

# CHCA Intercession 2019

January 7 - 18

Course Description for: ***Back2Back Cancun Service Immersion***

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Instructor(s): <b>Mr. John Prado, TBD female chaperone</b>	
Course Type: <b>International</b>	Service Hours: <b>45</b>
Maximum enrollment: <b>22</b>	Minimum enrollment: <b>18</b>
Length of trip (if applicable): <b>7 days</b>	<b>6 nights</b>

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**Overview:** To provide ministry opportunities at orphanages that partner with Back2Back.

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- Course Goals:**
1. To develop/grow/mature in relationship with God.
  2. To break down prejudice and stereotypes.
  3. To learn about injustice and poverty through direct interaction, study & reflection.
  4. To build Christian community among CHCA high school students, staff.
  5. To provide servant-leadership training opportunities for interested students.
  6. To develop a Christian worldview by seeing a new culture through the "eyes of God."
  7. To learn to ask better questions and to respond authentically to need.
  8. To reflect on individual gifts/talents and consider how the experience relates to careers.
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**Reading Component:** Books authored by Beth Guckenberger

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- Writing Component:**
1. A daily journal will be kept that is to include:
    - entries regarding the day's assigned reading
    - a final reflection on the trip's impact
  2. A personal response to one of Beth Guckenberger's books.
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- Grade based on:**
- (1) Involvement in work projects and willingness to interact with children
  - (2) Thoughtfulness and completion of journal entries
    - The last journal entry will include the student's reflection on how their experience in Cancun has changed their lives, especially in regard to ordering their priorities in the future.
  - (3) Completion of reading assignments
    - Each participant will write a personal response to a book written by Beth Guckenberger, and also give an oral reflection that relates their personal response to an experience that impacted them during their week in Monterrey.
  - (4) Final project: A photo journal, which will include a minimum of one picture per day with captions.
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The Cancun, Mexico service immersion trip provides students with opportunities to serve through lots of “kid time” and a strong work schedule. The work will include projects to help improve facilities, programs and living conditions for children in at-risk families. Each day will start with time for personal reflection and journal responses followed by a group time to share reflections. Then it’s off to work and to interact with children, lunch with the kids, and wrap up projects by mid-afternoon. Some days will include an afternoon or evening activity with some of the children. Other evenings will include time for group worship and debriefing.

Students participating on the Cancun, Mexico service immersion trip will experience firsthand the issues of simplicity, love, teamwork and poverty.

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## **This course is well suited to:**

Students who like to interact with children.  
Students who are interested in exploring cultural differences.  
Students who are ready to put their faith in action and go deeper in the relationship with Jesus Christ.  
Students who handle difficult situations with patience and self-discipline, or who want to learn how to handle difficult situations with patience and self-discipline.

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**Cost:** \$2160 (includes flight; B2B room, board, and transportation)  
**Additional costs:** Souvenirs, some airport meals and baggage fee.

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## **Other Information:**

Travel dates are January 12 -18, 2019.

At least one additional day (Thursday, Jan. 10) will be required at CHCA before we leave for Cancun.

Students will need a passport for International travel. Passports cannot expire before July 18, 2019.

Please Note: International students may be limited in their ability to travel outside the United States. International students may only participate in international travel that does not require a special Visa. You must have approval from the International Student Program before signing up for an international trip to confirm whether you are permitted to enter a foreign country without an additional Visa.

\*This course qualifies for service immersion credit.