



Cuirim House in Nogales, Mexico

One of the biggest ways that we can grow in our faith is by engaging in service in the world around us. This summer, we look forward to offering our third trip to Nogales, Mexico for a week of serving and growing in our love and service of Christ.

Come and join us for a powerful week of ministry!

Dates - Saturday, July 27th to Saturday, August 3rd

Where - Nogales, Mexico (*about 1 hour south of Tucson, Arizona*)

What - A week of manual labor, serving an impoverished community and sharing the love of the Gospel through our service.

Who - we partner with Brian Donohue and Cuirim House.

There are 2 major things that need to be communicated at this point in the process.

1. The potential risks inherent in international travel and current State Department Travel Advisory for travel to Mexico.
2. The application process is being facilitated by FOCUS and their support staff. This is new as of 2019, and requires a series of forms and information to be collected. You can find it [HERE](#).

Change in State Department Travel Advisory System

On January 10, 2018, the State Department [revised the way it classifies travel recommendations](#) to various areas. Instead of the pre-existing system of Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts, each country now has a Travel Advisory that provides an overall evaluation of safety for the country, as well as more specific advisories discreet areas.

At this time the State Dept. has given Mexico a “Level 2” advisory status. The Sonora region has been issued a Level 3 status at the time being. It is worth noting the description that “northern Sonora experiences much lower levels of crime”.

Brian Donohue continues to be in communication with families and friends within Nogales, and remains confident that the neighborhood continues to be a safe and appropriate environment for our group.

If you are comfortable and interested in your son or daughter participating in our Nogales Summer Service Trip, please check the box below and sign your name. This indicates that you are informed about potential risks and committing to participate.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Brad Boucher via email (brad@resbalt.org).

Signature

Date

Mexico Travel Advisory

Travel Advisory
March 16, 2018

Mexico – Level 2: Exercise increased caution



Exercise increased caution in Mexico due to **crime**. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

Violent crime, such as homicide, kidnapping, carjacking, and robbery, is widespread.

The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in many areas of Mexico as U.S. government employees are prohibited from travel to these areas.

U.S. government employees are prohibited from intercity travel after dark in many areas of Mexico. U.S. government employees are also not permitted to drive from the U.S.-Mexico border to or from the interior parts of Mexico with the exception of daytime travel on Highway 15 between Nogales and Hermosillo.

Read the Safety and Security section on the [country information](#) page.

Do not travel to:

- Colima state due to **crime**.
- Guerrero state due to **crime**.
- Michoacán state due to **crime**.
- Sinaloa state due to **crime**.
- Tamaulipas state due to **crime**.

For all other states in Mexico, please see detailed information below.

If you decide to travel to Mexico:

- Use toll roads when possible and avoid driving at night.
- Exercise increased caution when visiting local bars, nightclubs, and casinos.
- Do not display signs of wealth, such as wearing expensive watches or jewelry.
- Be extra vigilant when visiting banks or ATMs.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Crime and Safety Reports](#) for Mexico.
- U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

Sonora state – Level 3: Reconsider Travel

Reconsider travel due to crime. Sonora is a key location utilized by the international drug trade and human trafficking networks. However, northern Sonora experiences much lower levels of crime than cities closer to Sinaloa and other parts of Mexico. U.S. government employees visiting Puerto Peñasco must use the Lukeville/Sonoyta crossing, and they are required to travel during daylight hours on main roads.

U.S. government employees are prohibited from travel to:

- The triangular region west of Nogales, east of Sonoyta, and north of Altar.
- The eastern edge of the state of Sonora, which borders the state of Chihuahua (all points along that border east of Federal Highway 17, the road between Moctezuma and Sahuaripa, and state Highway 20 between Sahuaripa and the intersection with Federal Highway 16).
- South of Hermosillo, with the exception of the cities of Alamos, San Carlos, Guaymas, and Empalme.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).