

SUMMARY:

How do we respond to a world where the divide between rich and poor is increasing rapidly? This trip will give you tools to better understand topics in economics on local and global levels. We will visit Amextra projects that seek to address this situation, at least in part. And, we will reflect upon our role as people of faith in an unjust world.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Listen to specialists in economics to understand the systems at play in Mexico and the world.
- Visit marginalized communities on the outskirts of Mexico City to listen to the experiences of those who struggle to survive.
- Get to know how Amextra's microfinance project seeks to encourage saving and offer entrepreneurial opportunities to the poorest in society.
- Attend a meeting of a solidarity group in order to learn about the benefits of communal financial management.
- Stop in at a business established by a microfinance client.
- Put your new knowledge to work with hands-on activities.
- Reflect upon the relationship between economics and spiritual life.
- Visit cultural attractions to learn more about Mexico and its people.

LOCATION: Mexico City

COST: From \$500 USD 5 days/4 nights

TRIP COSTS INCLUDE: Lodging in a shared room, all meals, local transportation, speakers, entrance fees and constant accompaniment by a translator/guide.

NOT INCLUDED: Transportation to Mexico City, traveler insurance or personal spending.

MORE INFO: To sign up or for more information, write to semillas@amextra.org.

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