

# Sierra Tarahumara Mountains, Mexico



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## Forward Edge Team

2010 Season

### 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 **Nicole Klepec**, Forward Edge Team Coordinator for **Mexico** at **360.574.3343** or **nicole@forwardedge.org**



A church gathering in one of the remote villages

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should have  
an  
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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 **\$495**. 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 **Group 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, rudimentary toilets, makeshift showers, and beds. You will need to bring your own bedding and mattresses. 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 your **group leader** for more information. Your leader will be in close contact with FEI Mexico Team Coordinator Nicole Klepec. **[nicole@forwardedge.org](mailto:nicole@forwardedge.org) 360-574-3343**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 90 Days:

Application & Liability Release Form DUE.

### 60 Days:

\$247.50

Half Payment DUE.

### 30 Days:

\$247.50

Full Payment DUE

### 2 Weeks:

Trip/Travel insurance secured for team



A young villager

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