

MCC Learning Tour – MEXICO - Women and Immigration / October 2008

Day 1 (Sun 10/12) - Border Links - Welcome	
17:00	Arrival in Tucson
19:00	Dinner
20:00	Welcome and introductions
7:30	Breakfast
8:30	Orientation, Introductions, think about the border
10:00	Guadalupe Castillo - history, culture, and immigration in the borderlands <b>OR</b> Reverend John Fife at Southside Presbyterian Church - role of the church and people of faith in the borderlands. No More Deaths movement.
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Leave for Nogales
14:00	Talk with US Border Patrol or Customs & Border Enforcement - immigration issues and US policy.
15:30	Cross the border into Nogales, Sonora. Meet with Alberto Morackis - talk about the culture of Nogales, immigration - public mural project.
18:30	Dinner with recently returned and deported female migrants - Sol de Justicia Presbyterian Church. Hear stories, dialogue
20:30	Overnight at the Casa de la Misericordia, BorderLinks community center in Nogales.
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Group reflection to share feelings and images from the past day's experiences.
10:00	Visit a maquiladora (border factory) with time for questions about economic development on the border and take us on a tour of the plant
12:00	Lunch with Joanna, from ALFO, a maquila worker organizing project concentrating on Mexican federal labor law and worker's rights.
15:00	Join Francisco Trujillo - director of BorderLinks Mexico - economic crisis in Mexico.
17:00	Home stays in Colonia Las Torres, a squatters' settlement on the edge of Nogales. Have <i>dinner</i> with our host families.
07:30	Breakfast
8:00	Second group reflection session to discuss our experiences.
9:30	"Market basket survey" of food prices and cost of living in the city
12:00	Lunch in Colonia Flores Magon - Maricruz – talk about work as community organizer
15:00	Visit to a women's shelter in Nogales
18:00	Dinner – where?
20:00	Overnight at the Casa de la Misericordia
05:30	Leave for Hermosillo
11:30	Flight leaves from Hermosillo – Tuxtla Gutierrez

7 pm	Arrival in San Cristóbal - INESIN
7:30	Breakfast
8:30	Devotional
9:00	Introduction to INESIN - <b>INESIN</b>
11:00	Walking tour of SCLC
13:00	Lunch downtown
15:00	Women and the history of Chiapas - <b>SiPAZ</b>
18:30	Dinner
20:00	Reflection time for the group
7:30	Breakfast
8:30	Contextual Bible study
9:00	<b>OIM</b> – Migration – Central America and Mexico
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	<b>OIM</b> - Migration
13:00	Lunch
17:00	Free time
18:30	Dinner
19:30	Group discussion time about experiences
07:30	Breakfast
8:30	Community visits (Huixtan, Chanal, Chamic)
13:00	Lunch in communities
18:00	Dinner at INESIN
19:00	Group discussion time about experiences
07:30	Breakfast
8:30	Contextual Bible study
9:30	Globalization and it's impact on women - <b>CIEPAC</b>
13:00	Lunch
16:00	<b>Colectiva LAJA</b> – domestic workers/organization and alphabetization
19:00	Dinner
20:00	Reflection time for the group
7:30	Breakfast
8:30	Contextual Bible study
9:30	<b>CODIMUJ</b> – women's / gender work in indigenous communities
13:00	Lunch
15:00	Work in small groups – what we can do
19:00	Dinner
20:00	Fiesta... ¡Fiesta!