

Dear Friends,

I am writing to share with you an exciting opportunity that has opened up to me. As you know I lived in the southeast of Mexico for seven lovely tropical years. The influence Mexico had on me and my artwork is obvious. I have a great love for the country, its people and culture. And of course my dear husband, children, and foster son were all born in Mexico.

Living in Cancun and visiting Mexico City I had the opportunity to experience the very best Mexico has to offer. But as anyone who watches the news know there are parts of Mexico that have huge problems with poverty, corruption and cartel-related crime. In my volunteer work with immigrant children here in Georgia it has been hard for me to reconcile the Mexico I know and love with the one they left behind. Their Mexico is so lacking in opportunity that families leave everything they know and risk their lives to cross to this country. For some time I have been anxious to have a better understanding of this other face of Mexico. This June I hope to have the chance to learn more first hand.



My church partners with a group called Hands and Feet (<http://www.handsandfeet.com/>) that works with schools, orphanages and medical clinics in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico. A group of us from Mountain Lake Church (<http://www.mountainlakechurch.org>) will be going there on a mission trip to offer our help by offering medical clinics, building a cafeteria pavilion for a local school and by sharing the love of Jesus with children at orphanages and through a week of Vacation Bible School. I am so excited about the possibility of being able to help in some small way the people of the country that I love so much while at the same time learning more about the complicated issues Mexico and Mexicans face.



Our group will fly from Atlanta to San Antonio, Texas and then cross the border by van and drive south about 2 and a half hours to Piedras Negras. Though Piedras Negras is in the border region it is not near Juarez where most of the cartel crime is centered. Hands and Feet have been working in the area for over 12 years and many groups like ours have visited without incident. We do not believe we will be in any danger but neither do we take our safety lightly and we hope you will pray for us and our trip.

All of us going on this mission trip are sending out letters to our friends and family asking for commitments of prayer as well as financial support. Each of us needs \$1300 to cover the cost of our transportation, lodging, food and supplies.

To raise my portion I am offering prints of my painting "Light in Darkness" for \$25. The painting is inspired by Matthew 5:14-16. The prints measure 8 x 10 inches and come in 11x17 mattes with backing boards that will fit easily into a standard frame. I'd be thrilled for you to add one to your collection. If not I hope you will still commit to pray for me, the rest of my group, the people of Piedras Negras and Mexico in general.



See the painting in color online at www.azulitas.com/light.html

Thank you so much.
Grace & Peace,

Please fill out the following form and **return it to me** (225 Spring Ridge Ct, Dawsonville, GA 30534) with a check or money order made out to **Mountain Lake Church**. Or if you would prefer you can buy the print online through my etsy shop: www.etsy.com/shop/azulitas or my website www.azulitas.com.

- Please send me _____ prints at \$25 each. I will also add \$6 for shipping.
- Count on me for prayer for you and your trip.
- Instead of (or in addition to) a print I would like to make a tax deductible donation of _____.

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email (if you want me to send you updates on the trip):

Purchasing a print is not tax deductible. Do not include that amount below.

All contributions to short-term mission projects are non-refundable. To be tax deductible you must:

1. Make checks and money orders **payable to Mountain Lake Church**.
Do NOT write an individual's or project name on the check (including the memo line).
2. Enclose a note, or this form, stating which individual and/or project you are supporting.
Mail the check to the individual you are supporting not to the church.
3. **Non-members of the church with a single gift over \$250.00 will receive acknowledgement from the church.**
Other gifts of smaller amounts will be the responsibility of the individual giver to keep track of for their tax deduction.

IRS regulations prohibit the church office from giving you tax credit for donations designated for individuals.

Contributions received which designate persons will be deposited, but your annual contribution statement will not be credited.

Name of team member: Jennifer Herrera

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Mission Project: Piedras Negras

Donor Name: _____