

Resurrection Acts 1:8 Missions (RAM)— *International*

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Houston, in all Texas and the USA, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 adapted

JUNE TEAM

Hosting Organization: PUSH, International (www.pushinternational.org)

Location: Mazatlan, Mexico

Dates: June 21-28, 2008

Particulars:

Service Opportunities:

Wheelchair distributions and seating at the PUSH Hub site and/or in local communities; work with local churches in Children's Feeding Centers throughout the city; serving with local churches through community outreaches and worship; light construction and painting with churches and/or the PUSH facility; prison ministry; and interaction with local community—children and adults.

Lodging:

Lodging will be at the PUSH Hub site in dormitory-style quarters; with nice, clean restrooms and showers.

Meals & Transportation Included:

PUSH provides all ground transportation from and to the airport and throughout the week. All meals are also provided from the kitchen on-site. The meals have always been very good.

RAM Teams sent to serve with PUSH since its inception in 2006:

2007—two Teams (Mazatlan)

Sign up by:

January 20, 2008

Our Team limited to 20 participants.

Orientation for all Teams:

January 28, 2008

\$100 Deposit Due:

February 2008

Chili/Gumbo Cook-Off Fundraiser:

Saturday, March 6, 2008

Team Training Meetings Required:

March through June (various dates)

Total Trip Cost Per Participant:

~\$900 (*airfare at time of booking may alter this figure*)—Fundraisers with Team participation will be held to reduce cost to individuals (i.e., Chili/Gumbo Cook-Off). Individual balance due by June 1, 2008.

PUSH, International—*Philosophy:*

Push International desires to give wheelchairs to people with disabilities who are the poorest of the poor and have no means of otherwise obtaining a wheelchair with no strings attached. We do not consider political, religion, gender or other conditions. If you are disabled and have no means by which to purchase a wheelchair we will give you one without any conditions.

We personally deliver our wheelchairs to people in need making sure that each individual is seated in a wheelchair that will best meet their needs. We have Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Prosthetists, Special Education teachers, translators and other volunteer professionals accompanying our wheelchair distributions and outreaches to make sure that individuals receive the best care possible.

Volunteers with no previous experience working with people with disabilities or mobility equipment are also extremely important during wheelchair distributions. Our staff will teach you everything you will need to know to assist in the seating of someone with a disability. Please do not feel discouraged to participate in an outreach or wheelchair distribution because of your inexperience; everyone was inexperienced at one time.

After recipients have been properly seated in their wheelchairs ***Push International*** continues to serve the disabled. We host wheelchair maneuvering skills clinics, teach personal care skills, education, job skills, sports, and instill a sense of pride and unity in the disabled community in the countries where we work.

We have decided to narrow our focus in the world and work deeper in the communities that we serve. Instead of traveling to a vast number of countries we believe that it is extremely important to equip our wheelchair recipients with the daily life skills they need to make the fullest use of their new found mobility.

PUSH, International—*History:*

PUSH, International was founded in September of 2006 to pursue goals of bringing sustainable development to the disabled poor by Steve Oliver and Bree Lair. ***PUSH*** provides service and training for wheelchair recipients and their families beyond the wheelchair distributions. Steve suddenly passed away in 2007. His vision is well stated in the PUSH Philosophy above and is carried on to this day.

RAM Teams have worked with Steve Oliver every year since 2003 when we sent our first Team to work with *The Mobility Project* in Mazatlan. Steve was a co-founder of *The Mobility Project* in the late 1990's and led that organization until the establishment of ***PUSH, International***. Steve's wife, Miriam Oliver, Bree Lair, Jeff Musgrave and other committed servants continue to lead the ***Push, International*** organization in its goals and servant activities to the disabled poor of our world.

Wheelchair Collections:

Resurrection Lutheran Church is one of the mobility device collection centers in the USA for ***PUSH, International*** and ***The Mobility Project***. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches in any condition (even parts) are collected at the church and shipped to refurbishing centers for future distribution to the poor in many locations around the world. Wheelchairs can cost as much as a year's wages and would be impossible to own in many countries. They are given with no strings attached to those encountered by this organization.

Please be on the lookout for any unused mobility devices that can be brought to the church and recycled to those in need. Donation receipts can be given from the church. If cards are completed and attached to the wheelchairs when donated, a thank you photo will be sent to the donor showing the recipient seated in the chair they gave.

Contact the church office or our **Collections Team Leaders**: Jack Waters, Ron Robinson, and Scott Brodie, for more info or to join the Collections Team.