



Hands-On Humanitarian Group Trips...you won't want to miss!

Nogales Shoebox Trip, Mexico – Beginning of January 2017

Nogales (pop. 250,000 with an estimated additional 100K-150K not included in the census) is near the Mexican border with the U.S.A. The primary focus of this service opportunity is to reach 3,000 families with groceries, blankets and gifts. Our secondary focus is to support the community through the Club's Community Centre, the Firefighters and water for schools projects, and in 2017 testing children for kidney disease. Cost – \$1,200 - \$1,500 including airfare.

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Cebu, Philippines – January 5th – 19th, 2017 (Tentative Dates)

Enjoy the beauty and beaches of Philippines and tour 5 School Rehabilitation Projects. Visit a remote fishing village where Canadian Rotarians replaced damaged boats after the devastating typhoon. See mobile dental and medical units in action, that were donated by a Global Grant through D7080 and D7090 clubs. Help with the distribution of food and clothing to the disadvantaged. Participate in a feeding program in poor communities with soup mix donated from our District. Plus, enjoy VIP access to the world famous Sinulog festival (similar to Mardi Gras in New Orleans.) An experience not to be missed!

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Project Amigo, Colima, Mexico – November 2016 – March 2018

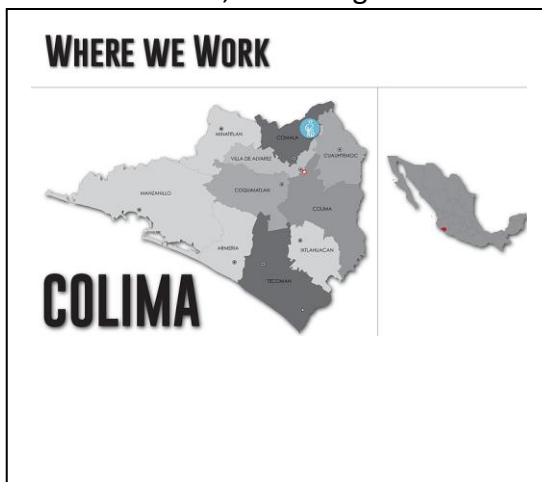
(<http://www.projectamigo.org/>)

A Work Week at Project Amigo is a Mexican experience like no other. Each Work Week is carefully designed to give you a balanced perspective – certainly our kids and their families have great need (the “Project” half) but they also have a rich and ancient culture into which they are keen to welcome you (the “Amigo” half.) You will spend your week working and playing in the tiny rural villages, in the beachside towns, in the migrant work camps and in the schools and the communities in which reside the

heart and soul of Project Amigo- our kids! When you volunteer for a Work Week at Project Amigo, you will make a difference while building friendships to last a lifetime.

Your program fee of \$1200 (includes accommodations, all meals, the full time support of the volunteer coordinator, airport pick up and drop off, transportation, special events, field trips and materials. **Airfare not included.**

Give the gift of literacy! While it's well known that Project Amigo provides scholarships to individual children, did you know we also work with whole schools in fostering a love of



learning and promoting strong literacy skills? You will help to organize, deliver and install mini-libraries in small, under-serviced, rural schools, work alongside kids as they read, engage one-on-one in literacy and art activities and create memories with them that can last a lifetime. Afternoons are spent immersing ourselves in the local culture and communities as we explore this hidden corner of Mexico.

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Carborca, Mexico – February 9th – 14th, 2017 – FULLY BOOKED!

Join us on a Polio Immunization trip to Caborca with approximately 65 Rotarians from California and 15 from D7080. The immunization will be conducted on **Saturday February 11, 2017**. After the immunization is completed, a dinner is planned on the beach for all participants including the spouses of the Caborca Rotarians. The Californians will be departing early on **Sunday February 12** and the Canadians have been requested to stay on Sunday to visit various local attractions and some of the projects that the Rotarians from Caborca are involved in. We all depart for Tucson on **Monday February 13 at 9:00 AM**. It is suggested that we have a farewell dinner that evening. However, this is strictly optional as perhaps some of us will make separate plans. We depart for Toronto on **Tuesday February 14, 2017**. Again, strictly optional as several participants have expressed interest to visit friends in Arizona or take a vacation following the immunization trip.

For more information contact – Hubert Singh at hsingh@psidata.ca - FULLY BOOKED!

Bhutan – Rotary International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) – February 14th – February 20th, 2017 (Additional tour to Nepal group trip below)

Bhutan is a small mountainous country set in the eastern Himalayas between China and India. It's inaccessibility has meant that it has been isolated from the rest of the world for centuries. This has helped preserve the unique culture and character, and given the country a special mystique among travelers who refer to it as the last Shangri-La, a lost kingdom of great natural beauty and with a deeply spiritual heritage. Your tour will include sightseeing, visiting a local farm house and indigenous hospital, monastery and much more. This trip can be taken prior to the Nepal trip below.

Nepal – Rotary International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) February 20th – March 1st, 2017 (9 nights/10 days)

Nepal is known as the country of Mount Everest and the birthplace of Lord Buddha. Nepal is rich in natural diversities, colourful culture, friendly people and amazing mountain scenery. Including sightseeing in Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Balthali and other well known site, you will visit remote villages and schools that have been affected by the earthquakes. The tour included an English speaking tour guide. Price ranges depending upon group size and is approximately \$1,150/pp sharing room. See the tour itinerary for more details.

For further details on both group trips visit: www.nepalhiking.com or email tilakthapa@me.com

Caribbean Voluntourism Cruise – In the works! - 2017

We're eagerly awaiting further developments regarding this great service opportunity! Basically, the thought is to take a cruise, probably out of Miami to the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean destinations. Besides enjoying cruising time on board, you will have the opportunity for a few days of volunteer activities. *Keep an eye out for more information!*