



# YPM Mission Trip 2026

## Yucatan Peninsula Mission

### Who:

YPM is committed to serving the needs of the Mayan/Mexican people in the Zona Maya region of the Yucatan Peninsula. Incorporated as a not-for-profit in both the US and Mexico, YPM provides opportunities for positive change to children, adults, families, and communities in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico -- through service projects, education, health care, cultural exchange and spiritual support.

Check out their website: <https://www.ypmusa.org/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/yucatanpeninsulamission>

Plains & Peaks Mission Trip in 2024: <https://www.ypmusa.org/News/19>

### Where:

The base of YPM is located in Leona Vicario, Quintana Roo, Mexico, about 35 minutes SW of Cancun, and is equipped to host groups of up to 40 people. YPM provides safe and delicious meals, sleeping accommodations in hammocks or beds, and all in-country transportation.

### When:

January 20 – January 27, 2026 (Tuesday to Tuesday)

### With Who:

MVPC members teaming up with People from all over Presbytery of Plains & Peaks and possibly Northminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL.

### Doing What:

We will be working alongside Mexican master workers to construct much-needed facilities such as schools, houses, churches, and more. All levels of experience and ability are welcome! This is hard but satisfying work in humid & warm temperatures. Temperatures at this time can hover around 82/86 °F.

### Housing/Sleeping Arrangements:

The YPM base is in an enclosed and gated area, and there have been no safety issues to date. The YPM base has several large dormitory-type air-conditioned rooms that can accommodate a combination of twin beds and hammocks. Males and females sleep in separate quarters. There are separate male and female bathrooms with showers.

### Meals & Special Diets:

The cooks at the YPM base make delicious, nutritious local dishes (nothing too spicy or strange to the standard USA diet). There are also alternative options for most meals, and yes, we do accommodate

special diets with advance notice. The YPM base has bottled water for trip participants to drink and to brush their teeth.

## What You Need To Bring:

- Passport
- Clothes including casual nice clothes for Sunday Church
- Work Clothes including hat & gloves & closed-toe shoes
- Donations of clothes & shoes: please make sure that any clothing or shoes that you bring are clean and in good repair. Also remember that the Maya people have small feet, are short in stature, and the climate there is almost always hot. You may leave your work clothes & shoes if you like after you are done for the week.

## Typical Week:

Day 1	Travel to YPM
Day 2 - 5	Work Site 9am to 2pm (break for Lunch); 1/2 Day on last Day for celebration
Day 5	Tour University; Tour Water Treatment Plant
Day 6	Church, Local Fun, Shopping & Dinner out
Day 7	Fun Day (Beach or Ruins, Ferry Ride, Shopping, etc)
Day 8	Travel Home

## YPM Cost:

### **YPM Charges \$700**

Private transportation to and from the Cancun airport, safe and comfortable lodging, meals, a hand-woven hammock, YPM t-shirt, tools to use during building, building materials, and equipment on the worksite.

## Other Costs You are Responsible For:

Passport	If you do not have. You need to do it immediately! Expedite!
Airfare	You will book and pay for your own ticket. Need to arrive in Cancun, Mexico by 2pm on Jan 20, 2026 and depart by late morning/early afternoon on Jan 27, 2026. You can check with other participants to see what carrier and time they are traveling.
Transportation	Please arrange your travel from your home to DIA airport and then DIA airport to your home.

Tips	For Hosts, Cleaning Crew, & Chefs at YPM. You will want cash in small, untorn bills (i.e. \$10, \$5, & \$1)
Extras on You	Meals on Travel Days as well as Fun Days & Dinner out; Ice Cream; Snacks; Ferry Trips; Entrances to exhibits; Souvenirs, etc.

### DEADLINES: (all payments are to be made by Check to MVPC)

Sign-Up Form + \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit + Copy of Passport	October 31, 2025
\$350 Payment	December 1, 2025
\$250 Balance Due & YPM Required Forms	January 1, 2026

### TEAM MEETINGS:

November 9, 2025	11:15am at MVPC in the Library in person or by ZOOM link
January 11, 2026	11:15am at MVPC in the Library in person or by ZOOM link

### COORDINATOR FOR THE TRIP:

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