

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

ISN'T MEXICO A LITTLE DANGEROUS? I MEAN, I'M HEARING PRETTY CRAZY STUFF ON THE NEWS...

The short answer...maybe. It all depends on using wisdom on these trips. Back2Back has dozens of teams down each year with a track record of around 15 years. We've sent hundreds of our own people. To date, there hasn't been a single incident of crime or physical threat to a single person on a single team. If we use good planning and avoid problem areas we stay safe. It's a lot like going to a Detroit Tigers game. Stay on the safe roads, park in the lit spaces, walk in a group. Then you're safe. Break the rules and the danger increases. We aren't trying to minimize the risk...it exists. We're just making the point that safety is a priority and that's shown by the experiences of people who make the trips every year.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO AFFORD THIS? ISN'T IT EXPENSIVE?

It is expensive to take a trip like this. When you compare it to other places it is pretty cost effective. No matter how you slice it, though, you're talking \$1700+/- . We always tell people this: we've never had a committed person find themselves unable to go because of finances. If you are willing to commit to going, and we mean really commit, we'll help you find the way to get the money together as a team. This doesn't mean you're off the hook. You will have to do your part. We can say with confidence that the extra effort it takes pays off huge in terms of the experience you'll have.

WHAT ABOUT THINGS LIKE WATER OR MEDICAL ISSUES? IF SOMEONE GETS SICK DOWN THERE, DO THEY MAKE IT BACK HOME AGAIN?

The cities that Back2Back serves in have first rate hospitals. This is one of those safety/wisdom issues again. It shouldn't surprise anyone that traveling outside of the country increases your exposure to medical issues. Our wimpy American stomachs just aren't geared for life in the developing world. Just know that Back2Back is seriously prepared for medical issues if they arise. They ask each team member for a comprehensive medical form in advance as part of their preparation for teams. They also have a purified water supply at the places where our teams stay. Have no fear...you won't be without clean water.

WHAT'S A TYPICAL DAY LIKE ON ONE OF THESE TRIPS?

This is one of the things that team members talk about in a super positive way all the time. When you're in Mexico you're part of something bigger than your own little bubble. You start to think about serving other people and they are thinking about serving you. You wake up in the morning as a team. You have a time to reflect on God's Word. You eat meals together. You plan for the upcoming day's adventures in work projects and playing with orphans. Then, you get on a van or bus and you go do it. At night, when you're all tired out from working and playing hard, you get back together as a team and you download your experiences together. You talk about what God did in your lives and, as you hear all of the powerful stuff that happened, you leave the discussion changed forever.

