

Sierra Tarahumara Mountains, Mexico



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Forward Edge Team # 675

April 9-17, 2010

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Your team will be traveling to an altitude of around 10,000 feet to the very peaks of the Sierra Tarahumara mountains. This amazing mountain range extends throughout much of the Chihuahua state in northern Mexico. The Sierra Tarahumaras are so gorgeous that many Mexicans vacation there and say that the Grand Canyon is “child’s play” by comparison.



More importantly, the Sierra Tarahumaras are home to the Tarahumaran Native Americans, who are probably descendants of the Anasazi (*Cave Dwellers*). The total population of only 50,000 live in small villages scattered throughout the mountains. Though they’re an incredible people, Pastor Gilberto of the Ebenezer Foursquare Church in Juarez says, “They are the poorest of the poor.” Many Tarahumarans lack basic necessities such as electricity and running water, shoes and basic education. Since the

government has largely ignored this people group, churches like Ebenezer Foursquare have helped pick up the slack.

Pastor Gilberto is connected to the Tarahumaran people because he oversees another Foursquare church in the mountains pastored by Pastor Eliseo. The Good News of the Gospel has been welcomed with open arms, and there are already six church plants in the surrounding villages. On Sundays, church members often walk three to four hours to get to service. Pastor Eliseo is Tarahumaran himself, and envisions positive change for his people, but they need our help!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact **Matt Harris**, Forward Edge Team Coordinator for **Mexico** at **360.574.3343** or **matt@forwardedge.org**



A church gathering in one of the remote villages

Everyone
should have
an
opportunity
to change a
LIFE.



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Come to the Edge...
where you will discover in a deeper
way who God is, who you are and
what God can do through you.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

You will be serving at Templo de la Salvación Foursquare church in the upper region of the Sierra Tarahumara Mountains. They have a thriving church body of indigenous peoples. Pastor Eliseo has been the pastor of this church for the last 13 years, and already, there are six church plants in the surrounding villages. Your team will help construct one of two new rooms at the church that will be used as overnight lodging and a dining hall for their own church members, and also as team houses for future teams. Not only is this a beautiful blessing for all those who walk to church on Sunday, it is an absolutely *critical* step in bringing more help and resources to our brothers and sisters. These projects are *not possible* to complete without outside assistance. Additionally, you will be interacting with the Tarahumaran people, taking part in their church services and helping with outreaches to their remote villages.

COST

The team fee for this trip is **\$595**. This fee covers preparatory materials, accommodations, meals, transportation on-site, some construction materials and an on-site Facilitator. This fee does not include transportation to Juarez. Your team should fly to El Paso, Texas (ELP). The FEI Facilitator and someone from the church will pick you up and take you across the border to Juarez, Mexico. From Juarez, you will be driven by van to the Sierra Tarahumaras. The roads are nice and the scenery is amazing! Please contact **Team Leaders** regarding travel arrangements: **e-mail** or **phone**.

ACCOMMODATIONS

While in the mountains, your team will be staying in cabins located about two minutes away from Templo de la Salvación church. The cabins have electricity, showers with hot water, flushing toilets, and beds. While in Juarez, you will be staying at Ebenezer Foursquare church. Your hosts will be Pastor Gilberto and Pastor Eliseo.

PASSPORT / IDENTIFICATION

Mexico requires a passport and a valid photo ID. **You must have your identification with you at all times.**

PREPARATION

As soon as Forward Edge receives completed applications, we'll send you a team pack: T-shirt, training materials and information about Juarez. Please note: FEI strongly recommends that each team member has a current **tetanus shot**. Please contact Team Coordinator Matt Harris at Forward Edge. matt@forwardedge.org **360-574-33443**

IMPORTANT DATES

January 5, 2010:

Coordination
Agreement Application
& Liability Release Form,
and \$175.00 Non-
Refundable Deposit
DUE.

Feb. 16, 2010:

\$420.00 Final Payment
Due

March 23, 2010:

Trip/Travel insurance
secured



A young villager

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Team #675 Coordination Agreement

It has been agreed by _____ that **Forward Edge International (FEI)** shall proceed
Printed Name

in securing a reservation and making arrangements for the Individual on a short term mission **Team #675** to:
Sierra Tarahumara Mountains, Mexico.

Trip Dates: April 9-17, 2010

Team Fee: \$595.00

Due Dates:

Date: January 5, 2010: \$175.00 Non-refundable deposit due with Coordination Agreement,
application, release forms

Date: February 16, 2010: \$420.00 Final Payment

TOTAL \$595.00

Please initial that you have read and agree to the following statements:

_____ I understand the team fee includes food, lodging and transportation on-site, an experienced facilitator, practical preparatory materials and logistical coordination. It does not include transit expenses to location, such as airfare, or medical insurance.

_____ It is agreed that a non-refundable fee of **\$175** shall be paid to FEI that will be used towards the total team fee identified above.

_____ The team fee payments are accepted in two payments. Payment dates are identified at the top of this agreement. Final payment needs to be received no later than 30 days prior to departure. Payments may be made online at www.forwardedge.org. Please **identify your name, team number and amount** in the fee box next to "team fees" on the donation page.

_____ Any cancellations made less than 30 days prior to the departure date are not entitled to a refund of team fees.

_____ The fee applies only to the destination and time period mentioned above.

_____ As a team member, I agree to cover the required training materials provided by FEI. It is strongly recommended that each team member adequately prepare themselves for the mission trip experience.

FEI is a Christian organization; we welcome participation from people of other Christian traditions. We have found such relationships to be beneficial to all involved, provided they approached with sensitivity. Our field partnerships are with indigenous Christians—usually churches—and it is important to our ongoing work that team members be sensitive to their beliefs as well as to their culture. Please read and consider our statement of faith. If you feel that you can work side by side with us, we welcome you to join us in our humanitarian endeavors.

_____ As a team member, I agree to work according to FEI's Statement of Faith listed below:

1. We believe in God the Father, who through Christ created the heavens and earth, who is perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, fully God and fully man, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, sinless in this life, making atonement for the sins of the world by His death on the cross.
3. We believe in His resurrection, His ascension into heaven, and His high-priestly intercession for His people that they may experience full salvation and His indwelling presence.
4. We believe in His personal, visible return to earth according to His promise.
5. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, sent to convict the world of sin, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower those who believe in Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that all people by nature and by choice are sinners, but that God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
7. We believe that those who put their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice in God's presence for eternity, but those who refuse to put their trust in Him will be forever separated from Him.
8. We believe that the Bible is God's Word, divinely and uniquely inspired, absolutely trustworthy, and having supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
9. We believe in the Church, the body of Christ, of which Christ Himself is the Head, and of which all regenerated people are members.
10. We believe that Christ commissioned the Church to proclaim the gospel in word and deed throughout the world, to encourage believers in the faith, and to teach and train believers in the principles of godly, fruitful living.

As a team member, I understand FEI's Core Values listed below and agree to uphold them with the team as we prepare and travel with Forward Edge:

Grace Not Works. We believe the message of Jesus means all people everywhere can have an intimate relationship with God based entirely upon His unmerited favor (grace), not their good works.

Relationships are Critical. We believe people are more important than tasks or programs. Relationships – with God and others – are the spiritual core of the Christian life.

Every Christian a Minister. We believe God has given every Christian special gifts and abilities, and that He intends to use each of us in unique and significant ways to further His purposes.

Unity Among Believers. We believe unity and cooperation among believers is more important than agreement on peripheral doctrine. In matters of doctrine, we seek to major in the majors and minor in the minors.

God Uses Ordinary People. We believe the mission of the church will be accomplished by ordinary people, not a handful of super-gifted leaders.

Servant Leadership. We believe Christian leaders are first and foremost servants. Their focus should be equipping *other Christians* for ministry.

God is Always at Work. We believe God is always at work in the world around us, and that seeming "detours" from our plans – whether on mission trips or in our everyday lives – are often His way of introducing HIS plan.

Team Member

Forward Edge International

By: _____

Team Member Signature (must be handwritten)

By: _____

Team Coordinator Signature

Date: _____

The address and contact information filled out by you on the application will be used in all future communication. Please Contact us at **360.574.3343** with any questions.

Please send us your *signed* coordination agreement/application, and your non-refundable deposit. (Email: fei@forwardedge.org, fax: 360.574.2118, mail: 15121-A NE 72nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98686) NOTE: If you are faxing or scanning and emailing your application, please be sure to make your deposit payment online:



Individual Application

I am applying for:

Date of Trip: _____

Destination: _____

Team Number: _____

Included with this application is my non-refundable first payment of \$175.00 which I have paid* : with a check online through the FEI Website

**The non-refundable deposit will be used towards your team fees.*

Full Name (as appears on drivers license or passport): _____

Preferred Name: _____

personal information

Birth Date: _____

Gender: M F

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number (Home): _____

Phone Number (Cell): _____

E-mail Address: _____

How did you hear about Forward Edge?: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

T-shirt Size (unisex adult sizes – please select): S M L XL XXL

emergency information

Are any family members traveling with you on this trip?

Y N

If so, whom and how are you related?

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number (Home): _____

Phone Number (Cell): _____

medical background

Describe your health: Excellent Good Fair Poor

Allergies: _____

Physical limitations: _____

Medical conditions: _____

Medications currently using: _____

church information

Name of Home Church:

Denomination/Affiliation:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Name of Senior Pastor:

Number of years attending:

Name of Youth Pastor:

How long have you been a Christian?

experience and skills

Occupation:

Languages spoken besides English:

Medical training (if applicable):

Please list previous mission experience (if applicable):

Please list talents and/or special gifts (i.e music, construction, etc):

Please list previous or current professional experience (if applicable):

questions

What motivated you to be a part of this mission trip?

What concerns and or reservations, if any, do you have about this trip?

What expectations do you have for this trip?

agreement and signatures

Forward Edge International's Code of Conduct

Forward Edge International is committed to cultural and spiritual sensitivity at each of its locations. Therefore, all employees, volunteers and team members must agree to withhold from any activity that may compromise the overall relationships and effectiveness of its services while on location. All employees, volunteers and team members are asked to refrain from alcohol consumption, drug use, questionable or vulgar language, public displays of affection or any other culturally offensive behavior while on location with the team.

I understand the expectations and guidelines during this trip with Forward Edge International and agree to adhere to Forward Edge's Code of Conduct while on location with the team. I understand that I am REQUIRED to purchase traveler's/trip insurance for all international Forward Edge trips. I agree to do so in accordance with this requirement. I have completed this application form honestly and have answered all questions to the best of my ability. I also understand, by signing, that pictures taken of me on-site may be used by Forward Edge International, unless I request otherwise.

Signature (must be handwritten)

Date

Signature of Responsible Party (if applicant is under the age of 18)

Date



Liability and Medical Release

Date of Trip:

Destination:

Team Number:

Team (Name of Church Group/Organization):

Forward Edge International is a relief and development organization that mobilizes ordinary people like you to share Christ's love with those affected by poverty, disaster and sickness in the U.S. and around the world. Sending volunteers around the world has many risks, but we believe God desires to use ordinary people to share His love, rather than only those with doctorate degrees and dozens of credentials. In fact, ordinary people like you will change the lives of those you serve FOREVER! We understand that you are going outside your comfort zone to help the destitute of the world. Thank you for partnering with us to help those in desperate need; and for trusting Forward Edge International to provide a wonderful, safe and memorable mission trip. We hope this mission trip changes your life and your view of the world forever.

I certify that _____ is willing to participate and/or travel with Forward Edge
Applicant's Name

International (FEI) and that if I am under the age of 18, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) fully support my participation. I trust Forward Edge International (FEI) and its affiliates to effectively reach the poor, destitute and hurting of the world through volunteers like me. I know that FEI will work hard to ensure my safety during my travels and therefore release Forward Edge International (FEI) and its affiliates from any liability arising out of an injury, illness, damage or loss that I may sustain during my trip with Forward Edge.

Print Applicant's Name:

Date:

Applicant's Signature (or legal guardian, if applicant is under 18 years of age) **Must be handwritten:**

Relationship to Applicant, if applicable:

Medical Liability and Treatment

I agree to let the group leader and/or facilitator make medical decisions on the behalf of _____
Applicant's Name

in the case of an emergency during the trip. I agree to the performance of required treatment, anesthetics and operations that are deemed necessary on the said person in the opinion of the attending physician. I assume responsibility for all medical bills for the said person. Should it be necessary for the said person to return home for medical reasons, I will assume total transportation costs, if any.

Print Applicant's Name:

Date:

Applicant's Signature (or legal guardian, if applicant is under 18 years of age) **Must be handwritten:**

Relationship to Applicant, if applicable:

Medical Insurance

Name of Medical Insurance Company:

Policy Number: