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International Children's Foundation



**2019 Mission Trip Packet -
Ensenada, Mexico**

July 28 – August 3

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Learning Experiences for orphanage and migrant children and outreach to disabled children and indigenous communities

Contact & Site Information

Genesis Diez, A.C. (Genesis) serves formerly abused and abandoned Mexican children now living in orphanages and shelters, as well as local indigenous children and disabled children (Niños). Genesis programs are designed to help children achieve self-confidence, express their potential and understand God's love for them.

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Rancho Genesis is located in Ensenada County, approx 80 miles south of the border, in a rural area just beyond a village called Maneadero; surrounded by God's creation in a valley with rolling hills. Located only 6.5 miles away from the ocean, this 3-star rustic facility consists of tent- like hut dormitories, covered kitchen and dining area, fire pits, latrines which are cleaned twice a day and outside showers open to the sky. The dorms have carpet, bunk beds & mattresses. A beautiful hill next to the property has a walking trail to a cross at the top where you overlook the valley. Everyone who has joined us at Rancho Genesis has had a meaningful, challenging and blessed time.

Group Conduct

You are in Mexico as a representative of Han-Schneider & Genesis

The people of Mexico form an opinion based upon what they see in you; therefore, as individuals and as a group, it is important to conduct yourselves in a Godly manner. Genesis does not interfere with current management at any site visited. We respect the Christian instruction and guidance the children are already receiving in their home/orphanage. We desire to be good examples of cross-cultural interaction, heart-felt service, and showing Christ's love through our actions and words.

HSICF and Genesis do not tolerate the use of tobacco, fireworks, alcohol, profanity or any illegal substances during the course of your mission trip with Genesis Diez, A.C.

- Have a positive spirit and a willingness to be flexible.
- Exhibit a Bible-based Christian lifestyle.
- Loud and boisterous demonstrations of enthusiasm sometimes are not appropriate in Mexican culture.
- Be aware of the impression you make.
- Be aware that loud secular and even Christian music can be offensive.
- Do not descend upon an event like a group of tourists taking snapshots of everything. Ask a Genesis Leader, Orphanage Director/staff or migrant family parent for permission. You are guests. It should be respected as any other family's home where you would stay. It is imperative to respect quiet hours at night, personal space and property, and not question the decisions made by site directors, Orphanage Director/staff and/or Genesis staff.



Male/Female Relationships

- Genesis participants must constrain public displays of affection.
- Take your cues on appropriate physical contact (hugs, etc) from the Genesis staff, if in doubt, ask.
- One must not go anywhere alone – always in groups.
- Single males and females must not go off together as a couple.
- One must not flirt or give encouragement, in dress or manner.
- No participant should be with any child outside of group activity areas.

Dress Code:

You are to be an example to young children who live in a conservative culture

- Avoid a sloppy appearance.
- Be governed by a sense of modesty.
- No wild/trendy clothing, makeup, or accessories – no bellies/underwear showing
- No excessive jewelry or indications of wealth.
- Longer shorts may be worn

Females:

- No suggestive clothing (short shorts, half-shirts, tight clothing or bellies showing. No tank tops preferred. If a tank top is brought it must not have ‘string straps’ – the straps must be a minimum of 3-fingers wide)
- Only a modest one-piece bathing suit or a two-piece suit with a long T-shirt over is acceptable. If in doubt of the appropriateness of swim apparel please ask

Males:

- No suggestive clothing (no low riding pants and/or underwear showing)
- Please keep your shirt on at all times in public. (Beaches are exception)
- No earrings or other excessive jewelry (ask if unsure)



Travel Documents

- For everyone, regardless of age: To go into Mexico by land from the US there is no required document. To return to the US however, you are required to present a valid passport or other alternative documents as determined by the Department of Homeland Security. U.S. and Canadian citizens who are 15 years old or younger will still be allowed to travel with just a copy of their birth certificate, as will teens between the ages of 16-18 if they are part of an adult supervised school, religious, cultural or athletic group. For the latest updates go to: https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/74
- Genesis Diez, A.C. Release of Liability and Consent for Medical Treatment – These two documents are required for you and/or your child to receive medical treatment in case of an emergency. This form must be kept on record with Genesis and your group leader while in Mexico. For other concerns about medical emergencies see our Frequently Asked Questions and our First-Aid packing list. These two documents are located at the end of this trip packet.
- ***For participants under 18 years of age:***
Notary Cover Letter for Minors - This is the required document for minors to travel in Mexico. This one form for all minors must be signed and notarized by the team leader who is designated to act as temporary guardian for all trip participants who are minors. A list of all the minor's names and personal information is included. The document is located at the end of this trip packet.



Agenda/Program

Each weekend/week at Rancho Genesis is unique. We will work alongside you to build a program that meets the needs of your group as well as the children we will be serving. Some groups take the opportunity to plan and lead activities, games and/or Vacation Bible School.

Your schedule on a Mission program will be very busy. Some of your days will be divided between construction and vacation bible school/activities with the kids. Other days will be off site days, which may include a day at the beach, a trip to a park, or visiting a museum. Each week our off site visits vary, due to groups, time of year and the kids. You will get tired. Time for reflection and spiritual enhancement is essential.



Packing List

- Passport & ID
- Bible, journal, notebook, & pens
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Twin fitted sheet
- Everyday clothes (jeans, shorts, t-shirts & sweatshirts, PJ's)
- Work Clothes & Gloves
- Bathing Suits (Showers & Beach Day if applicable)
- Beach Towel
- Bathing Towel
- Baby Wipes
- Toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo soap etc...)
- Prescription glasses/contacts
- Personal Medicines
- Feminine Care Products
- Sun block/sunscreen/lip balm
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Jacket
- Flip flops/sandals (everyday & shower)
- Walking/Tennis Shoes
- Traveler's Mug
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight & batteries
- Earplugs
- Camera & Memory Card
- Alarm Clock

*****Cell phones, IPODS, MP3 players or other electronics will not be permitted in areas with the niños.***

For questions, concerns or to reserve your spot on this incredible experience please contact Zachary Lopez (Zachary.Lopez@Han-Schneider.org) or by phone (626)-278-3994)