



# S. TEXAS BORDER TRIP

## JAN. 28-31, 2022

Facilitated by Border Perspectives

[borderperspective.org](http://borderperspective.org)

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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 to journey with us to the border.

### 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 immigrant 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.

**Registration Deadline: November 15th, 2021**

**Trip Cost**  
**\$600 + Airfare**

**Trip Fee Includes**  
Accommodations & Meals  
Daily Transportation  
Ministry Expenses

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

### Payment Deadlines

Nov. 30, 2021  
\$500

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Final Payment Due

### Where to Make Payments

Payments can be made online at [occ.org/stw-donate/](http://occ.org/stw-donate/). Select "Mission Trips & Projects" then select "Border Trip-Jan 2022" or via check made out to OCC.

**Inquire or Apply Now!**

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[occ.org/teams](http://occ.org/teams)

# PREPARATION

"I've never joined this kind of trip before. I have no idea what to expect. In fact, I have never even travelled outside of the US!" We recognize that joining an immersive trip can feel a little intimidating! Let us put your mind at ease, we are committed to help train and equip you for this experience. You don't need any special qualifications, other than to show up and love people. However, in order for you to get the most out of your experience, the following are some requests we will ask of you.

**Training Meetings:** There will be a series of training meetings that we expect all team members to commit to attend. These are vitally important to your preparation and the preparation of the team!

**Prayer Team:** We ask that every team member build a prayer team of around 5-7 people who will commit to pray for you and the team.

**Financial Team:** We do not expect for you to pay for your trip all on your own, but we invite you to seek financial partnerships with family and friends. We will train you on how to do this.

**Openness:** Lastly we ask all team members to come in as a learner and seek to humbly serve. We desire that you be willing to open your heart to be able to hear and respond to God's work in your life. 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.



*"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." -Isaiah 58:10*

A Service-Learning Opportunity of Overlake Christian Church

## Potential Itinerary:

### Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>:

- Travel to McAllen, TX
- Orientation & Group Time

### Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>:

Travel the border seeing sites such as:

- Donna Processing Center
- No Man's Land
- Hidalgo Pump House & largest Border crossing in S. Texas
- Rio Grande River
- Border Wall

### Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>:

- Hear from local pastors and ministry leaders working with immigrant congregations
- Help with local food distribution
- Volunteer at immigrant assistance center

### Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

- Half day serving
- Debrief and Depart

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## Logistics

- Dorm style accommodations
- Food prepared by locals or take-out from restaurants
- All logistics organized by OCC