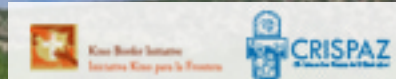


CROSSING BORDERS FOR JUSTICE



An intimate journey with migrants between El Salvador and USA. CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador) & Kino Border Initiative (KBI) are announcing our first joint Crossing Borders for Justice Delegation June 26 – July 6

About the Delegation:

This first joint CRISPAZ/KBI delegation will explore the intimate human elements of the El Salvador/USA migration situation. As CRISPAZ Board member Fr. Dan Groody states, -*“The Bible reminds us that the debates surrounding immigration are first of all about human beings who are made in the image and likeness of God. Policy debates, statistics, spreadsheets, and economic outcomes have their place in the debate, but without considering the human costs surrounding migration we have an impoverished sense of the core issues at stake.”*

The overall objective of this delegation is to raise awareness and understanding of migration issues in El Salvador and the US so as to ignite involvement in pastoral interaction with migrants, engage in research, get involved in advocacy and push for the transformation of policies and causes of migration.



The first 6 days will be spent in El Salvador visiting with CRISPAZ’s church-community based partners that work with families of disappeared migrants and examining human rights. This will include a one night community home stay where participants will learn how situations in a community influence migration decisions as well as how families are affected by migration. Conversation with various partner organizations will help participants understand more deeply the root causes of the past and present day exodus of Salvadorans. In particular, reflection will focus on listening for ways to reduce the need for people to leave their home country in addition to finding advocacy opportunities to change internal US policies toward immigrants. CRISPAZ continues its more than 30-year involvement with migration issues as we help visitors understand more fully the historical, economic, political and religious past and present realities of El Salvador. The sixth day will be for travel north by air via Houston to the Mexico/US border at Nogales, AZ/Nogales, MX.



The final 4 days will be hosted by Kino Border Initiative and will focus on the migrant experience at the border. Activities will include: a hike in the US desert close to migrant trails, time with deported and northern bound migrants at KBI’s hospitality center in Mexico, a tour along the “wall” between the US and Mexico, and a visit to the court in Tucson where delegates will observe recently detained migrants who are charged with the crimes of illegal entry and reentry in a rapid assembly-style trial. July 6 will be the return home travel day.



PERSONS WHO APPLY FOR THIS EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE:

- Committed to social justice issues, particularly with regard to immigration.
- Willing to learn more of the plight of the marginalized who are forced to leave their homes
- Willing to apply what is learned in this experience as advocates and educators in their communities.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Please apply by **March 15, 2016** to reserve your space and allow ample time to arrange your flights. Participants will be chosen giving greatest consideration to applicants who fit the criteria mentioned above.

LOGISTICS: The “in-country” 10 days cost for both El Salvador and US/MX border will be \$1,200.00. This covers all hospitality, transportation, delegation leader, home stay and speaker expenses. This cost does not include airfare from your home to El Salvador, to Tucson and back to your home. (Flight price example: Louisville, San Salvador, Tucson, Louisville) \$783.00 Total delegation cost: \$2,000.00 approx.



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