

# Waco Information Packet

Waco, Texas  
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## **Overview:**

Waco is located in the heart of the Texas manufacturing and technology corridor on Interstate Highway 35, just 90 miles south of Dallas and 100 miles north of Austin. The population of Waco is 213,517. Approximately 20% of individuals in Waco live below the poverty line. Interesting fact: Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. The Dublin Dr Pepper, 85 miles west of Waco, still uses pure imperial cane sugar in its product. There is no period after the Dr in Dr Pepper.



## **Ministry Opportunities:**

There will be an abundance of opportunity for you to build relationships and make lasting friendships while in Waco. We will have the privilege of working with several local churches, a soup kitchen, and other ministries that are bringing the hope of Jesus to the people in practical ways. You will have the opportunity to not only speak value and worth into the lives of those in Waco but also demonstrate it through hands on activities and meeting practical needs of the individuals.

God is doing amazing things through the ministry of Mission Waco. We will have the opportunity to be a part. For over 25 years, this organization has been committed to touching the lives of residents in this neighborhood by meeting "felt" needs and sharing with them their "real need" -- a relationship with Jesus Christ. We will join with them as we serve "changing lives with hands on compassion." There will be opportunity to minister to the children through the use of drama, puppets and Children's Ministry. We will also spend time prayer walking and asking the Lord to break the strongholds of this community.

Most of all expect to see God move, both in you and through you!! Begin thinking now about expectations for the trip and praying for opportunities to witness to people through this, both in Waco and here as you begin fund raising and preparing. Begin praying for the lives that you will touch and for the lives the others who participate with you will touch. Expect God-sized results.

## **Transportation/Travel:**

The team is responsible for transportation to, from and during the project. This is not included in the price of the trip.

If driving, you will be given directions and an address to the housing location closer to the time of departure for your trip.

## **Housing & Food:**

During the mission trip, we will be staying in a church facility. There are no bunk beds at this location, so you will need to bring your own air mattresses.

- There are shower facilities provided
- This facility is air-conditioned
- You will need to bring your own bedding to fit on your air mattress.

On this trip, we will have a cook that will prepare our dinners.

- We will have some type of Continental Breakfast each morning with some type of protein.
- Lunch will consist of some type of sandwich (or similar), chips, fruit and granola bar
- Dinner: Will be a hot meal that is prepared each day for us.
- You will likely enjoy the food, but picky eaters should bring plenty of snacks.