

MISSION WITH CHIAPAS– IMMERSION EXPERIENCE OCTOBER 13-20, 2026

Churches of the Missouri Mid-South Conference have travelled to Chiapas six times in the past twelve years, working alongside the [Institute for Intercultural Studies and Research](#), one of our Global Ministries Mission partners in Chiapas. We have worked alongside them in towns and villages, learning about the people of Chiapas and the ways of life in the communities of Chiapas. We have also helped construct a new facility on the grounds at [The Institute](#), a facility that has more than tripled their institutional capacity and ability to do ministry with the people of their communities.

[The Institute](#) is not the only Global Ministries Mission partner in Chiapas. On our last trip, we had the opportunity to work with another one of our Mission Partners, [Melel Xojobal](#), an agency that works solely with children in need. [Melel Xojobal](#) means “True Light” in the indigenous Tzotzil language, and they focus on being a light of hope for children whose only other alternative is the dark of hopelessness.

Our next “Mission Trip” to Chiapas will be the fall of 2026! We will leave St. Louis on October 13 and return on October 20. While we are in Chiapas, we will spend most of our time in the city of [San Cristobal](#) working with [The Institute](#) and Melel Xojobal. We will have the opportunity to see several indigenous museums, including the Chocolate Museum, and immerse ourselves in the culture of Chiapas. We will spend time in the marketplaces and worship at an indigenous church. We will learn about the life and context of the Indigenous Mayan communities that make up Chiapas, and we will even do some work, but work is not the focus of the trip. Education and relationship are the focus. The work will be suited for all abilities; all are welcome to come along, from age 16 up to age 90+! (Due to the nature of the trip, we are not encouraging anyone under 16 to participate.)

The cost for this trip is \$1,800. This includes airfare, lodging for seven days and six nights, food for that timeframe, transportation to and from the airport in Tuxtla Gutierrez and other transportation, and other incidentals. All expenses are included in that price except souvenirs you may wish to buy. For a week-long mission trip, it is very economical. **Everyone who participates must have a current passport. It is also highly recommended that you have a current COVID vaccination.**

There is a limit of ten people for this trip – so make your commitment early! Due to transportation issues, we cannot have more than this number. If you would like to go, talk to me ([Pastor Rick](#)). I have packets with detailed information and registration materials. **Registrations and deposits must be turned in by June 15.** Registration will include the completed registration form and a copy of your passport.

We will have a forum at 9:00 a.m. on **June 7** with Pastor Rick and others to talk about this trip! Come join us in the Sanctuary as we celebrate our mission work and dream about this trip!