

Q. What are the facilities like at Rancho el Milagro?

A. Rancho el Milagro is an orphanage about 10 miles north of the pacific city Ensenada (about 45 miles south of San Diego). Rancho el Milagro is in a rural setting (beautiful rolling hills and valleys) and is a completely fenced facility. Our team will be staying in an area that has been modified as a campsite for the teams who visit year-round. We'll sleep in tents, eat at picnic tables and prepare our food at a covered/outdoor kitchen. There is electricity as well as refrigerators and we'll pick up food to prepare at a modern grocery store in Ensenada. There is a bathroom with running water just a few steps away from where camp is set up. However, we'll only shower twice while we're in Ensenada as we have to go to a place offsite for showers.

Q. How will you be traveling to Ensenada?

A. Since we'll only be in Mexico for a few days, we'll fly to San Diego and then drive down to Ensenada in rental vans. Rancho el Milagro is 45 miles south of San Diego. It takes close to 2 hours to make the drive. The roads are excellent and well traveled all the way to our location.

Q. How many adults will be going?

A. We will take one adult for every three kids at the very least. With support leaders, our ratio will actually get closer to one adult to every two kids. You can rest assured that our kids will be well monitored and never more than an arm's reach away. Safety is the number one priority while in Mexico. Our Children's Pastor, Kenny Conley will be leading this trip. He has extensive missions experience as both a participant and as a leader. He has participated in mission work in 8 different countries. His first mission trip was to Haiti at age 11. His most recently trip was to the African bush 4 months ago. Miguel Tovar, the Children's Pastor of Denton, will be co-leading this trip. Miguel speaks fluent Spanish and has extensive missions experience in Mexico. In addition, we'll have a registered nurse stocked with supplies to handle emergencies. Last of all, we'll be at Miracle Ranch at the same time as a group of 40-50 other Cross Timber's members. Even though we'll be over 1000 miles away, we'll feel right at home at Miracle Ranch.

We understand that many parents would feel a lot more comfortable with their 4th or 5th grader going if they were going as well. We anticipate most of our leaders being parents of kids who are going. As we get closer to the due date of the deposit (when you'll really need to decide if you are going) we'll have a better idea of exactly who our group leaders will be.

Q. How much do you expect this trip to cost.

A. While we'll have a firm price by the time of our informational meeting, we anticipate a cost of \$400 per person. This will cover round trip flights to San Diego as well as transportation to and around Rancho el Milagro as well as all food and other expenses. You'll also need to plan for a little spending money as well as costs associated with obtaining a passport. Our hope is that every child who participates in Surge will also be able to participate in Camp X-Treme just a few weeks later. We'll share practical and proven ways to build a support team and raise funds to do this great work.