



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We're glad you're interested in GYFM's 2012 mentored internship in Progreso, Mexico. We've tried to anticipate frequently asked questions. If you have a question that's not answered below, call or send an email and we'll do our best to get you the information you need.

1. What are the dates of the internship?  
The internship begins June 16 and ends August 10. These are the days you will fly to Mexico and return to the United States.
2. What age should an applicant be?  
Applicants should be at least 18 years old and have completed their freshman year of college by the time they arrive in Progreso.
3. Do interns need to be fluent in Spanish?  
No. Because Progreso is quickly developing as a tourist destination and cruise ship port-of-call, English is widely used. A sizeable number of Americans and Canadians live in Progreso and the host church has an English worship service. Dr. Correa, the on-site mentor for the internship, is fluent in English as are many Mexican members of the church. Nevertheless, interns will receive training in survival/conversational Spanish for day-to-day use.
4. What is the cost to participate in Mexico 2012?  
The cost to participate in the internship is \$3,300. This cost, which averages to \$1,650 per month, includes all internship-related expenses: housing, food, domestic needs, ministry expenses, in-country transportation and round-trip international airfare.
5. How is the money raised?  
Interns will develop a support team to partner with them with prayer and financial support. Once approved for the internship, you will be assigned a coach at MTW to guide you through the entire process of preparing to leave for the field.
6. Will I receive a salary?  
No. IRS regulations prohibit short-term volunteer interns from receiving any kind of salary or stipend.
7. How are living expenses handled?  
Interns will receive an advance for their expenses and will submit expense reports to account for money spent.

8. How do I apply?

Apply by contacting MTW's Global Support Ministries at (800) 270-9932 or [go@mtw.org](mailto:go@mtw.org). For additional information, contact Jonathan Taylor with GYFM at (803) 627-0842 (cell) or [jonathan.taylor@gyfm.org](mailto:jonathan.taylor@gyfm.org)

9. What is the application deadline?

The deadline to submit a completed application is March 31.

10. Do I need a passport?

Yes. Every intern needs a passport that is valid for at least six months following the conclusion of the internship (i.e., Feb 10, 2013). Information for applying for a passport is available at <http://travel.state.gov/passport>. If an applicant does not have a current passport, it may be necessary to apply using expedited service.

11. Is Progreso safe?

Yes, Progreso is a very safe town, as is Merida, the nearby state capital of Yucatan. The entire Yucatan state has been spared the drug-related violence that has plagued US-Mexico border cities and the northern states in Mexico.