

OAXACA

2011 Teams

Forward Edge International—Team #



There are many children waiting to meet you.

WHAT IS THE NEED?

Rich in culture, tradition and history, Oaxaca is unique because it is home to one of the largest concentrations of indigenous people in the world—more than 150 *dialects* are spoken here. A colorful mix of handicrafts, art and festivities reflect their depth of diversity.

Sadly, Oaxaca is also a place of significant poverty. High rates of illiteracy, malnutrition and infant mortality dominate the region, especially in the Native population. Impoverished families survive on a meager diet of beans and tortillas. In the villages scattered throughout the mountains, disease and poverty are rampant. More than 50% of all homes have dirt floors. A concrete floor typically costs \$250—an entire year's wages. With only seven percent of the population being Christian, they are in desperate need of the hope found in Christ.

We believe that *where there is much need, there is much opportunity*. There is so much need in Oaxaca, that there are opportunities to satisfy any team's vision of service. Forward Edge International has partnered with several ministries to provide health services, concrete floors, general ministry, feeding programs, water programs and activities that work toward healing the physical, spiritual and emotional burden so many of the Oaxacan people carry. Join Tom and Wendy Hogan, full time Field Coordinators for Forward Edge in Oaxaca, and help sow these seeds of hope!

For More Information:

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Experience Oaxacan culture!

IMPORTANT DATES

(Total Team Fee: \$595 per person)

90 Days Prior

\$100 non-refundable deposit applied toward team fee. Application & Liability Release Form DUE.

60 Days Prior

\$247.50 Payment #1 DUE.

30 Days Prior

\$247.50 Final Payment DUE.

2 Weeks Prior

Trip/Travel insurance secured for team.

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Meet some of the 180 children who daily visit the feeding center Trigo y Miel (Wheat & Honey)

WAYS YOU WILL SERVE:

Your team will join our Mexican ministry partners to serve impoverished villages surrounding Oaxaca City. We will work among the villagers through a variety of service projects. These projects may include pouring concrete floors, building concrete houses, working on water provision programs, or other general construction. Your team will also serve the local children through soccer games (a universal language), Bible stories, crafts, and song. Most of these children have never had a toy of their own. Through simple acts of service your team will make a lasting impact on these poverty-stricken people.

THINGS TO KNOW:

Culturally, it is important to bring small gifts as a sign of appreciation for your hosts. Please talk as a team about what you could bring to bless those who serve you in Oaxaca. Souvenirs from your home state, twin sheets or towels will greatly help our hosts as they prepare for many teams. Calendars, chocolate and tea are also great gifts.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The trip rate for all teams to Oaxaca in 2011 has been reduced to **\$595 per person*** for 7 nights. This will cover everything once you arrive in-country. Food, lodging, ground transportation, interpreter and complete logistical coordination will be covered. Trip insurance is required and will cost approximately \$20. (We'll help you obtain insurance two weeks before departure.) *Fee does not include your flight to Oaxaca.

PASSPORT:

A passport is required to enter Mexico, and please be sure that it **extends at least six months past the date of your arrival**. Please make three copies of your passport. Leave one at home and bring two with you. Children under the age of 18 are required to have signed and notarized permission from both parents.

PREPARATION

As soon as Forward Edge receives completed applications, we'll send you a team pack: T-shirt, training materials and information on Oaxaca.



Serve along side the Oaxacan people

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