

# Ojo Caliente Mission Trip News

## February

### **For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD:**

This passage from Jeremiah 29:11 is probably one of the most frequently quoted passages in the Bible. Have you ever thought about it though? It is quoted so many times because He really does know the plans that he has for us. How cool is that?!? I can really see him working through this mission trip. Things we didn't know how they were going to work out, have worked out. Praise God!

### **Group Meeting:**

Our next group meeting will be on Thursday, March 6 @ 7:30 PM at the Peterson's house. You'll get to pick up your mission trip t-shirts and we'll figure out who can take what materials.

### **Materials:**

We have now ordered and received some of the extra items we will need to put in people's second check-in bag. These items include a small PA system, 200 El Camino a Cristo's (Steps to Christ), and 120 Spanish Bibles.

### **Dedication:**

Please make sure you are at church on March 8 for the mission trip dedication prayer. This church service will be outside under a tent and the dress that day will be more casual so plan on wearing your mission trip t-shirt.

### **Bedding:**

If your name has an "@" beside it on the participant list can you bring an airmattress? Here's what I'm planning so far. Jim Castle, Mark Ueek, and Linda Soper will get beds until the main group arrives. Since most of the beds are double beds we will then need to transfer the singles on to air mattresses and put doubles in the beds to make the best use of bedding space. Our masonry crew will get beds till they fly out on Friday morning. I believe we will have some temporary bedding available to us for Liz, Yvette, and Michele to sleep in the living room. Once the masons leave they will transfer into the beds the masons were staying in. Ron, Merwin, Al, and Steve will be staying in a house out by the construction site. Scott and Heidi will have a house out by the construction site as well. The Ferreira's and Matracia's will be staying in a house together along with the local pastor and his family, the kids will be on air

mattresses downstairs in the living room. The Groff's will be in a house just 2-3 houses down from the other houses. Bonnie and Cheryl will be staying there with the Groff's as well in two twin beds. My dad and I will be staying at the translator's house. After my dad leaves Rob Childers can stay in the extra bed there. Let me know if you have any questions, and remember flexibility! Things might change that first week when I'm down there. If anything does change I'll e-mail the group.

### **Daily Devotionals:**

Everyone will get the opportunity to share a 5-10 minute devotional. Whether it is reading a passage or telling a creative story we want to hear from you! Every morning before breakfast we plan on having devotionals and singing a couple of songs.

### **Recycling:**

The Dimick's are helping with the mission trip by collecting bottles and cans that can be recycled. If you have bottles or cans that can be recycled please bring them by the church office.

### **Participants:**

Bonnie Applegate (Mon, March 24)	Laura Ferreira (Wed, March 26)	Scott Maloney@ (Thurs, March 27)	Liz Peterson* (Thurs, March 23)
Cheryl Bylard (Mon, March 24)	Paul Ferreira* (Wed, March 26)	Heidi Matracia (Fri, March 28)	Sam Sherman (Tues, March 18)
Jim Castle@ (Thurs, March 20)	Brenda Groff* (Tues, March 25)	Megan Matracia@ (Fri, March 28)	Linda Soper@ (Fri, March 21)
Rob Childers@ (Fri, March 21)	Pastor Groff* (Tues, March 25)	Michael Batracia (Fri, March 28)	Fred Specht (Mon, March 17)
Yvette Cochran (Tues, March 23)	Steve Hegelgantz@ (Thurs, March 20)	Taylor Matracia@ (Fri, March 28)	Merwin Stiggie@ (Thurs, March 20)
Jon Ferguson* (Sun, March 16)	Joseph Machado@ (Wed, March 26)	Marcus Mundy@ (Fri, March 21)	Ron Tilley@ (Sun, March 16)
Rob Ferguson (Sun, March 16)	Libby Machado@ (Wed, March 26)	Jim Oliver (Wed, March 19)	Michele Truscott (Sun, March 23)
Chance Ferreira@ (Wed, March 26)	Heidi Maloney*@ (Thurs, March 27)	Al Perez@ (Thurs, March 20)	Mark Ueek@ (Fri, March 21)

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### **Still Needed (Prayer Requests):**

- Prayers for a successful trip
- Financial Donors

**Insurance Purchased:**

If anything happens while we are down in Mexico we have purchased the insurance policy to cover our travel in addition to our labor insurance when we are on the construction site. I'll give you a copy of that at our group meeting.

**Transportation:**

We are looking for a couple of large vans/cars that can take us to the Sacramento airport on Wednesday, March 19 @ 8:00 PM and pick us up on Sunday, March 30 @ 8:45 PM. We'll be leaving and returning from the church parking lot so if you know of anyone that can help in this aspect let me know.

**Mission Trip Fund:**

We still need to make sure we are turning in our funds for the trip. We are doing ok but we still don't have everyone's funds in yet. I hope to have a breakdown of who has turned in what at our next group meeting.

**Pictures:**



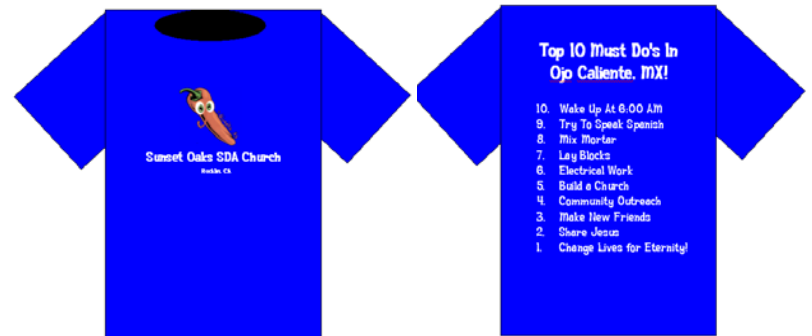
**Pedro surveying the site**



**The church property being outlined for leveling**

**T-Shirts Purchased:**

This will be a great witnessing opportunity as we walk through the airports! On our way down and back up from Ojo Caliente plan on wearing your mission trip t-shirt. This will also be a great way of identifying you to Miguel who is arranging the transportation for us from Aguascalientes to Ojo Caliente. This is your ticket on the bus ☺



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**Mission Trip Dates:  
March 20 – 30, 2008**

(The night of March 13 a small crew will leave to prep the site)  
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