

Baja Project

High School Mission Project | July 23-30, 2022

OVERVIEW

ARRIVAL AND PREPARATION: Saturday, July 23

- Fly direct from Chicago [MDW] to San Diego [SAN]
- Bags, Vehicles, Lunch + Coronado Pre-Brief
- Travel to Rancho Don Fermin | Orientation

THE PROJECT: July 23 –29 (daily routine)

- Morning: Breakfast, Pack lunches + Materials, Head to project sites*
- 3 Teams near one another, building 12'x24' homes:
 1. **Sunday:** clear/level site, set forms for concrete slab
 2. **Monday:** pour, float, and finish concrete slab, mixing “volcano” style
 3. **Tuesday:** frame walls, paint siding, plan “special end of project gift”
 4. **Wednesday:** raise walls, install siding, center roofing beam + rafters
 5. **Thursday:** paint/install trim, windows, door, and finish roofing + hand over Keys!
- Return to Rancho Don Fermin in late afternoon for community dinner and worship

**Each student will be a member of a Small Group. Two small groups will join to form a Project Team.*

THE DEBRIEF: Friday, July 29

- Morning spent wrapping up last minute details at sites, cleaning Rancho + packing
- Cross Border – Head to La Jolla area to debrief host church (TBA)
- Beach/free time, dinner, worship, + small groups

RETURN: Saturday, July 30

- Breakfast + pack/clean up at host site
- Head to airport, fly direct from San Diego [SAN] to Chicago [MDW]
- **Pick your student up in MDW baggage claim**

This Itinerary is merely a rough sketch. Extra excursions, experiences, and ministry time may change!

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BUDGET

Airfare	\$525
<i>Our travel agent has secured our tickets for the best group rate available</i>	
Rancho Don Fermin	\$195
<i>We will stay at a retreat center near our build sites.</i>	
Meals and Bottled Water	\$200
<i>Covers all meals, snacks, and bottled water</i>	
Ground Transportation	\$75
<i>We will rent trucks and vans in San Diego, driven by our adult leaders</i>	
Individual Project Site Building Materials and Supplies	\$1000
<i>Covers everything needed to build 4 homes</i>	
Debrief Lodging and Food	\$50
<i>Covers everything for our time in Solana Beach from Friday-Saturday morning</i>	
International Travel Insurance	\$15
<i>International Travel Insurance for each Project Participant</i>	
Training Supplies	\$15
<i>Guidebook, copies, and all other training expenses</i>	
Total Cost Per Student	\$1,975* (total
trip cost for student is only \$1600. The additional \$375 will be funded by the Christ Church)	

Support Partners

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The church has been sending Jesus-Followers into the neighborhood and world since the very beginning. As a participant in our Baja Project, you too are being “sent” on a journey where you will represent Jesus as well as Christ Church. No one is sent to serve alone, and this means you will need to develop a network of sending partners – people who have your back and will support you both in prayer and in the financial part of this project.

The funding to “send you” for the financial part of this project will come from two sources:

Personal Funds (\$500):

This is your deposit (\$100) you submitted with your application and (\$400).

Support Raised Funds (\$1100):

These funds will come from the network of partners that you develop as well as any fundraising initiatives that you embark upon. There is also a network of partners that already exists at Christ Church who will lend some resources to this trip.

Total Project Participant Cost: \$1600

Your Letters:

Each project participant will draft a personal letter. Please use the template attached in this packet but **be sure to include (word for word) the paragraph that helps your financial partners keep track of this donation for their tax purposes.**



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Parent & Student Orientation Meeting

We will cover all details and seek to answer all questions!

March 6th

Fundraising Plan in Place (No Meeting)

Support Letter Drafts Due

(Email your draft to tbianchi@christchurch.us)

Sunday, March 11th

Project Training Session #1 | dinner & training

All Support Letters Sent

Fundraising Project Initiated

Begin culture & building conversations

TBD

Project Training Session #2 | dinner & training

Check in on support raising

Continue building & culture conversations

TBD

First Half of Financial Support Due

24th

Sunday, April

Passport Deadline

Sunday, May 1st

Individual Small Group Gatherings

June & July, TBA

Support Due Date (No Meeting)

All money (personal + support raising due)

July 1, 2022

Final Pre-Project Team Meeting

Final details for the trip w/ Team, Parents, & Staff

Sunday, July 16, 12:00

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My Commitment:

Our experience in Baja requires a strong and faithful commitment to community. For this team to lead and serve in the best way possible, every student must seek to engage, listen, and connect with one another. Our hope is that this will be one of the most significant learning and growth experiences of your high school career. To that end, we ask students to consider their effort, engagement, and participation by signing the commitment below.

As a Baja Project Participant, I commit to:

- 1. Actively engage & participate in my small group.*
- 2. Attend and participate in all Baja Project training meetings.*
- 3. Faithfully work to build my personal support partner team.*
- 4. Seek to deepen my faith and understanding of how serving, and this experience, connects me to God.*

Name:

Signed:

Date

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

[Date]

Dear [name],

I'm writing to let you know about an amazing opportunity that opened up for me through my local church.

Our high school ministry at Christ Church will be participating in a mission project to Baja, California, July 23–30, 2022. Our team of about 40 is excited to be working alongside of DOXA Ministries to build three homes for families without housing. Our hope and prayer is that this has a life-changing impact on these families. I feel privileged to be a part of this opportunity to LIFT others to a higher level of thriving. Over the next few months I will be building relationships with my teammates, learning how to construct these homes, and discovering more about the culture and neighborhoods we'll be serving. I am confident God will use this time to change my life too!

Would you consider partnering with me? First, please pray for this project, our team and me. Pray that we will see people and communities with God's eyes. Ask Him to open our hearts and minds to what He wants to teach us. And that our time and service would draw others closer to Jesus.

Second, would you consider contributing financially to our project? Your contribution will help me, and the entire team, take a step in lifting others to their God-given potential. Click [HERE](#) to donate. All monies raised become the non-refundable property of the Christ Church. Funds raised for the trip beyond the expended amount will be allocated to the General Mission Fund, but designated for short-term mission projects. Contributors will be provided with a receipt for their tax-deductible gifts by the church's business office. In the event of a cancellation for the trip or me, monies raised are non-refundable. If the cancelled trip is deferred for not more than 12 months, the funds raised will be held in reserve for the defined trip.

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider your involvement. I believe your support, either prayer or financial, will be life-changing for three families, our team and me. I will reach out to connect with you personally in a few weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please ask. Thanks again.

In faith,

[your name]