

WHO DO WE BUILD HOMES FOR?

Families we plan to build for in 2024



Manuel Antonio Guzman and Maria de los Angeles Mundo Hernandez have 3 children (16, 14 & 12). Manuel solders in a factory and Maria works in a factory producing medical products. They are currently living with their parents and grandparents and it is very crowded.



Naomi and Juan Camacho Salazar have 4 children (10, 5, 3 & 1) and also took in Naomi's 3 siblings (17, 9 & 7) when their mother abandoned them. Juan is an Uber driver. Their tiny 2-bedroom home has many leaks including over the bed.



Eduardo and Maria Guadalupe live with their 28 year old daughter and 2 grandchildren (8 & 4). They are living with a neighboring family after their house burned down when their drug-involved Neighbor's house caught fire and jumped to their home.

- *Do you want to make a genuine and meaningful difference in the lives of others?*
- *Would you like an immersion trip that helps you to understand another culture?*
- *Would you like the opportunity to learn about global poverty and social justice issues?*
- *Would you like a unique opportunity to share your time and talents in a lasting way?*

Join us!

All Are Welcome!



'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:39-41

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*Putting our faith into action
by building communities
and homes and more...*

JOIN US!

July 6 to 13

Home construction and home site teams.

Registration open thru March 15

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About the Tijuana Ministry

OUR MISSION

We foster friendships and spiritual growth by reaching across borders to bring people together. By putting our faith into action, we build lasting and vibrant communities in collaboration with San Eugenio Parish in Tijuana. We provide opportunities for education, immersion, and commitment to promote human dignity.

OUR PROGRAM

We are focused on building community within one of the most impoverished areas of Tijuana, Mexico. The ministry was founded in 2004 by members of St. Julie Billiard Parish who were focused on the problem of global poverty and social justice. Since that time the ministry has grown to include home building, special building projects, and week-long outreach programs for children, teens, and mothers the local community. We go to Tijuana because the area of our ministry is just 20 miles across the US border, giving travelers the opportunity to experience severe poverty on a global level. There are many organizations that serve the poor of the United States, while few focus on the needs of the families in Tijuana. We had trips each year from 2004 through 2019. In 2020 and 2021 we did not travel due to COVID. However, we provided construction supplies and paid for contractors who we built up a relationship with over the years to build two homes each year. We had construction only trips in 2022 and 2023. In 2024, we are planning a one week trip to build three homes and also have the contractors build a fourth home.

WHO TRAVELS WITH THE TIJUANA MINISTRY?

Our participants are men and women of all ages, and different faiths, including teens entering high school, young adults, mid-lifers and seniors. The ability to speak Spanish is most welcome, but not required. You must have a US Passport that expires no sooner than six months after our trip in July, or valid passport and travel paperwork if not a US citizen.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I TRAVEL WITH THE TIJUANA MINISTRY?

The volunteers who travel to Tijuana are welcome to work in any activity of the ministry including:

Home Building: We build homes that are 16' x 32' and include 3 bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen/living room. You do not need to be experienced in construction to be part of a building crew. Professionals are on site to provide instruction and ensure safety. While special skills are not required, we welcome expertise in electrical, plumbing, framing, tiling, roofing and painting.

Special Construction Projects: We build more than just homes. Our past special projects have included completing classrooms for a special needs school and providing construction support to enlarge a church building for a growing Catholic community. In 2017, we built a community building for the AIDS hospice in Tijuana.

Outreach: To engage more fully with the local community and learn more about their culture, we hope to provide a modified program for children which will include arts & crafts, games, sports, and fun and educational activities.

Logistics/Home site: We plan and prepare meals, oversee activities at the location where we stay and provide first aid to the participants.

Travelers don't need to pick one area to work in and do the same thing every day. Participants are encouraged to experience all aspects of the program and may change activities from day to day.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TIJUANA MINISTRY?

Each participant for the 2024 trip will pay or raise a total of \$900 broken down into two parts. \$400 to cover the cost of travel for the week which includes lodging and food. An additional \$500 for the construction costs which is tax deductible (you will be provided with a tax donation receipt early next year for the amount paid in excess of the \$400).

WHAT IF I CAN'T TRAVEL TO TIJUANA?

There are many ways to participate even if you can't travel with us. You can help collect needed supplies as specified in a program "wish list" we create each year. You can participate in fundraising activities throughout the year to help raise money for the Tijuana Ministry. You can also pray for the people of Tijuana and the success of our ministry.

THE TRIP IS SPONSORED BY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Since 2016, the Tijuana Ministry trips are being administered by Brothers And Sisters In Community Service (BASICS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose leadership have also served as Tijuana Ministry Core Team members for several years. BASICS is recognized by the Diocese of San Jose as an approved provider of immersion experiences for parishes.

