

Parent Info

Thank you for your willingness to allow your son or daughter to join us for a week of Team Ministry in Mexico. It's not always easy to let your kids be so far away for so long even if it is to do God's work. Any hesitation or anxiety is certainly understood and appreciated. Hopefully this information below will help you better understand who we are and what we do.

Who or What is Evident Ministries?

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Evident Ministries, Inc. is a Christian missions outreach ministry serving the local church in Ciudad Acuña, Mexico and in mid-Missouri through Team Ministry evangelism, music, and preaching. We are "telling THE Story" of the HOPE which is in Jesus!

Evident Ministries was officially launched on paper in 2013. However, the Acuña ministry leadership team (formerly working with YUGO Ministries) has been in place since 2005 when this mobile outreach center was first established.



The same basic ministry model established under the leadership and oversight of YUGO will continue as it has over these last

few years. YUGO began doing ministry as a missions organization in 1964. Since then, thousands of people have participated in their one-week short term missions trips in Mexican border cities. As a result the Mexican church has been strengthened and impacted greatly as thousands have made first-time decisions to receive Christ as Savior.

These years of work in Mexico have given us the experience to provide a safe and effective Kingdom-building entry-level cross-cultural missions experience. Participants work through local



churches conducting Vacation Bible Schools, Sports Evangelism ministries, Women's Bible Studies, and Evening Church Services. As people are invited to these ministries, they become acquainted with the Mexican church and pastor. He, then, can disciple those who come to Christ and reach out to those who do not.

Our ministry is different from a summer camp experience. Camps are excellent at teaching and motivating kids to live for Christ. But, a missions trip gives them the chance to practice what they have learned. When they come, they are being used by God to reach others. They will see how God can use them and learn from other Christians in a different culture. It is likely then

in turn, to strengthen their faith and commitment to live for Christ. Time and time again, we have seen people of all ages, who have participated in our Team Ministry missions project, who are greatly impacted, going home changed for the better to impact their own home, church, and community. Many have gone on to pursue careers in ministry and missions. Many have later served in locations around the world.

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give their own personal testimony, how to work with an interpreter, prepare a lesson, minister in a different culture, and work together as a team.

Though this ministry is strategic and effective, it is also "entry level". Team members sleep at our Outreach Headquarters. It is a church camp, managed by the local Baptist church, which we rent for the the week. Food is prepared there, and filtered water is provided. Our staff, the camp staff, your child's team leadership, and the Mexican church leadership are all available to handle any problems or issues which might arise. A full daily chapel program is provided to help participants prepare spiritually for each day and assimilate lessons they are learning.

We know some will have questions and concerns about negative news reports in the media about Mexico. Not one of the THOUSANDS who have come across the border with us or previously with YUGO have ever seen or heard any direct evidence of violence. We would be the first to cancel any trips if we knew of any unsafe conditions. Violence happens in Mexico just as it does at home. We cannot make 100% guarantees about what may or may not happen. Here are 2 important facts:

- Our missionary staff do not hesitate to travel with and cross the border into Mexico
 with their own families including small children and have done so feeling perfectly
 safe many, many times over the years.
- 2. We stand by the belief that we are never safer than when we are where God has placed us.

Thank you again for your part in this ministry. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please feel free to contact us: **in the USA** (573) 808-1195 or email info@evidentministries.org.