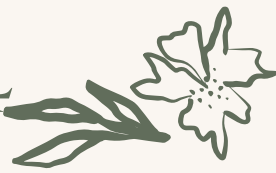


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Dear Shenandoah Presbytery,

A spiritual journey like a mission trip begins with a sacred pause, a centering in God that overtime becomes a constant and ceaseless prayer which connects servants to the Holy One and awakens us to our true self.

On Sunday morning, July 7, our Baja mission team of twenty-eight members formed a circle on our hotel's third floor garage surrounded by San Diego's tall buildings and spectacular boats. We reflected on God's provisions over the past year, listened for the winds of the Spirit, exchanged remembrance gems with our prayer partners, and prayed for God's guidance for our trip ahead.

Fast forward nine hours, our mission team arrived in Vicente Guerrero and unpacked our suitcases at the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Base. Then, we continued the tradition of eating our first meal in Mexico at Papa Reuben's. Every morning we were nourished in body, mind, and spirit through a great breakfast in the dining hall and morning worship around the fire pit.

At the build sites, we began our days by greeting Aurora's and Macrina's families, and praying as a build team together. During the sunny days with soft breezes, our team members organized wood, cut boards, painted siding/trim boards, raised roofs, assembled walls, installed doors, framed counter tops, trimmed windows, painted signs, and decorated houses.

During our mission week, we not only built during the day and shopped for furniture and groceries, but also we served in the community at night. On Monday, we visited a senior center where we sang songs in English and Spanish with a local church, played Mexican Bingo with large cards and Legos, and ended the night with dancing and prayer. On Tuesday, we went to a local cemetery and learned from Pastor Bernardo about local burial customs. On Wednesday, we worshiped at Iglesia Rey de Reyes and on Thursday we led house dedication services with our two families. — Continued on next page —



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Our week ended on Friday with a celebration dinner followed by worship and communion on the beach.

Along the Pacific Coast, we embraced many sacred pauses with God from hearing our Mexican friends' testimonies to bearing witness to our Lord's astounding grace. Thank you for your faithful support of the Baja Mission Trip. We are beyond grateful for every prayer lifted and dollar given that provided homes for two very special families

In Christ's Love,

2024 Baja Mission team: Laura Barmore, Jim Carpenter, Kelley, James, and Ezra Carter, Reed, April, River, and Haven Cranford, Stan and Candace Farthing, Donald, Laura, Riley, and Allison Floyd, Keith Folsom, Makenzy Grimm, Reice Hogge, Howard Kilgore, Jessica and Nora Little, Bob Olson, Mike Swize, Lee, Marina, and Miley Thomas, Ashlyn Via, and Dan Woodworth



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MUMS FOR BAJA



For more information visit
www.shenpres.org/baja

At the upcoming Big Event and Presbytery Meeting, we will have 100 mums scattered throughout Massanetta Springs. Enjoy a mum this fall season and pray for next year's trip to Baja.

Mums are \$25.00 each. Payments can be in the form of cash or check. Online payments will be available at the meeting as well. Make checks payable to Shenandoah Presbytery with Baja in the memo.

Please give mum payments and donations to Rev. April H. Cranford at the meeting. If you have any questions about mums or if you would like a Baja presentation at your church, please contact April at wpcpastor@lumos.net.

2024 BAJA FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YWAM Participant Fee (28) food, housing, and 3 vans, \$11,200
YWAM House Fee (2), \$11,000
Background checks (9), \$343
Global Insurance (28), \$991
Extras for 2 houses included:
6 extra windows, 2 shower houses, 1 outhouse, 7 mattresses, 2 sinks, 3 large and 2 small solar panel kits, extra wood for 5 beds, shelves, and 1 table, 2 counter tops, 1 stove, paint supplies, 6 dressers, 1 table with 5 chairs, and 2 couches, \$4,407
Senior Center Donation, \$1,000
Missionaries, Evening hosts, and Translators Honorariums (11), \$6,278
Furniture for 2 families, \$868
Groceries for 2 families, \$1,065
Acknowledgment cards, \$105

Approx. Total = \$37,257