

Thanks to Pastor John's efforts, 15 Baja mission team members met last Thursday evening (July 29th) to discuss the following mission trip items:

- 1) A Baja mission team get-together
- 2) Mission supplies
- 3) Fundraisers

After considerable brainstorming and discussion, the group agreed upon the following:

1) Mission Team Get-Together

A Pot Luck supper is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12th at 5:00 pm** for all mission team members who are able to come. It will be an informal gathering where first time mission travelers will be able to ask questions of 2008 travelers, get information about passports, packing lists, etc. We will also work on getting volunteers assigned and groups formed for the fundraising events. *Save the date!*

2) Mission Supplies

We also discussed the prospect of taking suitcases filled with mission supplies on the trip (Clothing, shoes, toys, household items). The group unanimously supported taking mission supplies on the 2011 trip, which means each team member will carry and check one additional suitcase at the airport besides their own. The suitcases will be provided and packed with mission supplies that are gathered at Connecting Connections in Red Wing.

3) Fundraising Events and Activities

A number of ideas were brought up concerning ways to raise \$20,000 to purchase materials for the 5 homes we plan to build. After considerable discussion, the group settled on the following fundraisers - the dates and events are tentative until further information is gathered:

1. Holiday Dinner/Dance Event - (Possibly New Year's Eve)

Amanda Wolkenhauer does professional event planning and has offered to help with an event to raise funds for the mission trip. Kari T and Kim A have agreed to meet with Amanda to firm up a plan. They will be looking for more volunteers.

2. Live Auction, Silent Auction, and Food - (April 9, 2011 - 1st choice) (April 16, 2011 - 2nd choice)

We will need sub-committees for:

- a - Soliciting auction items
- b - Silent auction
- c - Live auction
- d - Auction Food Committee
- e - Coordinating auctioneer, clerks, and money

3. Baja Invitational Golf Tournament -

October 2nd. Shotgun start at noon at PIGC
Bill S and Bob D have agreed to help plan this project.
4 person scramble.
\$ 20.00 for 18 holes/cart for non-PIGC members
plus \$25.00 minimum donation from each golfer
Contests! Prizes!
Benefits Baja Mission

4. Youth Sponsored Event - date and event to be announced

The younger team members (under age 20) would like to host a fundraising event. They will meet to decide upon the event which will be announced soon.

5. Spa Day - to be determined

Karen D will work on details of this event. More details soon.

6. Greeting Card Sales - ongoing

Photos from the 2008 mission trip will be used to print greeting cards that can be sold for Christmas and all occasions.

7. Scrip Card Sales - ongoing

Please support our mission efforts by purchasing Scrip cards for your shopping needs (gas, groceries, gifts, etc.) We raised over \$2,000 through Scrip Card sales for the 2008 trip.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting Thursday evening. Remember, September 12th is the next gathering - a 'pot luck' supper at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Paul's.

Reminder: A deposit of \$200 per person will be due November 15th so airline ticket reservations can be made.

God's Peace to All of You,

Karen