



## Rio Grande, Texas Service Trip: March 23 – 28, 2025

### Mission

We will be partnering with Experience Mission to serve immigrants on the border of Texas and Mexico. This trip will be a service-learning trip, where students will learn from local partners about the context and realities of immigration, meet the physical and emotional needs of immigrants through food and clothing distribution, and have opportunities to share the Gospel.

### Goals

- To serve, love, and share the gospel with immigrants and refugees
- To support the ministries of several local organizations and churches
- To help meet the physical and spiritual needs of immigrants
- To help students learn about and care for immigrants and refugees

### Itinerary

March 23 Depart and travel to Texas and drive from airport (TBD) to Rio Grande, TX  
March 24 Immersive learning opportunities  
March 25-27 Hands on ministry with local partners  
March 28 Depart Rio Grande and return to California

### Accommodations/Food

We will be staying at either a local camp or church and will bring our own sleeping bags and pads. Bathrooms with showers will be available. Meals will be provided by Experience Mission.

### Cost - \$1,475

The cost for this trip covers all travel to Rio Grande and back, lodging, meals, and ministry costs.

### Application Process

The Rio Grande, TX Service trip is open to all High School Students. To apply, please submit the 2025 Service Trip Application. The 2025 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The application link will be posted in Canvas in the Grade Level Classrooms. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, August 29, 3:00PM, through Tuesday, September 10, 11:59PM

### Selection Process

The team will consist of a maximum of 50 students, plus 10 adult chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a heart for missions, cross-cultural sensitivity, and a servant's attitude. This is a cultural immersion experience, so the ability to speak Spanish is highly desirable, but not required. All applicants will be notified by October 11.

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