

Oaxaca, Mexico Vision Trip



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FEI Vision Trip - Team #771

October 4-8, 2010

Changing Lives!

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.



Volunteers will travel to the Southern part of Mexico to Oaxaca City in the State of Oaxaca.

mountains, disease and poverty are rampant and the people are desperate for help...for hope!

We believe that *where there is much need, there is much opportunity*. Rather than simply looking for churches to “send short-term teams,” our desire is to seek out *partners* who have the vision and passion to truly see lives transformed. We wish to join forces with partners who will make a relational investment in the lives of those ministered to.

We invite you to join the Pastors' Vision team for five days in Oaxaca, where you'll experience the ministry of FEI and learn more about the opportunities available for you and your congregation to serve Christ by serving the “*least of these*.”

For More Information:

Please contact **Bob Craddock, Director of Strategic Partnerships** at bobc@forwardedge.org or 360.574.3343.



Oaxaca Facts

Only **7%** of the population is Christian.

In Oaxaca, more than **50%** of all homes have dirt floors.

A concrete floor typically costs **\$200**—an entire year's wages.



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Ordinary People ▶ Extraordinary Purpose



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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.

Opportunities for Partnership:

Trigo Y Miel (Wheat and Honey)

Pastor Victor and his wife Lety feed over 160 children a day with volunteer help of local mothers. Children, who live just outside the city dump, walk up to three miles each way, every day to hear words of love and affirmation, receive help with their studies, and to receive a nutritious meal. The Velascos have a vision to build a children's home and ministry center for these vulnerable children. To make this vision a reality, the Velascos recently sold their home to purchase the land adjacent to the dump, where they now live, and devote their entire lives to this ministry.

Dar Es Amor (To Give is Love)

Recently retired doctor and attorney Candido & Irene Lopez are ramping up their ministry to the poor. They have opened their home to the community, and have plans to build a medical clinic on their property. The hope is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual healing to the poorest of the poor in Oaxaca.

Manos de Ayuda (Helping Hands)

Longtime friends of FEI, Manos de Ayuda has a mission of ministering to the poor's specific medical needs. For years FEI has partnered with Manos de Ayuda, sending medical teams to care for the many hurting in Oaxaca. Last season an FEI team used the clinic at Manos de Ayuda to perform over 100 cataract surgeries in six days!

12 de Mayo (The 12th of May)

Pastors Joel and Elia Garcia are doing a wonderful job in their impoverished community. They are beginning to be looked at as community leaders there, as they partner with FEI to provide them with concrete flooring for their homes, as well as ministering to the families there. They are slowly, yet surely, sharing the love of Christ with their community by meeting their physical, as well as emotional needs.

Join Us:

At Forward Edge we say that **"Everyone should have an opportunity to change a LIFE"**. We sincerely hope you'll take this opportunity to learn firsthand how you can **partner** with FEI and these local ministries, providing your church with a Christ-centered, low-cost and effective way to change lives.

Cost: The trip has a reduced fee of \$420* which will cover everything once you arrive in-country: Food, lodging, ground transportation, interpreter, and complete logistical coordination will be covered. *Fee does not include your flight to Oaxaca. Trip insurance is also required and will cost approximately \$20.

Other Information: As soon as Forward Edge receives confirmation of your participation, we'll send a packing list, more details, and information about coordinating flights. Please contact **Bob Craddock** at bobc@forwardedge.org or **360.574.3343** to reserve your space on this amazing trip!

IMPORTANT DATES

July 7, 2010:

Application & Liability
Release Form and
\$210 deposit DUE

September 4, 2010:

\$210 Final half of trip
fee DUE

September 20, 2010:

Proof of Travel
insurance DUE.



Volunteers and locals work together to provide villagers with concrete floors in their homes.