

# 2010 Short-Term Missions Trips

Destination	Dates	Cost	Deposit
Piedras Negras, Mexico	Saturday, June 12 - Saturday, June 19	\$1350	\$450
Piedras Negras, Mexico	Saturday, June 19 - Saturday, June 26	\$1350	\$450
Cochabamba, Bolivia	Thursday, July 1 - Saturday, July 10	\$2000	\$667
Cochabamba, Bolivia	Thursday, July 8 - Saturday, July 17	\$2000	\$667
Athens, Ohio	Sunday, August 1 - Saturday, August 7	\$495	\$165

## The Application Process:

- Please **begin seeking God's direction** as to what your contribution to these projects should be.
- If you are interested in serving on a trip, **please plan to attend an informational meeting at Lake Forest on Sunday, January 10 at 12:15pm** where we will discuss specific details, purpose and plan for the trips.
- Once you decide that you would like to serve on a summer short-term mission trip, please **complete an application**. Applications can be found online at [lakeforest.org>missioDei>Short-term Missions](http://lakeforest.org/missioDei/Short-term%20Missions). You can also **sign up for an interview** on this page.
- **Applications are due Sunday, January 31.**
- **Interviews for families and individuals will take place on Wednesday, February 3.**
- Applications will be reviewed and mission teams will be formed for each trip by Wednesday, February 10. The Trip Leader will email each team member to confirm their participation on the trip no later than February 14.
- Team meetings will begin the week of February 21. (Specific date is determined by team leader.)

## Fundraising:

*Financial concerns - while extremely important - should not be the only factor that determines whether or not you apply to join a short-term mission team. The decision should also involve prayer and wisdom from Christian friends. We believe that God will faithfully provide funds for those He is leading to join His mission through these trips. But raising money takes diligent work and faith, and we want to be clear about what is involved:*

- **Personal Deposit:** Each short-term missionary is expected to pay at least 1/3 the cost of the trip as a deposit expressing your commitment of time and resources to the trip. Deposits must be paid by February 28. Those who need extra time to pay the entire deposit may pay incrementally up until the time of the trip's departure.
- **Raising Support Outside LFC:** Each short-term missionary is expected to raise at least 1/3 the cost of the trip through supporters outside of LFC. Such support-raising requires missionaries to write letters to those outside of our church, asking people to support the work of the team with prayers and/or financial support. The time-intensive and potentially humbling exercise of raising support outside of LFC is an essential and major part of trip preparation. Historically, mission teams at LFC have raised 1/2 of the trip costs from supporters outside of our church.
- **Many Hands, Many Feet (MHMF):** Lake Forest Church will pay the difference - up to 1/3 of the trip cost - between total trip cost and money provided by the deposit and outside-of-LFC fundraising. These Many Hands, Many Feet funds come from the faithful, generous giving of people at Lake Forest. No LFC Ministry Partner or regular attender can ever be encouraged to give money directly to an individual missionary or team. Rather, LFC folks contribute money to the MHMF fund, which is given to each of the short-term mission teams. Short-term missionaries should encourage people at LFC, both through conversations and letters, to support our involvement in Missio Dei by giving to MHMF.

**If you have questions about the application process or fundraising, please contact the short-term missions coordinator Lindy Glass at [lindy\\_glass@yahoo.com](mailto:lindy_glass@yahoo.com).**