Junior High Mexico Mission Trip 2019
Capistrano Valley Christian Schools

Where are we going?   Ensenada, Mexico
(We will stay on a private ranch outside of the city operated by Hands of Mercy)

When are we going?   **Saturday, April 6th** – Pre-build at CVCS (highly encouraged for trip participants)
Friday, April 12th- Sunday, April 14th – Mexico Trip

Who are we going with?   Mr. Kloostra, Mrs. Stevens and 8-10 additional adults
(open to ten 7th-12th grade students as well as select parents)

How much will it cost?   Students - $200.00 (this number will likely decrease with fundraising)
Adults - $75.00
(Cost includes transportation to and from Mexico, room and board while in Mexico and additional trip expenses. Cost does not cover lunch on Friday or dinner on Sunday).

When is the application due?   March 29th, 2019

What is Hands of Mercy?
Hands of Mercy's is an organization whose mission is to strengthen the Body of Christ by training individuals to love others in tangible ways. They help churches, school groups, and other Christian organizations build loft houses in their parking lot and facilitate weekend cross-cultural ministry opportunities.

What is a loft house?

A loft house is home that is prefabricated in a parking lot in the US and assembled in Mexico in a single day. Though not luxurious by any definition, a loft house gives some basic protection and shelter from the elements. It is a 12-foot by 12-foot structure with 4 windows, a lockable door and a second story attic loft for sleeping that is reached by an interior ladder. The house has a raised wooden floor, covered with linoleum, built on concrete piers. This speeds construction time by eliminating extra days to pour and cure a cement slab. Work teams can build loft houses on lots that would not be suitable for slab construction. For about $3,500.00, these homes exhibit a visible testimony to the love of Jesus to the new home owners and their entire community.

What will the trip look like?
On a separate weekend from the pre-build, a team of approximately 20 people (10 adults and 10 students) will assemble the loft house in the area of Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.

Early Friday morning a flatbed trailer, loaded with the house, will be transported to the Mexican border. Participants in the trip will be driven by a teacher/chaperone caravan leaving from CVCS several hours later. The caravan will stop near the border before crossing to have lunch and then drive across the Mexico Border. Once in Mexico the team will head to the Hands of Mercy facility, Rancho Casitas. Rancho Casitas is a beautiful, private and secure location located in the hills of Ensenada. Upon arriving to the ranch the team will unload their gear, eat dinner and spend time enjoying the ranch (complete with table tennis, basketball, a zip line and a swimming pool).

On Saturday morning after a prepared breakfast and a logistics meeting, the team will go out to assemble the panels into a complete home in just one day. After completing the build, the team will pray for the family, dedicate the house and hands over the keys along with a Spanish bible and an audio bible also in Spanish. Once finished, the team will then return to Rancho Casitas for a hot shower and dinner. After dinner, the team will enjoy a campfire and other leisure activities.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, the team will pack up early in order to worship with a local church community before heading home. Students will not be expected to return to CVCS until late Sunday evening.

Junior High Mexico Missions Trip Application – Students Only
Due March 29th – Turn in to Mrs. Stevens

Name: _____ Grade: _____

*Answer the following questions honestly and thoroughly in complete sentences. Use additional paper if needed.

1.	Why do you want to be a part of the Mexico Missions trip?

2.	What is your relationship with God like? Be honest and be thorough.

3.	What strengths will you bring to our Mexico team or to a team in general?

4.	What parts of this trip might be hard for you? What about the trip scares you?