

2019 EL PASO, TX MS MISSION TRIP

Dates: March 16-21, 2019

Team Members: 28 participants (21 Students, 7 Adults)

Trip Leaders: Case Kirtley and Randy Davis

Partner Church Information: The Journey Church is a church plant of Southern Baptist Convention of Texas. I moved to El Paso in January, 2014, to start the planting process. We began meeting neighbors, building relationships, and starting small group Bible studies. All Bible studies and Sunday gatherings were in my home until September 2015. In September 2015, God graciously provided us with a small store front where we held our Sunday gathering. At this point the majority of our church was military families. It was difficult to build momentum because the families were constantly being transferred with the military. Almost everyone at The Journey has come here a connection made by me or one of our church members. People in El Paso are most responsive to person contacts than other means of reaching people. So, Kids Clubs, Block Parties, etc. are vital.



Partner Church Staff/Leadership Information: Morris Horner is the church planter and pastor. He is single. He has served in traditional church settings in North Carolina, Florida, Houston, Texas, The Woodlands, Texas and El Paso, TX.

All of our leadership, other than myself, is volunteers.

Trip Purpose: Our desire for trip is to help The Journey building connections in the communities in our area.

Ministry Activities: (a) Kid's clubs (vbs in the park); (b) sports camps (soccer, baseball, and football); (c) surveying and hosting community events; and (d) helping set up and host block parties. .

Geographic Information: The makeup of most of the communities on the far east side of El Paso is millennial. We are primarily hispanic or military families. Most of the families are 2 income families. Although most of the residents express a concern about the spiritual condition of their families, many are not open to church. Many of the families come from a catholic background, but are not involved in the catholic church, nor are they interested in involvement with a catholic church. Most of the hispanics families are 3rd or 4th generation and they use English as the primary language in the home. Most are employed in mid-level positions. The Journey is not in the Bible belt. So the church culture here is entirely different from churches in Bible belt situations. Spring in El Paso is part of the windy season. In the daytime, the temperatures will be moderate.



Health Considerations: Staying hydrated will be a priority. There will also be a lot of walking involved.

Clothing: Please bring modest clothing. Bring sunglasses to keep the sand out of your eyes, a jacket for the evening time, and a pair of tennis shoes (there are little stickers that hurt you bare feet). No formal dress is needed.

Lodging and Transportation: The team will stay at a hotel in El Paso. They will drive rental vans from OKC to El Paso. They will use those rental vans around the city.



Deposit and Trip Cost: **\$125 nonrefundable deposit.** Because logistics are still being determined, the full cost of the trip and a payment plan will be given at the first mission trip meeting on **October 14, 2018.** Give payments to Student Ministry Staff or place in the mailboxes in the student building.

Registration: All participants are required to register online at <https://qsbc.org/student-mission-trips/> You can pay your deposit online. All participants are required to fill out a mission trip application. In order to secure your spot the application, online registration, and deposit must be turned in.

MEETINGS

First Meeting: **October 14, 2018** at 6:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Calendar: Reserve the dates and times for remaining meetings. **These meetings are required and important for preparation. Contact Jeff DeGiacomo if you cannot make a meeting.**

- November 18, 2018 at 6:30pm
- January 13, 2019 at 6:30pm
- February 10, 2019 at 6:30pm
- March 10, 2019 at 6:30pm – Parents need to attend this meeting.



Homework: Complete assignments before each meeting.