

SPRING MISSION WEEK 2018: SATURDAY, MARCH 10 TO FRIDAY,
MARCH 16!

Hello to all Tres Islas Orphanage Fund donors!

On behalf of the Tres Islas Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund. Without your generous support none of the great work that Tres Islas accomplishes throughout the year for orphanage children in Mazatlan would be possible. Thank-you!

Bruce and Phyllis Allen will be coordinating Tres Islas Spring Mission Week 2018. We sincerely hope you will be joining us in Mazatlan for that week or a portion of it. We have had questions from many of you already. We are finalizing our plans and will need to know how many volunteers will be joining. We, along with Gaudelia Cruz, our invaluable point person in Mazatlan, and any donors who are in Mazatlan early, will assess the needs of each orphanage March 5-9. Most volunteers will then arrive on the 10th, with a welcome dinner scheduled that evening at a restaurant to be determined later. Work at each of the orphanages will then occur from Monday through Friday, March 12-16, with repairs/painting in the mornings, special lunches, and usually some time to spend with the children after lunch.

Sunday Fiesta Party

Prior to the workdays, we will hold a Fiesta-type party at Ciudad de los Ninos on Sunday, March 11. We will invite the children from all six orphanages that we support. This will include "carnival-type" and team games and activities, as well as hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, cake, and ice cream for the kids. There will be an opportunity for all volunteers to be involved in the planning, setting up, and directing the games/activities as you are able.

Information Needed From You

For those of you planning on joining us for Spring Mission Week or a portion of it, we need the following information to assist us in planning this special event. Please send by email to allendome@frontier.com before February 15, 2018.

1. The names of the people in your party coming to Mazatlan
2. Your arrival and departure dates
3. The name, address and telephone number of the hotel/condo unit where you're staying while in Mazatlan, as well as your own cell phone number.

4. Emergency contact information for you back home.
5. Any other information you think we need or should have to keep in touch while there and to make your trip more enjoyable.

What to Bring

-Several changes of lightweight clothing to work in. We will be mostly painting, so keep this in mind. It will be very warm, but please be reasonably responsible in the modesty of the clothing you select to wear to the orphanages.

-A hat, sunscreen and gardening/work gloves.

-You may want a water bottle to fill before you leave your hotel. We will try to get coffee from Ricos again this year.

- For our evenings at restaurants, casual, beach-town clothes are fine.

While You Are At the Orphanages

Please be responsible about your photo taking. Do not single out one child as it will make him/her uncomfortable.

The orphanage directors have requested that no children be religiously witnessed to. Any handouts or gifts should be first approved by the orphanage director.

Do interact with the children when possible. Try your Spanish with them even if you are just learning.

Transportation

Since we no longer have use of the bus and van, we will do as we did last year to go to and from the orphanages. Gaudelia will arrange the aurigas (pickup-type taxis) for us each day. We will meet them at Pueblo Bonito. We then calculate as closely as possible what the cost for all the days will be, and then we each contribute our portion. One person will be responsible for paying the drivers each day. You are also free to provide your own transportation if you wish.

Final Information

We will be sending you one more communication about a week before volunteers begin to arrive. This will include a day by day calendar and any last minute details that arise.

Contact Information

Bruce and Phyllis Allen (Spring Mission Week Coordinators) allendome@frontier.com
(We will check email daily right up to March 5 and throughout the week) Our cell phone is [509-948-4096](tel:509-948-4096). (We will be in Mazatlan by March 5, with this number operational).
We will be staying at Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay March 5-12 and then Luna Palace for the remaining time.

Please send your information to our email address as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to meeting new volunteers and greeting previous volunteers! It will be a special week with many memories to cherish later!

Bruce and Phyllis Allen

