

Join **Witness for Peace** and Stan Duncan
For an important delegation to
Oaxaca, Mexico

Looking for the Roots of Migration

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This is an opportunity to explore first-hand the economic and political roots of the migration of millions Latin Americans into the United States. What causes people to uproot themselves from their histories and homelands and take a long, painful, costly, and dangerous journey into a foreign land where they seldom know the language and are often greeted with hostility?

We will explore this question by visiting and experiencing the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, where many of the forces for migration are stark and clear. The good news is that Oaxaca is a beautiful state of 2 million people and you will fall in love with the people, the land, and their history. The bad news is that nearly half of the Oaxacan population has left the state going north, seeking food for their families.

What to Expect:



- ✓ See the real reasons for migration to the U.S.
- ✓ Stay in the homes of families directly impacted by their relatives' migration North.
- ✓ Gain knowledge of ways US policy affects migration patterns
- ✓ Meet people resisting destructive byproducts of NAFTA and other "free" trade policies.
- ✓ Visit a local shelter for migrants moving to or from the US
- ✓ Meet with returned migrants who have experienced life in the US justice system
- ✓ Visit a local women's cooperative that provides alternatives to migration

- ✓ Discuss ways to act in solidarity with people from Oaxaca and immigrants here in the US

"This was truly a life-changing and invaluable experience. I feel so fortunate to have been on the trip. Professionally-I have not learned so much and been so inspired since I was in college (15 years ago). I truly am a better person from this trip."

- Educator/Former Delegate

Cost:

\$950 + airfare (arranged on your own).

This covers all of your expenses "on the ground" in Oaxaca, including transportation, food, and lodging. Scholarships and fundraising opportunities are available.



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