

Genesis Group Conduct

You are in Mexico as a representative of your Church and Genesis.



The people of Mexico form an opinion based upon what they see in you; therefore, as individuals and as a group, it is important to conduct yourselves in a Godly manner. Genesis does not interfere with current management at any site. We respect the spiritual instruction and guidance the children are already receiving in conjunction with each site's religious tradition. We have no political or religious agenda beyond acting as good examples of cross-cultural interaction, heart-felt service, and showing Christ's love through our actions. **Genesis does not tolerate the use of tobacco, fireworks, alcohol, profanity or any illegal**

substances during the course of your mission trip with Genesis.

- Have a positive spirit and a willingness to be flexible.
- Exhibit a Christian lifestyle.
- Loud and boisterous demonstrations of enthusiasm are usually not appropriate in Mexican culture.
- Be aware of the impression you make.
- Be aware that loud secular and even Christian music can be offensive.



Do not descend upon an event like a group of tourists taking snapshots of everything. Ask your site director about pictures taken in the local area.

You are guests at a facility that cares for children. It should be respected as any other family's home where you would stay. It is imperative to respect quiet hours at night, personal space and property, study time, the children's chore responsibilities, the home's policies, and not question the decisions made by site directors and staff.

MALE/FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS

- Genesis participants must constrain public displays of affection.
- Take your cues on appropriate physical contact (hugs, pats on back, etc.) from the staff and, if in doubt, ask.
- One must not go anywhere alone – always in groups.
- Single males and females must not go off together as a couple.
- One must not flirt or give encouragement, in dress or manner.
- No participant should be with any child outside of group activity areas.

DRESS CODE:

[you are to be an example to young children who live in a very conservative culture]

- Avoid a sloppy appearance.
- Be governed by a sense of modesty.
- No wild or trendy clothing, makeup, or accessories – no bellies or underwear showing.
- No excessive jewelry or indications of wealth.
- Clean and neat jeans may be worn to Vacation Bible School (if applicable).
- Shorts may be worn on work projects (with site approval).

FEMALES

- No suggestive clothing (short shorts, half-shirts, tight clothing, backless tank tops or tank tops with thin straps or bellies showing)
- When with ninos, only a modest one-piece bathing suit or a two-piece suit with a T-shirt over is acceptable. Participants should wear a long T-shirt or beach covering if in doubt of the appropriateness of swim apparel
- If attending church off site, a dress or skirt must be worn

MALES

- No suggestive clothing (no excessive low riding pants and/or underwear showing)
- Please keep your shirt on at all times in public. (Beaches are exception)
- No earrings or other excessive jewelry (ask if unsure)
- If attending church off site, a collared shirt must be worn.