry. When possible, we also ask that the team raise **an additional sum** to give toward whatever projects you will be doing. For bigger construction projects, \$500 per person of project money, for example, is a huge blessing.
3. In order for us to prepare and purchase all the materials and supplies for projects and food for your stay, we ask that you send the funds **2 WEEKS** prior to your arrival via check, Zelle, PayPal, or whatever we work out together.
4. Interns who are interested in coming for a longer stay with us must also have their plane ticket 6 weeks in advance and send a down payment of ½ their cost two weeks prior to arrival. For interns, we ask for \$1000/month and \$35 per day beyond that.
5. Important: We **STRONGLY** encourage everyone to start taking probiotics at least 1 week prior to your arrival and during. Because even though we have filtered water on site and take great caution when cooking, some sensitive stomachs might still get sick because of the changes.

Contact Info

Anne is going to be your contact person who is organizing and planning everything on our end for your trip, so if you have any questions or need anything at all, please call/ text anytime (320) 226-2699 or email me at anne.elizabeth.angel@gmail.com

Provide us with your email if you'd like our monthly newsletter updates sent directly to it.

We would absolutely love any amount of help you are willing to give, whether it be spiritual, physical or financial. All us Angels are thrilled that God put our ministry on your heart, and we know that our time together will be a blessing for our Mexican church, our leaders, us, and you!

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Angels

P.S. Please read and have your team read the following article to begin to get a vision for why cross-cultural experiences are important.