



# S. TEXAS BORDER TRIP

## MAY 3-6 & OCT. 11-14, 2024

Registration Deadline: Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>

Does your heart ache for the thousands of people who are lining up at the US/Mexican border seeking refuge from violence, persecution, and gangs back in their home countries? We invite you on a journey with us to the border with our partners Border Perspective.

### What you will experience:

- A first-hand look at the crisis at the border. Listening, learning and understanding the stories and complexity of the issue.
- Meeting & learning from great organizations and churches responding to the sheer volume of human need.
- Hands on opportunity to serve the local migrant church and organizations that are ministering to these families.
- A cross cultural experience that both challenges and strengthens your faith.
- A greater vision for your own personal role and the church's role in caring for refugees and other vulnerable populations.

### What you can expect logistically...

All flights, accommodation and transportation will be arranged by Overlake. You can expect to stay in dorm type housing (with showers and flushing toilets). The food will either be prepared by some of our local friends or eaten in restaurants.

### Service-Learning Trips provide an opportunity to:

- Grow our hearts for the nations
- Build deeper relationship with our global partners & our understanding of their ministry
- See what God is doing in the world and how we can be part of it
- Serve in practical ways wherever is most helpful
- Offer prayer and encouragement to our partners and other workers on the field
- Engage in mutually beneficial cultural exchanges
- Learn new ways of doing things or doing ministry from our local hosts.
- Be stretched out of our comfort zones and deepen our intimacy with God and one another.

### Inquire or Apply Now!

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# PREPARATION

We recognize that participating in a trip like this can feel intimidating, however we are committed to help equip you for this experience. You don't need any special qualifications, just a willingness to show up and be used by God. However, in order for you to get the most out of your experience, there are some requests we do ask of you.

**Training Meetings:** Please attend all pre-trip training meetings (approx. six). These are vitally important to your personal preparation, as well as that of the team!

**Prayer Team:** Please build a prayer team of around 5-7 people who will commit to praying for you and the team throughout your experience.

**Financial Team:** Please invite friends and family to partner with you financially. This is an opportunity for others to be involved in the mission as well. We will equip you with resources on how to do this.

**Open Heart:** Please approach this experience with a posture of humility and an open heart. We have so much to learn from our hosts as well as what God wants to do personally in each of our lives. Keep in mind, the most important thing may not be the trip itself, but how God wants you to live as a result of your experience.



## Team Leaders: Felix and Loyda Ponce

Felix and Loyda have been an integral part of the Overlake family for years helping to lead our Hispanic ministry. They participated on the border trip last year and can't wait to lead a team this year!

**Estimated Cost:**  
**\$600 + Airfare**

**Trip Fee Includes:**  
Lodging & Meals  
Daily Transportation  
Ministry Expenses

**Does Not Include:**  
Meals in Airport  
Personal Spending Money

## Payment Deadlines:

Airfare Cost Due  
3 months prior to departure

Final Payment Due  
1 month prior to departure

## Where to Make Payments:

Payments can be made via check (made out to OCC) or online at:

[www.occ.org/give](http://www.occ.org/give)

Select "Border Trip"