



Welcome

2016 Mexico Mission Trip
Information Meeting

Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico



Immanuel's Partner in Ministry in Mexico is AMEXTRA. For almost 30 years we have supported a small community on the outskirts of Mexico City called Lomas de San Isidro.



- AMEXTRA works in many communities in Mexico, including one in the state of Chiapas.
- Located in the North Jungle of Chiapas, a few minutes from the city of Palenque, the Pej' Pem Center for Transformation is a training center directed at community groups interested in learning about sustainable agricultural practices.
- The name Pej' Pem means butterfly in Cho'ol(the local indigenous language) and is a symbol of transformation.



The Center provides training in:

- Protecting the environment
- Growing Mushroom and vegetable gardens
- Eco-techniques such as composting toilets, composting, Wood stoves, and water filtration systems
- Bio-insecticides



The Center also aids in the local production of honey and honey related products, and the distribution of these products in Mexico.

What will we be doing?

In the Community: We will learn how the eco-techniques are being used in the local community and meet the people who are using them.

Work Projects: We will work alongside local Mayan Youth in community projects like composting, gardening, reforestation projects or eco-technology.

Bee Keeping: We will learn about making honey and spend a day with local honey makers.

Migrant Shelter: We will visit a shelter for migrants who are crossing from Central America through Mexico to the United States.



Other Activities



- Bonfire – on the first and last evening we will have a bonfire with community members
- Games with Local Youth – on 4 evenings
- Agua Azul and Palenque Ruins– visit these local places of beauty to grow in our understanding of the rich cultural history of Mexico
- Food! – prepared by local people at the Pej Pem Center



Where will we stay?

- We will stay at the Pej' Pem Eco Center which has beds for 20 people in indoor dorm rooms.
- There are indoor bathrooms and showers as well as a more rustic outhouse. 😊
- There is no electricity or running water at Pej' Pem.



¿No habla español?

No es un problema!

We will be accompanied by translators who speak English.

However, if you *are* studying Spanish this is a great opportunity to practice your skills!

Dates/Cost

July 9–15, 2016

We will leave Immanuel *early* on Sat, July 9th flying to Mexico City and then to Villahermosa where we will be picked up in a bus for a 2 hour ride to Pej Pem.

You must have a valid passport for this trip!

\$1400 (possibly less ~ airfare)

- \$250 – December 16 (non-refundable)
- \$450 – January 31
- Balance – June 15



Funding options

- Advent Dinner – Servers and Childcare (Dec. 3)
- Youth Rejoice (Feb. 21)
- Childcare during volleyball (Jan. – Feb.)
- Easter Breakfast (March 27)
- Garage Sale (April 30)

Deposit

\$250 non-refundable deposit is due

Dec. 16, 2015

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