



HEPAC
HOME of HOPE and PEACE
Saint Mary Magdalene MISSION TRIP to Nogales, AZ
JUNE 12th - JUNE 17th

Friends of HEPAC is a non-profit organization based in Nogales, Arizona that supports the Hogar de Esperanza y Paz (HEPAC) community center which serves children, youth, and adults that live in an impoverished sector of Nogales, Mexico. Friends of HEPAC works with individuals/organizations/universities in the United States to raise funding and provide internship opportunities for established HEPAC programs as well as facilitate transborder educational excursions. Excursions organized by Friends of HEPAC are designed so that participants 1) learn from individuals and communities that are affected by U.S. economic and immigration policies, 2) understand how local organizations provide humanitarian assistance and work for social justice in the borderlands.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT SMM:

Sunday, April 12th after 10am Service

Trip Contact: Leslie Harvison lhharvison@comcast.net

Please Register by March 31st

The trip will include activities such as:

HEPAC orientation and presentation

El Hogar de Esperanza y Paz (Home of Hope and Peace, HEPAC) is a community center that provides a nutritious lunch for more than 100 schoolchildren, offers educational classes for 120 adults that are completing their elementary and high school education, organizes educational Kids Camps during school vacation that focus on teaching the children about their rights and how to defend those rights, operates a women's artisan cooperative, and provides holistic day care for six children.

Worship & Reflection Time

Visit the site where José Antonio was killed

José Antonio Elena Rodriguez was 16-years-old when he was shot and killed by a Border Patrol agent that fired into Nogales, Sonora on October 10, 2012. Grupo Beta is a Mexican government agency that provides aid to migrants, including those that have recently been deported from the United States.

Working at the Kids Camp

The San Juan Bosco shelter provides dinner and shelter for people who have been recently deported. It was founded by Francisco and Gilda 35 years ago and they have served more than 1,000,000 people.

Hiking along one of the migrant trails where the Samaritans patrol

Visit with students at the Universidad Tecnológica de Nogales

Visit Taller Yonke

The purpose of the Taller de Arte Público Yonke (Junkyard Public Art Workshop) is to reclaim public spaces that have been contaminated by commercial and political propaganda, and to integrate public art into those spaces to add human and cultural value to the city of Nogales. The workshop has placed sculptures and murals on the border wall.

