#### APPLICATION FORM

YES! I would like to be a member of the Highland VIM Team to Manos Juntas (Hands Together) Mexico.

The mission trip dates are: October 2-9, 2021
I would also like to stay the extra time to participate in the AWE scholarship banquet on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I understand there is an additional cost of \$50 to do so.

Name
Address:
City, ST, Zip:
Home Phone:/
Cell Phone:/
Email:
Date of Birth:/
Team shirt size: (free to 1st timers or \$25)
Sleeping preferences:
lower bunk required upper bunk possible
Anything special you need to share with planners?
Enclosed is my payment made payable to: HUMC (please note Mexico Mission in memo).
The enclosed amount includes the following:
\$100/deposit (balance due 45 days prior to trip).
\$375/trip payment only. My church is supporting this mission. They will send my \$300 material fee*. (Must be received 45 days prior to trip).
\$675/trip payment plus material fee.
\$50 to stay for AWE scholarship banquet.
*Material fees are \$300 per person. Many churches support their missioners by covering this cost via fund

## **Rio Bravo VIM Team Coordinators:**

raising efforts or budget. Payment of material fee should

be sent 45 days prior to the mission trip.

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# Mexico 2021

Volunteers In Mission to **Rio Bravo** 

October 2-9, 2021



## Make a Christian Difference in partnership with Manos Juntas\*

\*Hands Together Mexico

CONSTRUCTION/PAINTING, MEDICAL, DENTAL AND MISSION BIBLE SCHOOL SKILL CLASSES FOR MEN OR WOMEN (OPTIONAL)

#### The Details

Work can include construction of community buildings, schools, or small concrete block homes called casitas, Mission Bible School, clinical and dental work, special skill training, cooking, painting, general assistance at the mission, or other light construction and home repairs.

#### When

Dates: October 2-9, 2021

#### Cost

The cost of the trip is \$375 per person for the week, plus \$300 per person for material fees. Many churches support their missioners by raising the material costs. Transportation to McAllen Miller International Airport in south Texas is not included. If you would like help with transportation scheduling, please contact us.

## **Deposit-Refund Policy**

A deposit of \$100 is due with your registration. The balance is due 45 days prior to the mission. Make all checks payable to HUMC noting in the memo line: Mexico Mission. Cancellation prior to the mission – 45 days, total refund; 44-15 days, \$175 refund; 14-0 days – no refund. In lieu of refund, unused fees may be designated as a tax deductible donation to this mission.

#### **Accommodations**

Accommodations will be in clean, heated/AC dormitory facilities. Each 4 person room has 2 twin-size bunk beds, a bathroom, and a shower. Electricity is the same as in the U.S. Safe water is furnished. Some food will be brought in from the U.S. and prepared by the team, and some meals will be prepared by Manos Juntas. Dietary issues should be communicated early.

#### Inoculations

None required. Tetanus shots recommended.

#### **Arrival Information**

If arriving by car, you will need to be at the airport in McAllen, Texas by 2:30pm on the first Saturday of the mission. Personal vehicles will be left at the airport. The team will be transported to the dormitory by vans. If arriving by plane, be sure to arrive by 3pm and confirm your travel plans with us so we can make arrangements for pick up. Late pick ups will include a \$50 pick up fee.

#### What to Take

Bring your passport, a Bible, writing materials, camera, personal hygiene items, layered clothing, positive and cooperative spirit, and a willingness to honor Jesus Christ by serving Him as a VIM Mission team member. A detailed packing list will be made available.

#### What to Leave

The policy of VIM is to refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and vulgarity while on the mission.

## What to Expect

As a Volunteer In Mission (VIM) team member, you'll help change lives in Rio Bravo while having a life-changing experience yourself. Together with other volunteers you may help construct a community building (school, church, etc.), participate in running Mission Bible School, help serve at a remote medical clinic, or build a new home for a local family. Plus you'll establish relationships with local residents and others, and enjoy neighborhood children and adults as they stop by to see what's going on.

Come expecting God to do big things, you won't be disappointed!

## Purpose vs. Task

- The work we do is the task.
- The love we share is the purpose.
- Purpose always comes before task!

## **AWE Scholarship Banquet**

If you plan to stay after for the banquet, please contact us for details regarding travel timing.













Photos were taken during our 2020 VIM Mexico Mission.

## About Rio Bravo, Mexico



Rio Bravo, Mexico is near the southern point of the Texas border. It is a semiurban center famous for its factories. The factories employ a large percentage of the residents and produce a variety of goods

- exported both nationally and internationally. The area experiences a large influx of migrants, from Mexico's interior, seeking employment. Others have migrated to Rio Bravo with the hope of crossing the border into the US. Many of Rio Bravo's residents are young, unskilled, poorly educated, and impoverished.

## **About Manos Juntas (Hands Together) Mexico**

Manos Juntas Mexico (MJM) is a (certified charity) Non-Government Organization in Rio Bravo, Mexico. On their secure premises are offices, a dorm for missioners, and a medical/dental/vision clinic. MJM works closely with the United Methodist Church of Mexico and the United States to organize volunteers, mission work, and local church participation.

## About Being A Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team

A VIM team is one that serves where it is invited. We work in cooperation with the local host Methodist church or Non-Government Organization (NGO). This ensures that the



presence of our team will not interfere with the authority and integrity of the church leadership. A VIM team strives to strengthen & uphold the local church.



This VIM project to Rio Bravo, Mexico is a ministry of Highland United Methodist Church, Hill Country Missioners, and Manos Juntas Mexico.

The trip is open to anyone willing to share the love of Jesus Christ through Christian service. Minors must be accompanied by parent or other adult.

Visit <a href="www.myhumc.com/manos-juntas">www.myhumc.com/manos-juntas</a> for more information about this mission and past trips.