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Operation GO! Mexico Mission Trip

The association has a mission trip planned to Hermosillo, Mexico April 13-21, 2007. Ten is the maximum number of participants. We have a couple of spaces open. If you would like to go on the trip, please complete a commitment form and return it with the \$100 deposit. The deadline for receiving these items is November 17.

Where: Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

Ministry Activities: Prayer walking, Gospel distribution, evangelism

When: April 13-21, 2007

Immunizations: Required – hepatitis A; recommended – tetanus (up-to-date) & typhoid

Passport: Required

Abilities: Ability to walk extensively, approximately 6 hours per day for 5 days.

Training: Participants must complete a short training course which will take place early in 2007

Miscellaneous: Must be 18 years old to participate. Ability to speak Spanish is not a requirement. Pray to determine if God is calling you to be part of this trip. The maximum number of participants is 10. Commitments received after Nov. 3, 2006 will be taken only as space allows.

Cost: \$672 Includes travel to and from field, room and board on field, and insurance. Meals while traveling and incidentals are not included.

November 17, 2006	\$100 deposit due with commitment form
January 31, 2007	\$197 payment due
March 12, 2007	\$375 payment due

Commitment forms and other information can be found on the AVBA web site: www.avba.net/operation_go_mexico.html.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 10	Pastors, Staff, Wives Christmas Party
Dec. 25-29	AVBA Office Closed
Jan. 8-10	CBC Executive Board & State Leadership Meeting
Jan. 22	AVBA Executive Board; AVBA Office; 6:30 pm.

Mexico Mission Trip: Everyone Can be Involved

You have seen the information about the Mexico Mission Trip. If you can't go on the trip, you can still participate in one of several ways:

- Prayer – Pray for the team going on the trip. Pray for their boldness to proclaim the Gospel. Also pray for the people of Hermosillo who will hear the message of salvation.
- Donating materials – Several items will be needed for the team: Water (15-20 cases of water are needed), Bibles (5-7 Spanish Bibles are needed), and First Aid Kit.
- Donating money – Consider making a financial donation to help an individual with trip expenses.

More information is posted at www.avba.net. As more information is received, it will be posted there. Check back often for updated prayer requests and other information.

Cooperative Program 10/10 Challenge

During the Colorado Baptists Annual Meeting in Pueblo, the Cooperative Program (CP) Task Force unveiled the 10/10 Challenge. The task force challenged each Southern Baptist church to increased CP giving to 10% by 2010.

Cooperative Program giving has decreased over the years. In 1985, Colorado churches gave an average was 6.64%. In 2005, the average was 5.29% to the CP.

Increased CP giving would provide an additional \$1.8 million in ministry funds. Prayerfully consider how your church will respond to this challenge.

AVBA Churches Recognized at the State Annual Meeting

The Colorado Baptists Annual Meeting was held in Pueblo, October 17. Several AVBA churches were mentioned during the state meeting.

New Hope in La Junta was recognized for baptisms. For the second year, New Hope received an award for per capita baptisms.

During the Cooperative Program (CP) report, several churches were mentioned because of their CP giving. First Southern Lamar, First Southern La Junta, New Hope, Solid Rock, and Springfield Baptist Chapel were recognized for giving at least 10% to the Cooperative Program.