

Liturgy and the World: Borders and Beyond: Travel Seminar

Fall 2010

Monday 6:00-8:50 pm (see calendar below for dates)

Schlegel Hall ??

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Liturgy and the World Travel Seminars:

Liturgy and the World is a series of Travel Seminars to different places around the globe as we engage ourselves to understand cultures, situations, issues and the world liturgically, i.e., from an undivided connection between how and what we pray, believe and practice (*lex orandi, credenda* and *agendi*). Participants will be prepared in advance with readings, lectures, class presentations and media about the place of visit, its cultural, economic, and religious history, including inter-religious and Christian presence in that place. The group will visit places and be in contact and conversation with local people, social institutions and visit religious centers such as churches, mosques, shrines and temples and make connections between the liturgical practices, theological constructions and ways of experiencing God, faith and daily life.

Liturgy and the World: Borders and Beyond - Travel Seminar to El Paso, TX, USA and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico

Description

This travel seminar engages several themes that compose the multilayered and complex realities of borderlands through border studies with the intention of responding to these realities from liturgical and theological perspectives. This course will explore issues such as immigration, economy, nationhood, citizenship, violence, drugs, class, gender, poverty, race, sex, ethnographic and create possible responses to the ethical challenges of creating culturally diverse communities of peace and embodying authentic Christian faith in highly tense contexts. This course, which includes class time/pre-trip seminar and travelling is offered for three credits and is designed to prepare students for successful participation in the El Paso/Juarez Travel Seminar. However, students who are not traveling may opt to take the pre-trip seminar for one credit, as long as they attend all class sessions, do all the readings, and write the eight one-page papers as described below.

Goals and Objectives:

The goal of the course is to orient students to the ever tense relations of the border landscape between US and Mexico and prepare them for an engagement in locus with these social realities and offer tools for theological and liturgical responses for civil/ministerial work.

Students will

- through reading of primary and secondary sources, viewing visual media, and participation in class discussion, gain an expanded understandings of connections between the borderlands and liturgical-theological issues;
- through reading, discussion, and in writing, sharpen their skills of theological-cultural-economic-liturgical interpretation;

- through oral contributions to discussion and in their contributions to an oral exam, demonstrate a basic understanding of key themes that surround border studies and develop capacities to engage these themes in their own theological, ethical and ministerial reflections.
- through the seminar, students will be empowered to make ethical choices and be agents of reconciliation and be faithful Christian witness in the world. Drawing on a number of resources, including interviews, readings, documentary films, and first hand experiences, students and participants will learn how to combine praxis, prayers and theologies and then be able to create liturgies that connect border realities with Christian practices.

Requirements:

1. Preparation for class and active, thoughtful participation in discussion. (5%);
2. Eight one-page response papers: students will engage every assigned text/movie assigned for each class meeting and offer a brief theological response. (30%)
3. Write a liturgy for a given Sunday that deals with borderland issues (35%)
4. Final examination: an oral examination will be scheduled after the travel both with the instructor and site coordinator (Amy Robinson via Skype). Students will consult with the instructors to determine the specific focus of this conversation/examination. (30%)

Required Books:

- De La Torre, Miguel A. *Trails of Hope and Terror, Testimonies of Immigration*. Maryknoll, NY, Orbis Books, 2009.
- Martinez, Oscar. *Border People. Life and Society in the U.S. – Mexico Borderlands* (Tucson, AZ: The University of Arizona Press), 1994. Pablo Vila *Border Identifications. Narratives of Religion, Gender, and Class on the U.S.-Mexico Border* (Austin, TX: University of Texas Press), 2005.

Recommended books:

- Portes, Alejandro and Rumbaut, Rubén G. Eds. *Immigrant America, A Portrait*. Berkeley, US: The University of California Press, 2006.
- Chomsky, Aviva. *They Take Our Jobs*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 2007.
- Brad Epps, Keja Valens and González, Bill Johnson Eds. *Passing Lines, Sexuality and Immigration*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University, 2005.
- Gluck, Carol and Lowenhaupt Tsing, Ana. Eds. *Words in Motion: Toward a Global Lexicon*. London, UK: Duke University Press, 2009.
- Groody, Daniel G. and Campese, Giocchino . Eds. *A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey. Theological Perspectives on Migration*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame, 2009.
- Bacon, David. *Illegal People. How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 2008.
- Valdez, Diana Washington. *The Killing Fields: Harvest of Women*. Peace at the Border, 2006.
- Anzaldúa, Diana Washington *Borderlands/La Frontera, The New Mestiza*. San Francisco: Aunt Lute Books, 1999,
- Gomez-Pena, Guillermo, *Dangerous Border Crossers*. London and New York: Routledge, 2000; and *The New World Border. Prophecies, Poems & Loqueras for the End of the Century*. San Francisco: City Lights, 1996.
- Stavans, Ilan . Ed. *Becoming Americans, Four Centuries of Immigrant Writing*. Canada: Pinguin Books, 2009.

- Chácon, Justin Akers and Davis, Mike. *No One Is Illegal. Fighting Racism and State Violence on the US- Mexico Border*. Chicago, IL: Haymarket Books, 2006.
- Marciniak, Katarzyna. *Alienhood. Citizenship, Exile and the Logic of Difference*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2006.
- Crosthwaite, Luis Humberto and William Byrd, John and Byrd, Bobby. Eds. *Puro Border: Dispatches, Snapshots & Graffiti from La Frontera*. El Paso, Tx: Cinco Puntos Press, 2003.
- Suárez-Orozco, Marcelo M. and M. Paéz, Mariela. Eds. *Latinos Remaking America*. Berkeley, US: The University of California Press, 2009.
- Soerens, Matthew and Hwang, Jenny. *Welcoming the Stranger, Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009.
- Carrol R., M. Daniel. *Christians and the Borders. Immigration, the Church and the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MN: Baker Publishing Group, 2008.
- Martinez, Oscar. *Border People. Life and Society in the U.S. – Mexico Borderlands*. Tucson, AZ: The University of Arizona Press, 1994.
- Cuadros, Paul. *A Home in the Field. How One Championship Soccer Team inspires Hope for the Revival of Small Town America*. New York: NY: Harper, 2006.
- Levitt, Peggy. *God Needs no Passport. Immigrants and the Changing American Religious Landscape*. New York, NY: The New Press, 2007.

Note: All of the required and recommended books will be on reserve at the library.

Academic honesty:

All work turned in to the instructors is expected to be the work of the student whose name appears on the assignment. Any borrowing of the ideas or the words of others must be acknowledged by quotation marks (where appropriate) and by citation of author and source. Students unfamiliar with issues relating to academic honesty can find help from the staff in the Academic Support Center and should make use of the available resources at an early date, since violations of seminary policy on academic honesty can lead to a failing grade for the course.

Accessibility and Accommodation:

Students requiring accommodation for a physical or learning disability should be in contact with the Director of the Academic Support Center (ASC; kmapes@lpts.edu) within the first few days of the course and should speak with the instructors as soon as possible to arrange appropriate adjustments. Students with environmental or other sensitivities that may affect their learning are also encouraged to speak with the instructor.

Inclusive Language:

The use of inclusive language in course work is a policy of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Direct quotations from theological texts and translations of the Bible do not have to be altered to conform to this policy. In your own writing, however, avoid language for people that leaves out part of the population or perpetuates stereotypes. Do not assume masculine gender when the gender of the person is unknown. When referring to God, you are encouraged to use a variety of images and metaphors. See

http://www.lpts.edu/Academic_Resources/ASC/avoidinggenderbiasinlanguage.asp.

Borderlinks

We will be hosted and guided by *Borderlinks*.

Mission

BorderLinks is an international leader in experiential education that raises awareness and inspires action around global political economics. BorderLinks grew out of the Sanctuary Movement in the 1980's when faith communities, universities, and other organizations rallied to advocate on behalf of thousands of refugees fleeing persecution in Central America. Today, BorderLinks' educational programs focus on issues of immigration, community formation, development, and social justice in the borderlands between Mexico, the U.S and beyond. As a bi-national organization, BorderLinks brings people together to build bridges of solidarity across North and Latin American borders and promote intercultural understanding and respect.

Vision Statement

BorderLinks envisions a world in which people, within and across social borders, respect and care for each other, value and celebrate differences, and build healthy and just communities where everyone has equal opportunity for a full and dignified life.

To know more about Borderlinks please check their website:

<http://www.borderlinks.org/index.php>

Costs Per Person:

Lodging, food and transportation at the borders for 4 days – \$ 520,00

Travel – approximately \$ 290,00

In addition to course tuition, the cost per person for the trip will be \$ 810,00

* Note: The class can find ways of raising money the same way that other travel seminars also do.

Travel - October 22-27

Schedule – To be defined with students

See below samples of two trips. Students will define the places they want to visit.

Calendar of Topics and Assignments:

September 13

Talk about the class, define readings for the semester and plan the trip. One hour.

September 20

First Part – 6:00- 7:20 pm

Globalism, World Migration, Nation/State Borders and Citizenship

Required:

- Reading
Anzaldúa, Gloria *Borderlands/La Frontera, The New Mestiza*. San Francisco: Aunt Lute Books, 1999. This book will be divided in class.
Levitt, Peggy. "Between the Nation, the World, and God" in *God Needs no Passport, Immigrants and the Changing American Religious Landscape*. New York: The New Press, 2007, pp. 67-91.
- Film: *The 800 Mile Wall*, by Gatekeeper Productions, 2009

Second Part –7:30-8:50 pm

Ethnography – People's Stories

Required:

- Reading
De La Torre, Miguel A. *Trails of Hope and Terror. Testimonies of Immigration*. New York: Maryknoll, 2009
- Film
The Invisible Mexicans of Deer Canyon, 2006 Director: John Carlos Frey

Recommended:

- Reading
Koser, Khalid. *International Migration, a Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007
Levitt, Peggy. "Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging" in *God Needs no Passport, Immigrants and the Changing American Religious Landscape*. New York: The New Press, 2007, pp. 9-26.
Nevins, Joseph. *Dying to Live, A Story of Immigration in an Age of Global Apartheid* San Francisco: Open Media City Light Books, 2008
Anzaldúa, Gloria. *Borderlands/La Frontera, The New Mestiza* (Entire)
- Film:
Lemon Tree (2008), Director: Eran Riklis
Rabbit Proof-Fence, Director: Philip Noyce

October 4

First Part - 6:00- 7:20 pm

Border People

Required:

- Reading

Martínez, Oscar J. *Border People. Life and Society in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 1994. This book will be divided in class.

- Film
The Gatekeeper, 2004

Second Part - 7:30-8:50 pm

Economy – NAFTA – North American Free Trade Agreement, the Maquiladora Industry and the Drug Cartel

Required

- Reading
Fernandez-Kelly, Maria Patricia. *For We are Sold, I and My People*. New York: State University of New York Press, 1984. This book will be divided in class.
- Film
A Day Without a Mexican (2004), Director: Sergio Arau

Recommended:

- Reading
Cull, Nicholas J. & Carrasco, David. Eds. *Alambrista and the U.S. – Mexico Border. Film, Music and Stories of Undocumented Immigrants*. Albuquerque, NM: The University of New Mexico Press, 2004.
- Film
Maria full of Grace, 2004, Director: Director: Paul Mezey

October 18

First Part - 6:00- 7:20 pm

Religion Gender and Class

Required:

- Reading
Vila, Pablo *Border Identification. Narratives of Religion, Gender and Class on the U.S. – Mexico Border*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2005. This book will be divided in class.
- Film
Romantico, 2007, Director: Mark Becker

Recommended:

- Pablo Vila, *Border Identification. Narratives of Religion, Gender and Class on the U.S. – Mexico Border* (Entire)

Second Part - 7:30-8:50 pm

Community Building, Undocumented People and Myths About Immigrants

Required:

- Reading
Gluck Carol and Tsing, Anna Lowenhaupt. Eds. “Segurança;Security in Brazil and the United States,” and “Chumchon/Community in Thailand” in *Words in Motion: Toward a Global Lexicon*. London, UK: Duke University Press, 2009, pp. 21-39 and 286-305

- Film
Sin Nombre, 2008, Director: Cary Fukunaga
Crossing Arizona, Where do you draw the line? Directors: Joseph Mathew and Dan DeVivo
- Recommended
- Chomsky, Aviva. *They Take Our Jobs* (Boston, MA: Beacon Press), 2007.

November 8

First Part - 6:00- 7:20 pm

Theological Liturgical Responses I

Required:

- Reading
Soerens, Matthew and Hwang, Jenny. *Welcoming the Stranger, Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press,
This book will be divided in class.
- Film
The Invisible Chapel, 2007, Director: John Carlos Frey

Recommended:

Soerens, Matthew and Hwang, Jenny. *Welcoming the Stranger, Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate* (Entire)

Second Part - 7:30-8:50 pm

Theological Liturgical Responses II

Required

- Reading
Groody, Daniel G. and Campese, Giocchino. Eds. *A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey. Theological Perspectives on Migration*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame, 2009.
This book will be divided in class.
- Film:
One Border, One Body, Immigration and the Eucharist, 2009, Director: Daniel G. Groody

Recommended:

- Groody, Daniel G. and Campese, Giocchino. Eds. *A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey. Theological Perspectives on Migration* (Entire)

Note: Students will not necessarily read all of the required books in their entirety; parts of some of the books will be divided among the students so that all of the issues in each book will be visited during class time.

Travel - October 22-27

Schedule – To be defined with students

See below samples of two trips. Students will define the places they want to visit.



**St. Bonaventure University
February 27 – March 2, 2010**

Participants: 5

Leaders: Manuel Morales and Elsbeth Pollack

**Locations: Arizona – Palominas, Tucson, Douglas
Sonora, México – Agua Prieta**

Please note: this schedule is subject to change.

Saturday, February 27 /Sábado, 27 de Febrero

7:30 pm Flight arrives in Tucson/ Llegan a Tucson
8:30pm All arrive at BLX/ Todos llegan a BLX
8:45pm Brief Orientation/ Orientación breve
***Overnight at BLX/Quedarse en BLX

Sunday, February 28 / Domingo, 28 de Febrero

7:00am Breakfast at BLX/ Desayuno en BLX

8:00am Mariachi Mass, St. Augustine/ Misa Mariachi, St. Augustine
Dating back to the end of the 19th century, attractions at St. Augustine Cathedral include a cavernous interior, a large dome and Sunday services in both English and Spanish. The artwork inside the building resembles desert scenes, with carvings of yucca and cacti, while the striking exterior is in typical beige and white Spanish Colonial style. The Sunday Mariachi Mass is a must-see for those so inclined.

9:15am Unpacking Your Backpack/ Desempacando su Mochilla
As a group, we'll "unpack our backpack" – the experiences, perspectives and ideas that we carry with us on our journey and how those may impact what we encounter.

10:15am Pack the van/ Preparar el van para salir

10:30am Drive to Palominas (sack lunch)/ Salir para Palominas

1:00pm Discussion with Bill Odle/ Platica con Bill Odle
Rancher Bill Odle has land along the US-Mexico Border near the San Pedro River Reserve. As a land-owner he has direct daily contact with the Border Patrol, migrants, and the Homeland Security contractors who work on border enforcement. Bill's opinion about the border wall comes from many different factors, but his primary concerns stem from an environmental perspective

3:00 pm Leave for Agua Prieta/ Salir para Agua Prieta

4:30pm Discussion with Mark Adams/ Platica con Mark Adams
Mark Adams is a pastor and mission worker of the Presbyterian Church working with the border mission Frontera de Cristo. He is a resident of Agua Prieta and spends most of his day working with migrant assistance programs on both sides of the border.

6:00 pm Get van permit and visas/ Permiso para el van y visas

6:30pm Dinner in CAME/ Cena en CAME

CAME is a migrant shelter run by the Catholic Church. The majority of migrants that stay there have already attempted to journey across the line but have been detained and deported.

8:00pm Reflection/ Reflexión
***Overnight in CAME/Quedarse en CAME

Monday, March 1/ Lunes, 1 de Marzo

7:00am Breakfast in CAME/ Desayuno en CAME

8:00 am Market Basket Survey/ La Canasta Básica
The Market Basket Survey is a participatory activity that demonstrates the cost of living in Agua Prieta, and many border cities in comparison with the United States. It takes into account prices of goods and buying power.

9:30 am Tour of a Maquila: Takata/ Tur de una Maquila
Takata is a Japanese owned seat belt manufacturer that has a plant in A.P. as part of the maquiladora section of the free trade agreement. A maquiladora is a U.S. or foreign owned manufacturing plant most likely under the Border Industrialization or NAFTA program that uses Mexican labor to produce goods for export.

12:00pm Lunch and tour with Las Chicas Bravas/ Lonche y un tur con Las Chicas Bravas
They dreamed of starting their own company, one which would not discriminate against women. A company, a collective, run by women. With a CRT glass purchase order from a modern smelter (using 200 tons per day of leaded silica from mines), a legal import permit, and months of cross-training with their partners in Vermont, these ladies were ready to make their mark. Nicknamed "Las Chicas Bravas", or the "Tough Gals", this organization represents environmentalism and empowerment. Creating jobs at home with their families, they have inspired people across the Americas.

3:00pm Just Coffee/ Café Justo
Just Coffee is a "fair trade plus," cooperative. The entire coffee production process including roasting happens within the cooperative, therefore, unlike most other fair trade coffees, all the money that comes from a sale of coffee stays within Mexico. It has allowed several families of coffee growers in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico to stay on their land cultivating coffee. It is a great visit to look at a successful economic alternative to migration. It is also a good promotion for responsible consumption.

4:45pm Meet with Mexican Professor/ Platica con la profesora
We will have a chance to compare and talk about our experiences in University with a Mexican professor, as well as talk about some of the important issues that have come up for us.

5:45pm Process Market Basket at Lily of the Valley/ Procesar la Canasta Básica en Lirio del Valle

6:30pm Dinner at Lily of the Valley/ Cena en Lirio del Valle
Lily of the Valley is a Presbyterian Church associated with Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta. They provide hospitality and are very involved in the community.

8:00pm Reflection / Reflexión
***Overnight at Lily of the Valley/Quedarse en Lirio del Valle

Tuesday, March 2/ Martes, 2 de Marzo

7:00am Breakfast at Lily of the Valley/ Desayuno en Lirio del Valle

8:00am Drive to Tucson/ Salir para Tucson

11:00am Free time at BLX (showers)/ Tiempo libre para ducharse

- 12:00pm** Lunch & Sustainable Food presentation with Susy McKibben/ *Lonche y Comida Sustentable*
The BorderLinks Sustainable Food Program provides delegation participants with delicious healthy, local, organic, vegetarian meals, while also integrating educational activities around food security and the link between consumer choices, global economics, and immigration. Susy is a BorderLinks delegation leader as well as staff for the Sustainable Food Program.
- 1:30pm** Operation Streamline/ Operación Streamline
Operation Streamline, which began in Tucson in January of 2008, is a zero-tolerance program targeting illegal entrants apprehended along the Arizona border with Mexico. Based on other initiatives begun in Del Rio, Texas and Yuma, AZ, the initiative aims to process 100 migrants with misdemeanors and deport them, thus setting the stage for stiffer and longer penalties for repeat offenders.
- 3:45pm** Chat with Public Defender Jay Sagar/ Plática con Defensor Público Jay Sagar
- 6:00pm** Dinner at BorderLinks with Cindy Schlosser from the Florence Project/ Cena en BLX
The Florence Project is a nonprofit legal service organization that provides free legal services to men, women and children detained by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), formerly known as the INS. Although the government assists indigent criminal defendants and civil litigants through public defenders and legal aid attorneys, it does not provide attorneys for people facing deportation charges. As a result, 90 percent of the detained people go unrepresented due to poverty. The Florence Project strives to address this inequity both locally and nationally.
- 8:00pm Final Reflection/ Reflexión Final
***Overnight at BorderLinks/ Quedarse en BorderLinks

Phone Numbers

To call the U.S. from Mexico: 001-area code + number

To call a Mexican cell phone from Mexico: 044-631 + number

BorderLinks (Tucson Office)	520.628.8263
On-Call Phone (Tucson)	520.820.4959
Elsbeth cell	520. 461.4885
Elsbeth cell 2	412.337.9765
Cecilia Guzman's cell	
(Nogales delegation coordinator):	011-52-1-631-100-5561



Westminster Presbyterian and College of Wooster
March 7-13, 2010

Number of Participants: 11

Trip Leaders: MaryCruz Sandoval and Tracy Hughes

Sunday, March 7,

11:45-4:55 Arrivals from the Airport/*Llegadas en el Aeropuerto*
5:30-6:30 Dinner at Borderlinks (BLX)/*Cenar en BLX Tucson*
7:00-9:00 Documentary "Crossing Arizona"/*Ver el Documentario "Crossing Arizona"*
9:00 Airport Pick-Up/*Llegada en el Aeropuerto*
Sleep at BLX Tucson/*Dormir en BLX Tucson*

Monday, March 8

7:00am Breakfast/*Desayunar*
8:00-9:00 Orientation and "Unpacking Your Backpack"/*Orientacion y Desempacar Su Muchilla*
9:00-12:00 Visit Border Patrol in Nogales, AZ/*Visitar BP en Nogales, AZ*
12:00-1:00 Lunch at BLX/*Almuerzo en BLX*
1:30-3:00 Immigration Simulation/*Simulacion Migracion*
3:00-5:00 Documentary "800 Mile Wall" and discussion/*Ver el Documentario "800 Mile Wall"*
5:30-6:30 Dinner at BLX/*Cenar en BLX*
6:30-7:30 Time for Journaling or Personal Time/*Tiempo para Escribiendo y Tiempo Personal*
7:30-8:30 Group Reflection/*Refleccion del Grupo*
Sleep at BLX Tucson/*Dormir en BLX Tucson*

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 Breakfast and Pack the Van/*Desayunar y Empacar el Van*
7:30-11:30 Desert Walk and Trash Pick-Up/*Camino en el Desierto y Colectar Basura*
12:00-1:00 Lunch at BLX/*Almuerzo en BLX*
1:15-4:00 Operation Streamline and Public Defenders/*Operacion Streamline y Los Abogados*
4:00-5:30 Drive to the "Casa" in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico/*Viajar a la Casa en Nogales, Sonora*
5:30-6:30 Dinner at the "Casa"/*Cenar en la Casa*
7:00-8:00 Group Reflection/*Refleccion del Grupo*

Sleep at the "Casa" dorms in Nogales, Sonora/*Dormir en el Dormitorio en la Casa, Nogales, Sonora*

Wednesday, March 10

7:30 Breakfast/*Desayunar*

9:00-10:30	Visit with Joanna/ <i>Visita con Joanna</i>
11:00-12:00	Conversation with Alma Rosa and Lupita Felix/ <i>Intercombio con Alma Rosa y Lupita Felix</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch at the Casa with Children's Food Security Program/ <i>Almuerzo con la Programa de Seguridad del Comida de Niños el la Casa</i>
1:00-2:00	Time for Journaling or Personal Time/ <i>Tiempo para Escribiendo y Tiempo Personal</i>
2:00-3:30	Grupos Beta/ <i>Visita Grupos Beta</i> and Wall Observation/ <i>Observacion del Muro</i>
3:30-4:30	Group Reflection at the "Casa"/ <i>Refelcion del Grupo en la Casa</i>
4:30	Go to Home Stays/ <i>Viajar a las Casa de las Familias</i>
Sleep at Home Stays in Nogales, Sonora/ <i>Dormir con las Familias en Nogales, Sonora</i>	

Thursday, March 11

7:30	Breakfast with Home Stays/ <i>Desaunar con las Familias</i>
9:30-10:30	DIF Shelter for Repatriated Minors in Nogales/ <i>Visita DIF Hogar para Menores Repatriados</i>
10:30-12:00	Begin Drive to Altar/ <i>Comenzar la Viaje a Altar</i>
12:00-1:30	Lunch and Free time in Magdalena/ <i>Almuerzo y Tiempo Libre en Magdalena</i>
1:30-3:00	Arrive at Altar/ <i>Llegar a Altar</i>
3:00-4:00	Visit Migrant Guest House/ <i>Visitar un Casa Huespedes de Migrantes</i>
4:30	Arrive at CCAMYN/ <i>Llegar a CCAMYN</i>
5:00-6:00	Dinner and Conversation with Migrants at CCAMYN/ <i>Cenar y Intercombio con Migrantes en CCAMYN</i>
6:30-7:30	Conversation with Worker at CCAMYN/ <i>Intercombio con Trabajadoro de CCAMYN</i>
8:00-8:30	Group Reflections/ <i>Reflecion del Grupo</i>
Sleep at CCAMYN in Altar, Sonora/ <i>Dormir en CCAMYN en Altar</i>	

Friday, March 12

7:00	Breakfast at CCAMYN/ <i>Desayunar en CCAMYN</i>
7:30-8:30	Altar Park Observation/ <i>Observacion en Parqu Central de Altar</i>
9:00-12:00	Drive to Nogales, Sonora/ <i>Viajar a Noglaes, Sonora</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch in Nogales, Sonora/ <i>Almuerzar en Noglaes, Sonora</i>
1:00-2:30	Drive to Tucson/ <i>Viajar a Tucson</i>
2:30-3:30	Time for Journaling and Personal Time/ <i>Tiempo para Escribiendo y Tiempo Personal</i>
3:30-5:00	Art with Debbi McCullough/ <i>Proyecto de Arte con Debbie McCullough</i>
5:00-6:00	Dinner at BLX Tucson/ <i>Cenar en BLX Tuson</i>
6:30-7:30	Final Reflection/ <i>Reflecion Final</i>
7:30-8:00	Break/ <i>Descanso</i>
8:00-9:00	Final Worship/ <i>Liturgia Final</i>
Sleep at BLX in Tucson/ <i>Dormir en BLX Tucson</i>	

Saturday, March 13

8:00	Breakfast/ <i>Desayunar</i>
9:00	Pack van and go to airport/ <i>Empacar el van y Ir el aeropuerto</i>

Visit Descriptions

Crossing Arizona

“Crossing Arizona” is a documentary that examines the issues of undocumented migration and heightened border security, particularly in the Tucson area. It includes the diverse perspectives of individuals who have responded to the crisis in the desert in very different ways.

800 Mile Wall

“800 Mile Wall” is a newly released documentary about the issues in the Borderlands. It is a very powerful documentary about the “Border Wall”, its effects of human life and the ecology and our national immigration and border security policies.

Border Patrol

The Border Patrol is a federal police force whose jurisdiction spreads throughout the country but concentrates along the 6,000 miles of U.S. border with Canada and Mexico. Their mission is to prevent people who are not in possession of immigration documents from coming into the U.S., as well as those in possession of illegal substances such as drugs. They are part of the Department of Homeland Security since 2003. (Refer also to: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, in this list)

Desert Walk

We will be lead by Ed McCullough, a retired geology professor from the UofA. He has also mapped out hundreds of miles of migrant trails with a GPS for No More Deaths and Samaritan Patrols. This will be a chance to walk the migrant trails in the desert in southern Arizona. You will need long pants and closed toed shoes, water, a hat and sun screen to participate in this activity. We will pick up the trash the migrants leave behind in “drop spots” or in places where they sleep under trees for shade and protection.

Grupos Beta

Grupos Beta is an agency funded by the Mexican government that offers basic services to migrants in Mexico. There are approximately 17 groups scattered along both the northern border with the U.S. and the southern border with Guatemala. Grupos Beta offer migrants who are heading north information on the desert and its dangers as well as their rights once they cross into the U.S. They also offer limited shelter and food to repatriated migrants and work with the Mexican consulates in the U.S. to locate missing people or to coordinate rescue missions.

Border Wall Observation

Construction of the **border wall** in Nogales began in 1994 with Operation Safeguard, part of an effort to seal the areas around urban ports of entry by increasing security features such as physical barriers, technological surveillance, and Border Patrol and military staffing. The 14-foot wall is built out of reused landing strip materials from the Gulf War and has become a site for public art and less formal personal expression.

Casa de la Misericordia (House of Mercy)

BorderLinks, which is a bi-national organization, has the *Casa de la Misericordia* as its center in Nogales, Sonora. The Casa was incorporated into the BorderLinks Organization in 2001, and has become a very important ministry of service and education for the people of Nogales. Some of the programs offered at the Casa include adult education and training classes and the Child Food Security Program, which provides lunch to children and education for their families on nutrition and

gardening (through the on-site garden). The Casa is also home to a women's cooperative that produces jewelry that raises awareness about deaths in the desert. Facilities at the Casa make it possible to host delegations there while visiting Nogales, as well as youth conferences and other groups from throughout the region.

Children's Food Security Program

The Children's Food Security Program strives to offer a nutritious, healthy, and hygienic meal to the neediest children in the colonias adjacent to the Casa de la Misericordia during the months of the school year, thereby contributing to the physical and intellectual development of these children. It also engages families in educational programs about food and nutrition and in participation in a community garden.

DIF Shelter for Repatriated Minors

A shelter for children ages 1 day to 18 years. They house many children especially between the ages of 14-17 who attempt to cross the border alone in search of work to support their families or to reunite with parents already in the United States. The Shelter for Repatriated Minors is a place where they go if they are unable to locate relatives to claim custody. They also care for children who have been mistreated in their homes or are living on the streets.

Visit with Alma Rosa and Lupita Felix

Alma and Lupita are long time volunteers with the "Casa". They are members of the Women's Cooperative at the Casa. Alma's responsibilities include organizing the Food Security Program. Lupita's responsibilities include leading the women in making the "No Mas Muertes" (No More Deaths) necklaces and earrings

Magdalena

A small town south of Nogales, Mexico, on the way to the town of Altar. Here there is a lovely plaza with historical and commercial attractions for tourists. The remains of Fr. Kino are located in the area of the main Church and plaza. Fr. Kino was a Jesuit missionary who traveled widely in the area, establishing missions all over Sonora, and beyond?

Altar, Sonora

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Hospitality Houses (Casas de Huéspedes)

"Hospitality houses" are privately-owned dormitory-style guest houses that were built in response to the large influx of migrants passing through Altar. They often charge inflated prices, taking advantage of migrants' need for lodging as they prepare to cross the border and their unfamiliarity with the area.

CCAMYN (Centro Comunitario de Atención a Migrantes y Necesitados / Attention Center for Migrants and those in Need)

CCAMYN is a Catholic center located in Altar, Sonora, Mexico that offers free lodging and food for migrants at any point of their journey. The purpose is to give vulnerable migrants, who are often

taken advantage of by their “guides,” a free and safe place to stay. They also give advice concerning dangers that they may face and encourage the migrants to watch out for each other.

Plaza in Altar

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