



MEXICO SHORT TERM TEAMS HANDBOOK



**RIVERSIDE
GLOBAL**



BOB & CHERYL FUGATE: *Site Leaders*

Bob and Cheryl Fugate are heading up the team in Guadalajara, Mexico, which includes multiple international workers as well as local leadership. Following pastoral ministry in State College, PA, the Fugates served with the Christian and Missionary Alliance for 24 years in Santiago, Chile, before accepting a call in 2014 to redeploy to Guadalajara, Mexico. They have been engaged in church planting since July 2014 and in April 2015 launched a new church, Breath of Life (Aliento de Vida).





The Work in Guadalajara: *5/5/25*

The vision for this church has expanded to become a multiplying ministry that seeks to plant 5 campus churches in Guadalajara and send 5 church planting core teams to surrounding states by the year 2025. This project is named Project Southpointe and the strategic vision that is being implemented, 5/5/25. Currently, the church has 4 campuses in Guadalajara and there are church planting teams working in two outlying states.



FAQs: Traveling to Guadalajara, Mexico

Guadalajara is a popular inland city, Mexico's second largest, and capital of the western state of Jalisco. Sports, culture and commerce come together in this thriving, cosmopolitan city with an historic center.

Is there a Visa requirement?

No; however, a valid U.S. passport is required for travelers visiting from the United States which must be valid 6 months after your return to the United States.

Are any vaccinations required?

None.

What is the local time zone?

Central Time Zone (don't observe DST)

What currency is accepted?

Mexican Peso (MXN). Major U.S. credit cards are accepted at hotels, large stores, and restaurants. It is recommended to carry pesos (which you can exchange at the airport) for local shops.

Can I get by without speaking Spanish?

Spanish is the primary written and spoken language throughout the state. Major attractions, hotels and restaurants will have information in English with some staff speaking English. Outside of the city-center English becomes more limited. The team in Guadalajara will also be accompanying Riverside teams throughout trips and will assist in translation. Learning some basic Spanish is helpful, even if not required. (Use DuoLingo, Babbel apps, etc. – see also Spanish phrasebook below)

What do I wear?

Street Dress. In the city, the latest styles are more accepted than in the country. In the country the culture is still very modest. Men wear pants instead of shorts unless at the beach or an outdoor activity. Women should dress modestly, can wear capri pants or lightweight pants with short-sleeved shirts or t-shirts. Spaghetti-strap shirts should be avoided.

Church Dress. Men can wear dress pants, khakis or jeans with a dress shirt to church. Women can wear a knee-length or longer skirt, or nice dress slacks and dress top. It is dress/casual at most of the Alliance churches.



SPANISH PHRASEBOOK

BASIC CONVERSATION

Gracias (gra-syas)
 Por favor (por fa-vor)
 Buenos días (bwe-nos dee-as)
 Buenos tardes (bwe-nos tar-des)
 Buenas noches (bue-nas no-ches)
 ¿Hablas inglés? (a-blas een-gles)
 ¿Cómo se dice...? (ko-mo say dee-say...)
 ¡Hola!
 ¿Como estas? (o-la ko-mo e-stas)
 Estoy bien (e-stoy byen)
 Estoy cansado/a (e-stoy kan-sa-do)
 Estoy enfermo/a (e-stoy en-fer-mo/a)
 Tengo hambre (tan-go am-bre)
 Tengo sed (tan-go sed)
 Me llamo _____ (may ya-mo)
 Mucho gusto (moo-cho goo-sto)
 ¿De dónde eres? (de don-de e-res)
 Soy de los Estados Unidos (soy de los e-sta-dos oo-nee-dos)
 ¿Qué te gusta hacer? (ke te goo-sta a-ser)
 Me gusta jugar el fútbol (me goo-sta hoo-gar el foot-bol)
 Me gusta cantar (me goo-sta kan-tar)
 Me gusta tocar la guitarra/ el piano (me goo-sta to-car la gi-tar-a)
 ¿Cuántos años tienes? (kwon-tos on-yos tye-nes)
 Tengo _____ años (tan-go _____ on-yos)
 Disculpa (dis-cool-pa)
 Con permiso (con per-mee-so)
 Lo siento (lo syen-to)
 ¡Chao! (chow)
 ¡Cuidate! (kwee-da-te)

ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE

Clavo (kla-vo)
 El martillo (el mar-tee-yo)
 El balde (el bal-de)
 La carretilla (la ka-re-tee-ya)
 El cemento (el se-men-to)
 Construir (con-sloo-eer)
 La pared (la pa-red)

IN CHURCH

La iglesia (la ee-gle-sya)
 La alabanza (la al-a-ban-sa)
 Dios/Senor (dyos/ sen-yor)
 Jesús (he-soos)
 Orar (o-rar)
 Dios te bendiga (dyos te ben-dee-ga)

PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS

¿Cómo va el día? (co-mo ba el dee-a)
 Estas trabajando tan duro (es-las tra-ba-han-do tan doo-ro)
 ¿Puedo orar para ti? (tpwe-do o-rar pa-ra tee)
 Oraré para ti (o-ra-re pa-ra tee)

Thank you
 Please
 Good morning
 Good afternoon
 Good evening
 Do you speak english?
 How do you say...?
 Hello!
 How are you?
 I am good
 I am tired
 I am sick
 I am hungry
 I am thirsty
 My name is _____
 Nice to meet you
 Where are you from?
 I am from the United States
 What do you like to do?
 I like to play soccer
 I like to sing
 I like to play the guitar/ the piano
 How old are you?
 I am _____ years old
 Excuse me/ Pardon me/ Forgive me
 Excuse me
 I am sorry
 Bye!
 Careful!

Nail
 Hammer
 Bucket
 Wheelbarrow
 Cement
 To construct/build
 Wall

Church
 Praise/Worship
 God
 Jesus
 To pray
 God bless you

How is your day going?
 You are working so hard
 Can I pray for you?
 I will pray for you

April 28, 2023 *(date you write your letter)*

Dear Friends & Family,

I am excited to tell you about an opportunity I have this summer with our church! Riverside Church is in a strategic partnership with Bob and Cheryl Fugate and the team they lead in Guadalajara, Mexico. I have felt led to be a small part of this mission! Trusting God, I have made a commitment to join a work team from Riverside this June that will go on a short-term mission trip. We will have the opportunity to encourage their team and the church members in Guadalajara as we interact with them on various projects.

I can't express how grateful I am to have such amazing friends and family that support my passion for following the Lord- wherever He leads me! Many of you helped fund my trip to the LIFE Conference last year, and I have you (and the Lord!) to thank for being able to learn there that I was called to missions. I would love for you to partner with me in prayer and/or financial support to continue exploring what God has in store for me!

Please pray for the following:

- For safety as we travel and work.
- That the Holy Spirit keeps our team moving forward and reaching lost people.
- That our team stays healthy physically and mentally before, during, and after our trip.
- For God's provision financially for me to attend this trip!

If you would be willing to partner with me in financial support, please let me know by June 5th by using the enclosed return envelope to give whatever financial gift or gift of prayer God is leading you to give. If you would prefer to give digitally, please use the QR code at the bottom of this page or this link: [MYRC.LINK/MX-JUN-23](https://myrc.link/mx-jun-23) to donate to the team. I have included a tax-deductible form to include with your gift.

Thank you so much for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, I'd love to talk with you! I am thankful to have this opportunity and hope you might join me in seeing how God uses the team this summer!

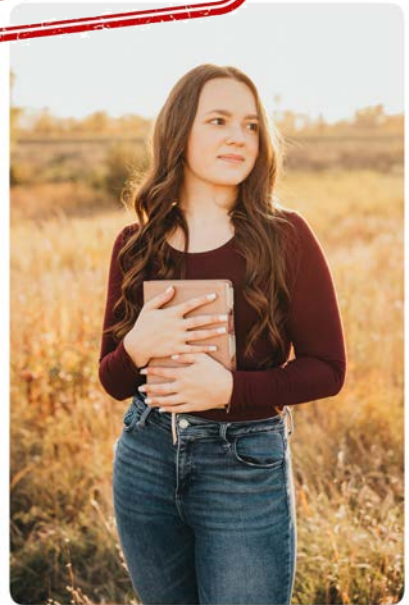
Blessings, *(digital signature below)*

Ashley Crane

Ashley Crane *(typed signature)*

(your email here)

(your phone number here)



December 1, 2023



Dear Friends & Family,

I am excited to tell you about an opportunity I have this summer with our church. Riverside Church recently began a 5-year partnership with the Christian & Missionary Alliance aXcess team in Waren, Germany. Trusting God, I have made a commitment to join a team from Riverside this August who will go on a short-term mission trip.

While there, we will work with the Waren Team of 6 to put on an English Camp. We will have the opportunity to encourage their team and the church members as we interact with them at the camp and at church.

I would love you to become personally involved with our team in this short-term mission trip in three ways: interest in the English Camp, prayer support and financial support.



Your prayers for the following needs would be a blessing to me:

- The spiritual difficulties of ministering in a city that is primarily atheist and has no idea who Jesus is
- Safety and health as we travel and serve
- God's provision financially for me to attend this trip

If you would be willing to partner with me in prayer/and or financial support, please let me know by August 5th by using the enclosed return envelope to give whatever financial gift or gift of prayer God is leading you to give. If you would prefer to give digitally, please use this QR code at the bottom of this page to donate to the team or **MYRC.LINK/GER-AUG-24**. *(Verify short URL and QR Codes; missions admin will make these available & will also be on the tax-deductible form)*

Thank you so much for your consideration. I am thankful to have this opportunity and hope you will join me in seeing how God uses this team this summer!

Serving together,

Wendy *(digital signature here – can use a script font)*

Wendy Clark
your email here
your phone number here



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October 31, 2023



Dear Friends & Family,

I am excited to tell you about an opportunity I have this winter with our church. Riverside Church partners with the Envision Guinea Team of our denomination, The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Trusting God, I have made a commitment to join a team from Riverside this March who will be going on a short-term mission trip.

While there, we will work with the Envision team to put on a two-day eye clinic, visit and love on kids at an orphanage, help with a Christian & Missionary Alliance English Center and connect with the local people in where we will be staying. We will have the opportunity to encourage their team and attend church as we interact with the team.

I would love you to become personally involved with our team in this short-term mission trip in three ways: interest in the projects we will be doing, prayer support and financial support.



Your prayers for the following needs would be a blessing to me:

- The spiritual difficulties of ministering in a culture that is primarily Muslim
- Safety and health as we travel and serve; the travel to Guinea is long – over 24 hours each way
- God's provision financially for me to attend this trip

If you would be willing to partner with me in prayer/and or financial support, please let me know by February 5th by using the enclosed return envelope to give whatever financial gift or gift of prayer God is leading you to give. If you would prefer to give digitally, please use this QR code at the bottom of this page to donate to the team or **MYRC.LINK/GN-MAR-24**. *(Verify short URL and QR Codes; missions admin will make these available & will also be on the tax-deductible form)*

Thank you so much for your consideration. I am thankful to have this opportunity and hope you will join me in seeing how God uses the team this March!

Serving together,

Wendy *(digital signature here – can use a script font)*

Wendy Clark

your email here

your phone number here



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**Please provide in digital spreadsheet form
(Excel, Google Sheets, Numbers, etc.)**

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Betty Confetti	PO Box 1008	Monticello, MN 55362
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