



BRIDGING BORDERS

2018

Summer Service Trips

FAQ

How do we sign up?

Please call the RTALC office at 719-276-5233 to check availability. Registration is open, and weeks are available throughout the summer. Just select your location, and check week availability!

What if I don't have a group to go with?

We book our Bridging Borders trips using a charter system. If you are interested in joining an existing group charter, please contact our office to check availability. We will often pair up groups with individuals or smaller groups together to create a charter.

Is it safe?

RTLC frequently checks on current safety standards and advisories to keep informed about all our travel locations. We communicate often with the local organizations we partner with to ensure that we are educated about the current status of all locations we travel to.

Is there any experience necessary?

No! You do not need special skills or knowledge to go on any of our trips. We do, however, recommend our Mexico trip for a group going on a mission trip for the first time.

How many people can go?

Bridging Borders trip fees are based on the minimum number of participants going on a trip. The minimum participant requirement depends on location (often 12 or 15). The Dominican Republic requires a minimum of 18 people. Up to 26 people can go on a "double charter."

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp operates under special use permit from the USDA Forest Service, San Isabel National Forest, and is an equal opportunity service employer and provider.

Quick Facts

Mexico

Cost: \$775 - Includes transportation to Mexico from RTALC, food, lodging, RTALC Staff, and building materials.

Nature of Work: Construction of a house

Ecuador

Cost: \$805 + airfare: Includes transportation in Ecuador, food, lodging, RTALC Staff, and materials.

Nature of Work: Construction of water purification systems and Day Camp-style programming and cultural immersion

Dominican Republic

Cost: \$960 + airfare: Includes transportation in Santiago, food, lodging, RTALC staff, and building materials.

Nature of Work: Construction of a house

Domestic Location

Cost: \$700, + possible airfare: Includes transportation from RTALC (not including airfare), food, lodging, RTALC staff, work projects, and materials.

Nature of Work: Minor construction, cultural immersion, Day Camp style ministry, and team building.



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Service Around The Globe

RTLCL's Bridging Borders program is an effort to reach out, serve, and accompany people as we build relationships with them.

There is no better way to share God's love than to be His servant in communities that are in need. Read on for more information on our summer 2018 service opportunities in Anapra, Mexico; Ecuador; Dominican Republic, and a Domestic Location to be determined.



Ecuador

RTLCL's Bridging Borders: Ecuador program works with Rescate Ecuador to build a medical and dental clinic in the town of Riobamba. The groups also spend time in local villages and leading Day Camp-style activities with local children. Give your youth group the chance to learn who they are as God's servant, practice their Spanish, stretch their comfort zones, and connect with people who are different from themselves on the Equator this summer.

Mexico

Mexico is a service trip in which your youth group and RTLCL partner with Casas Por Cristo to build a house for a family in Anapra, Mexico. Throughout the week, your group will share in a lifestyle of servanthood as a Christian community. You will worship, work, play and pray together. Your group will be physically and spiritually challenged and changed forever as they build a relationship and a house with your Mexican family.

Dominican Republic

RTLCL's Bridging Borders: Dominican Republic program also works in coordination with Casas por Cristo. Your group will work alongside our amazing staff, led by a Casas por Cristo intern to build a house for a family in Santiago, DR. This trip provides a medium through which the group can overcome language barriers and show Christ's love to the Dominican people.

Domestic Location

Bridging Borders makes an effort every year to find a location within the US Border to serve and love. It's amazing to see how different cultures can be, even just across state lines. The domestic trip location for 2018 has yet to be confirmed. However, this trip option helps keep expenses lower for groups, and provides a unique service opportunity closer to home.

A Typical Day In...

- Ecuador
 - Eat breakfast at the hotel
 - Commute to worksite
 - Work on clinic construction
 - Eat Lunch
 - Travel to Ecuadorian countryside to visit local villages
 - Day Camp style ministry with children in the villages
 - Commute back to Riobamba
 - Eat dinner at a restaurant in Riobamba
 - Do nightly devotions with group

- Mexico / Dominican Republic
 - Eat breakfast as a group
 - Build, Build, Build
 - Eat lunch as a group at the worksite
 - Build more
 - Dinner
 - Do nightly devotions and reflection on the day

