



# BRIDGING BORDERS

2017

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. Occasionally, we will have "Open Registration" trips for individuals.

### Is it safe?

RTALC 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 equipment 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?

All trips, with the exception of the Dominican Republic, have a minimum of 12 participants (often 10 kids, 2 adults) to book a single charter. The Dominican Republic requires a minimum of 18 people. Up to 24 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:** \$735 - Includes transportation to Mexico, food, lodging, RTALC Staff, and building materials.

**Nature of Work:** Construction of a house

### Ecuador

**Cost:** \$800 + 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:** \$920 + airfare: Includes transportation in Santiago, food, lodging, RTALC staff, and building materials.

**Nature of Work:** Construction of a house

### Navajo

**Cost:** \$685: Includes transportation from RTALC and in New Mexico, food, lodging, RTALC staff, and materials.

**Nature of Work:** Minor construction, cultural immersion, and team building.



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## Service Around The Globe

RTLTC'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 2017 service opportunities in Anapra, Mexico; Ecuador; Dominican Republic, and the Navajo Reservation.

### Ecuador

RTLTC's Bridging Borders: Ecuador program includes working on the construction of water filtration systems 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 RTLTC partner with Casas Por Cristo to build an 11 foot x 22 foot 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.

### Navajo

Added this year, Bridging Borders: Navajo travels to New Mexico to a Native American Reservation. The trip consists of Day-Camp style ministry, minor construction, as well as cultural immersion. Experience a different culture that's very close to home. Your group will come back with new perspectives, open hearts, and a memorable experience connecting with the Navajo people.

### Dominican Republic

RTLTC'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.

## A Typical Day In...

- Ecuador
  - Eat breakfast at the hotel
  - Commute to a village for the day
  - Lead Day Camp-style activities with kids
  - Eat Lunch at the village
  - Build a water filtration system
  - 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
  
- Navajo
  - Eat breakfast together
  - Commute to worksite for the day
  - Connect with Navajo people and work on various community improvement projects
  - Lunch
  - Work on projects
  - Dinner
  - Evening activities
  - Do nightly devotions and check in with each other

