**PRAYER:** Take time even before we cross the border to pray for our days in Mexico. We want to create evangelistic opportunities for our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ. Satan will try to hinder us in many ways.

**BORDER CROSSING:** Are your documents on your person (not packed in your suitcase)?

If you are carrying in an extra suitcase for us, be sure you have opened it so you know what is in it.

Be pleasant, but business-like with Mexican immigration officials. No horseplay or loud talking.

If Mexican officials ask why you’re coming to Mexico, respond with “tourism.” Do not say “work.” That implies a salary and requires a work permit.

**In Mexico**

**SAFETY IN NUMBERS:** Muggings and armed robberies are on the rise in Mexico. Only leave the hotel in groups of three or more. Each group must have at least one adult male in it. Don’t be an easy target for criminals!

**DRINKING WATER:** We will provide purified water at the hotel and on the job sites.

**GOOD IMPRESSIONS IN THE HOTEL:** Be quiet in hotel hallways. Use rooms or lobbies for conversation.

Everyone is to be in their own room by 11 p.m. Stay healthy on the trip by getting adequate sleep.

Guys stay out of girls’ rooms and vice-versa. No exceptions.

**INITIAL ORIENTATION MEETING:** After our arrival at the hotel in Mexico, we’ll eat supper at a restaurant and then we’ll all meet together for an orientation time.

**NIGHTLY TEAM MEETINGS:** Good communication, team morale and spiritual bonding are crucial. Attendance at scheduled evening team meetings is required.

**DRESS:** No shorts. No miniskirts. No tank tops. Don’t damage our witness by trampling on Mexican cultural sensitivities.

**ROOM AND TEAM ASSIGNMENTS:** Get changes approved by those in charge.

**DRINKS AT MEALS:** Know what is provided and be prepared to pay for any extra drinks or refills.

**TELEPHONE:** Calls to the U.S. from hotel room phones are very expensive. It’s far less expensive to use phone cards at pay phones.

**WHAT WE HOPE YOU’LL SEE:** It’s easy for American tourists to immediately start comparing economic levels of countries they visit with the U.S. However, economics are not what we’re going to Mexico to see. Ask the Lord to let you see Mexico through His eyes.

**OUR MISSIONARIES:** Get to know the Work & Witness missionaries serving in Mexico and leading our group. Pray for them.
Ten Commandments for Commission Unto Mexico

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou has them at home, for indeed thou hast left thy home to find things differently.

2. Thou shalt not take anything too seriously. A willingness to accept things as they are is the beginning of a good trip to another country.

3. Thou shalt not let other group members get on thy nerves, for thou raised good money and set aside this time to enjoy thyself.

4. Thou shalt not forget that, at all times, thou dost represent thy country and the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Thou shalt not be overly worried. He who worrieth hath no pleasures . . . and few things are ever fatal.

6. Remember thy photo id so that thou knowest where it is at all times. A person without documents is a person without a country.

7. Blessed is the person who says "thank you” in any language. This is worth more than tips.

8. When in Mexico (Rome), do as the Mexicans (Romans) do. If in difficulty, use common sense and thy American friendliness.

9. Do not judge all Mexicans by the one person with whom thou hast trouble.

10. Remember, thou art a guest in Mexico. He who treateth his host with respect shall be treated as an honored guest.

Follow these "ten commandments" and keep our witness for Christ in Mexico clear and untarnished.