



Mexico Mission 2012

Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church

Risk Plan

It has always been a goal for Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church in cooperation with Futuro del Oro and Iglesia Nuevo Pacto to assure the safety of our students and leaders as mission team members. We continually monitor current conditions and adjust our operations as we endeavor to meet the needs of our teams and the families they are serving. We fully understand that service to others often comes with risk and we must be able to answer the question, "Is the project at hand worth the potential risk?"

We would love to be able to give a 100% guarantee that safety is never an issue, that turbulent weather does not exist or that no one will get sick or need medical attention, unfortunately there is no guarantee against these things. We do, however, believe that serving God by providing adequate housing for desperately needy families and sharing the love of Christ to communities of Playas de Tijuana is worth the potential risk.

As a mission project we are as prepared as possible to deal with any unexpected situations and potential problems. Over the past 20+ years we have used our vast experience to put into place safety measures so we can respond to any personal safety and emergency situations.

These safety measures include:

1. The Futuro del Oro Community center where the teams are housed is a gated facility owed by the Futuro partnership and operated by local caretakers familiar with the area. This facility has provided safe accommodations for our teams for over 20 years. Neighbors in the surrounding community are aware of our presence and also work to ensure safety.
2. Experienced adult leaders are with youth team members at all times.
3. Team/Site leaders are provided with radios and other modes of communication while at the building sites.
4. Emergency contact information is provided to all families of team members prior to our departure.
5. We make every effort to avoid driving after dark.
6. Futuro del Oro and Iglesia Nuevo Pacto are well known and respected throughout all of the communities in which we work.
7. Each team/site leader knows how to navigate the colonias and city of Tijuana and knows the quickest and most effective routes to all international border crossings.
8. Our team includes registered EMTs and nurses who are trained in CPR and first aid.
9. We have Mexican nationals that work with us closely and are available 24 hours in case of emergency.
10. We have contingency plans in place for medical emergencies, natural disasters and the threat of impending violence. All team/site leaders are apprised of these contingency plans.

Our church has been partnered with Futuro del Oro for over 20 years and aside from typical bumps and bruises we maintain an impeccable safety record. We believe that God has been and will continue to be our protection as we work for Christ across the border. We continue to believe that the service we provide is worth the risk. Because of our long standing relationships with the locals in the area we are very aware of the daily goings-on. We would never put a team or individual in a situation we deem unsafe. The safety of our students and leaders is our number one priority.