



## Copper Canyon, Mexico

May-June 2026

### Healing Nations Vision

A world that recognizes and declares God's glory as individuals, communities, and nations experience healing through truth and compassion.

### Project Objectives

To demonstrate Gospel truth, love, and compassion to the Tarahumara, an unreached people group in Mexico, through kids programs, work projects, and sharing tangible resources while experiencing cross-cultural ministry and the universal nature of the body of Christ.

### Field Partner

Program for Evangelism of Indigenous People (PEGEM)

### Trip Dates

May 30-June 7 2026

### Travel & Project Itinerary

The exact activities of your week will be scheduled at a later time, but will include kids programs; Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts at two school dormitories. An additional work project is to be determined.

### Your Healing Nations Team

**Mike Bell** is your Missions Mobilizer. He will oversee the planning of your trip, working with PEGEM in preparing project activities on your behalf.

A Healing Nations Team Engagement staff member will oversee and organize the travel and lodging for your trip.

**Brent Hinsley** will be your Healing Nations Team Leader. He will travel with you and work on your behalf coordinating the daily schedule with the local ministry while in Mexico and managing logistic details associated with the projects. There may be an additional Team Leader depending on the size of the group.

### Application Process & Deadline

**Your complete application and deposit are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Checklist:

- Complete the online application: [healingnations.net/trip-application/](https://healingnations.net/trip-application/)
- Submit a color copy of your passport photo page with your application
- Submit your non-refundable deposit of \$500 to either Lakeside or Northview church

We accept applications on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications require two references (employer/peer and spiritual). If you need to renew your passport, or you do not have one currently, we need your name exactly as it will appear on your passport. Your passport must not expire within 6 months of travel. If this is the case, you will need to apply to renew your passport as soon as possible. The online process for passports can be [found here](#).

## Food & Lodging

Expect a lot of really good home-cooked Mexican food!

## Weather

The team will be staying 7,000 ft up in the mountains. Expect temperatures in the low 70's during the day and 50's at night.

## Financial Information

**The trip cost is approximately \$2,300 USD.** This is subject to final flight bookings and the final number of individuals traveling. Incremental payments will be due over a period of months preceding the trip.

- **The trip cost includes:** flights; airport fees; food, lodging, and transportation within Haiti; travel insurance and project costs.
- **The trip cost does not include:** souvenirs; meals while traveling outside of Haiti; or immunizations – see below.

## Health

Healing Nations strongly suggests that all travelers be immunized against Hepatitis A and B and are up to date on their tetanus. Please check with your local travel clinic to schedule these vaccines. All travelers should visit either their doctor or a travel health clinic 4-8 weeks before departure.

### Zika Virus

Mexico has been affected by the Zika virus, although the risk of catching it in the Copper Canyon is very low. This is a disease primarily spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Because there is no vaccine or treatment for it, people visiting areas with Zika should take steps to prevent infection such as wearing mosquito repellent and avoiding standing water. Many people who get infected with the virus never have symptoms. In people who get sick, symptoms (fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes) are usually mild and last up to one week. The mosquitoes that spread Zika usually do not live at elevations above 6,500 feet. People who live in or visit areas above this elevation are at very low risk of getting it from a mosquito unless they visit or travel through areas of lower elevation. It can also spread through sexual transmission. People with Zika can pass it to their partners even if they do not have symptoms at the time, or if their symptoms have gone away. It can live in semen for up to 188 days, and can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, and serious birth defects in babies born to women who were infected during pregnancy. Zika has also been linked to Guillain-Barre syndrome. For more information go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/Zika/>