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Refuge Mission Trip

The Details.

Registration... Turn in the registration form and a **\$50** non-refundable deposit by Sunday, **Feb 5th**. (You can make it easy and do it before you leave today).

Date... March 31st - April 7th

(We will load up at 3 PM on Saturday and arrive back at 3 PM on Saturday.)

Cost... \$295 per student (There will be many opportunities to raise the financial support to go, so don't let this be a reason not to go)

Places... We will partner with **Iglesia El Buen Pastor** in Orange Cove, CA and serve the local area through work projects and a community wide VBS.

Camp out... We will be staying each night at a base camp at People's Church in Fresno, CA. They will provide food, programming, and a safe place to sleep!

Basic Itinerary... Head down Saturday, spend Sunday-Wednesday in Orange Cove, clean up Thursday and head to magic mountain, spend Friday at magic mountain, come home Saturday.

Our Purpose

To partner with Iglesia El Buen Pastor and serve Orange Cove by showing the love of Christ in action.

Our Vision

That we would walk away from the trip wanting to and understand how to put our love into action in our daily lives.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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Orange Cove, CA

Population... 7,800 people

The Economy... most people who live in Orange Cove work in fields picking fruit for very long hours and earning an average of just over \$20,000 annually per household.

The Need... Orange Cove is now officially the poorest place in the United States and roughly half the people there live under the poverty line. Because of the poverty that exists it has become a place riddled with crime and a lack of hope or dignity for life.

What We Will Be Doing

We recognize that by only coming for a week we will not be able to make a hugely noticeable difference in the community. However, it is our hope to help empower the local churches to be the avenue of change and hope in Orange Cove. In a town that lacks much hope, the church is one of the few places of hope that exist. By putting on a VBS, doing a community outreach event, and by partnering with the local churches to do work in the community, we hope to put the love of Christ into action and help encourage them in their ministry.

Student Commitment

Here are a few things that you need to commit to in order to go on the trip.

1. Attend all three required team meetings before we go. They will all be on Sunday's from 1245-2 PM. Snacks will be provided, but not full lunch.

* February 19th (Student Application Due)

* March 4th (Supports letters need to be mailed for this meeting)

* March 18th (Always a student favorite meeting)

2. Send out at least 5 support letters.

* Explained below in the Raising Money section

3. Volunteer at The Tuscan Sun on Saturday March 10th from 3-10 PM.

* Last year the Tuscan Sun covered over half the cost of the trip.

Meaning, without it, it would be twice as expensive to go. So, it is crucial to have full student and parent involvement in order to make this happen!

4. Come on the trip with a great attitude and heart to serve and love.

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Parent Commitment

As much as this is a student event, parent support is crucial in making this a successful trip! Therefore, here are a few simple, but needed ways for you to support this trip.

1. Help support the entire team through prayer and encouragement.
2. Supporting the Tuscan Sun through helping us to collect donations for the raffle and auction.
3. Support The Tuscan Sun through either serving at the event, coming to the event, or both. (we also encourage you to invite friends/ family).

Raising The Money To Go

Here are some great ways to raise the money to fund the trip. If you put your mind to it, it won't be too hard to raise the money to go!

1. **Support Letters...** It will be required that you send out at least 5 support letters to family and friends. However, you can send out as many as you want and all the money that you collect will go toward the trip. We will walk through this process at the first meeting on February 19th.
2. **Random Ideas...** Baby sit for people, work for your parents, neighbors, or grandparents, save money you get from working or birthdays.
3. **Tuscan Sun...** Not only does this even cover a lot of the cost of the trip, but it also allow us to help students who are having a hard time coming up with all the money.

Financial Expectations

The \$50 deposit is due when the application is turned in (due by Sunday, Feb 5th.)

The remaining \$245 amount needs to be raised or paid in full by Sunday, March 25th. (1 week before we leave)

If you are in need of scholarship or are having a hard time coming up with the money then please talk to me before the money is due.