

# igeight

## Trip Planning

*"Spectacular achievement is always preceded by unspectacular preparation."*

*We are so excited God has planted a seed of desire in your heart to travel to Mexico and build a home for a family in need. In the following pages, you will find an outline to get you started, a meeting timeline, as well as some basic flyers in separate attachments that describe the trip and the ministry that you are free to print out. You will have many questions, and we are here to help. Feel free to call us with any concerns, and successes. May God bless you as you take this step of faith, sacrifice, and love. Let's begin:*

### Planning Meeting:

#### ➤ **Who will be the lead? Who are the key people?**

Your leader can be a pastor, missions director, organizational leader, or someone that works closely with the pastor and/or leadership.

#### ➤ **Select a date:**

Think about time of year, like winter to avoid the heat of Puerto Penasco. Is a holiday weekend desirable, or a less popular weekend to avoid crowds and a wait at the border?

#### ➤ **Choose a House**

The following amounts include Campground w/bathrooms, Meals, Trip Emergency Insurance, and Materials/Tools needed to build the house, and if needed, camping gear.

- **I like Jesus – 11' x 22' Home (2 Rooms) @ \$5000**
- **I love Jesus – 22' x 22' Home (3 Rooms) @ \$8000**
- **Jesus is EVERYTHING – Home (4 Rooms w/Bathroom) @ \$10,500**

#### ➤ **Determine your mode of Transportation into/from Mexico**

This can be a huge part of your mission budget. Some ideas to reduce cost: Do you have access to church vans? The time of year and/or day of week can make a difference in the cost of airfare.



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- **Caravan of individual vehicles** (don't forget Mexico car insurance and gas costs)
  - **Van Rental** (up to 15 passengers with insurance costs approx. \$900 + \$250 for gas)
  - **Airline Tickets**
- **Figure participant fees**
- Example: A group of 20 people build an *I Love Jesus Home* for \$8000 + \$2300 for 2 vans  
 $\$10,300/20 = \$515$  per person
- **Other Considerations**
    - Will you offer special pricing to entice entire families?
    - Will the church mission budget help offset the cost?
  - **Will you do Fundraising**
    - Community fundraiser or yardsale
    - Car wash
    - Host Dinners
- **Develop a Promotional Plan**
- Where are you going to promote the trip?
  - Who is invited? Will your focus be families, fathers & sons, etc.?
  - Get the word out: Church bulletin, sermon series, signs, Facebook
    - i6eight Introduction Video @ [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuSRkt\\_nMSI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuSRkt_nMSI)
    - Show i6eight Housebuild Video @ [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFOFTHWU1F0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFOFTHWU1F0)
    - Print copies of attached flyers *i6eight Basics* and *Nuts & Bolts*



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### ❖ Set a Meeting Schedule

- 1) **General Informational Meeting 3 – 6 Months prior to trip date**
  - a) Cover details
  - b) answer questions
  - c) Have an iGeight rep present.
  
- 2) **Commitment Meeting 45 days – 3 Months prior to trip date**
  - a) Collect Deposit
  - b) Recruit Volunteers
  - c) Plan Fundraisers
  
- 3) **Preperation Meeting 2 Weeks to 2 Months prior to trip date**
  - a) Prepare for the culture, the work, the conditions
  - b) Set the expectations the trips are designed to grow your people and your church
  - c) Pray that God do a work in each person’s heart
  - d) Pray for the family receiving the home
  
- 4) **Final Pre-trip Meeting Week prior to trip date**
  - a) Details, copies of passports, sign ups, car assignments, tents, etc.
  - b) Set a date before you travel for a follow-up celebration
  
- 5) **Follow-up Celebration**
  - a) This is one of the best ways to ensure that the trip does not end at the border

*We are here to help as much, or a little, as your group wants. Please let us know if you would like more detailed outlines of what to cover at each of these meetings.*