



Building Community Across Borders since 1978

Thank you for participating in building futures! This bulletin is intended to give you a brief overview of what you need to prepare for the project in order to have the best Corazón experience possible. *We look forward to having you!*

Before You Go Checklist

- ✓ **Documentation:** U.S. citizens are required to have a U.S. passport or passport cards. The Sentri card & Global Entry card are also accepted.
- ✓ **Supplies to bring: Bring plenty of water and liquids to stay hydrated for the whole day.** Other suggested supplies to bring: sunscreen, hat, gloves, snacks, handy wipes, hand sanitizer, lip balm, trash bags, canopy and change of clothes and shoes. Dress comfortably and appropriately. Wear closed-toe shoes. You are in a different culture on a construction site. Do not bring anything you can't afford to lose.
- ✓ **Equipment to bring: Bring a hammer, tool belt or nail apron to insure your involvement.** Some tools will be provided but we don't have enough for everyone so bring your own. Other suggested tools included: chalk line, utility knife, tape measure, pencil, gloves & painting supplies (paint rollers, extension poles, paint trays & brushes). The only power tool we use is a skill saw and that will be provided.
- ✓ **Safety:** Your safety is very important to us. The Lead Builder will review safety tips. Skill saws may only be used by approved volunteers.
- ✓ **Mexican Auto Insurance:** Check with your insurance carrier, some offer coverage in Mexico. If not, you can purchase insurance online BEFORE the build with Baja Bound, our proud partner. Visit the Baja Bound website at www.bajabound.com.
- ✓ **Fill the tank:** Please fill up your vehicle's gas tank before leaving the U.S.
- ✓ **Carpool:** Please carpool to keep the cars to a minimum so the caravan is manageable and no one gets lost.
- ✓ **Housewarming Gift:** Be sure to coordinate with your group leader on how to best organize these efforts and provide one group gift for the family! A housewarming gift is a wonderful way for your group to welcome a family into their new home. Canned food, bags of beans or rice, kitchen utensils, dishes, pots or pans, towels, sheets, blankets, kitchen towels, cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, curtains and rods (there are 2 3'x3' and 2 2'x2' windows), small rugs or pillows, etc. are all wonderful gifts. A trashcan on wheels or a cooler with wheels are a great way to store and pack gifts when crossing the border and will double as a usable item to the family.

Project Day Schedule

Meet at 6:00 AM: Meet in front of Smart & Final @ the Terra Nova Plaza parking lot in Chula Vista (360 E. H Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910). Take the 805 to H Street East exit, go right and the parking lot is on the right. Please be on time. We will not wait for anyone.

Review & Departure: 6:20 – 6:30AM: There will be a brief review on caravan procedures, driving instructions and project & safety info. If you have expertise or special skills that might be relevant, please talk to the Lead Builder.

The Caravan to Mexico: The caravan will stay together and wait for any cars that are instructed to go through secondary inspection. A Corazón staff member will greet the caravan at a local gas station.

Arrival at Site 7:30AM: The Lead Builder will go over safety and building procedures.

Stick to the plan - For safety, timeliness, and consistency, all volunteers must follow instructions of the Lead Builder as the house builds are a standardized process that must be followed to ensure the success of the build.

Lunch 12:00PM: A traditional Mexican lunch consisting of beans, rice, chicken or cactus salad will be provided by the Corazón family. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about Corazón at this time.

Resume Work 1:00PM: Follow instructions given by the Lead Builder to ensure successful completion.

Closing Ceremony 4:30PM: The family will receive the keys to their home and house warming gift during this time. Make sure you don't miss this memorable experience!

Departure 5:00: You will receive further instructions and a map. Passports are required to cross the border.