

Oaxaca, Mexico



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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.

the 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*. 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:

Please contact **Nicole Klepec**, Team Coordinator for **Mexico** at Nicole@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 **\$250**—an entire year's wages.



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.

Opportunities:

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.

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.

Passport:

A passport is now required to enter Mexico. 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.

Preparations:

As soon as Forward Edge receives completed applications, we'll send you a team pack: T-shirt, training materials and information on Oaxaca. Please contact your group leader for more information. Your group leader will be in close contact with Team Coordinator Matt Harris at Forward Edge.

Cost:

The trip rate for all teams to Oaxaca in 2010 has been reduced to **\$595** for 7 nights.* This 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 required and will cost approximately \$20.

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IMPORTANT DATES

90 Days Prior to Departure:

Application & Liability Release Form and **DUE.**

60 Days Prior to Departure:

Half payment of **\$297.50 DUE.**

30 Days Prior to Departure:

Final payment of **\$297.50 DUE.**

2 Weeks prior to Departure:

Proof of Travel insurance **DUE..**



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

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