



**Dear Friends**

Welcome to Friends Across Borders! Welcome to the experience of Mission! Please join an adventurous group of people from across the US and travel to Africa, Asia or Latin America.

We are looking for people interested in Mission awareness, cross-cultural experiences or who wish to learn about Health and Healthcare, Education, Sustainable Development, Justice and Peace, and Pastoral Care in our mission sites. If this interest you or you know of any one who may be interested, please email us at [friendsacrossborders@mklm.org](mailto:friendsacrossborders@mklm.org) and we will be happy to provide more information...

Please look below the different trips we are offering in 2012 - 2013.

**JOIN US IN MISSION!**

**El Salvador Immersion Program**

**Specifically created for *JustFaith Ministries* Graduates  
September 6 – 16, 2012**

*JustFaith Ministries* in partnership with Maryknoll Lay Missioners (MKLM) invites graduates to experience a spiritual journey into compassion and an immersion into the lives, culture, faith and history of Salvadorans. This is an extraordinary invitation to you to witness mission experiences which respond to basic needs



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**Kitale and Mombasa, Kenya – ENCOUNTER  
September 6 - 20, 2013**



and help to create a more just and compassionate world.

The trip will focus on the following activities:

1. Visit the tomb of Mons. Romero in the Cathedral; Divina Providencia Hospital, Mons. Romero's home; and the chapel where he was assassinated.
2. Visit the UCA (Jesuit Central American University) and Romero Center.
3. Onsite visits to MKLM's ministries enhancing the dignity of Salvadorans.
4. Learn about the lives, culture and traditions of the indigenous Nahuatl people.
5. Sit down with common Salvadoran people to share about their lives, their faith, and their hopes and challenges and participate in their local liturgical celebrations.
6. Participate in events where traditional food, music and dances will be presented.
7. Trip to a small Coffee Farm Cooperative.
8. Experience the beauty of the beach at Costa del Sol.



They say that those who enter into mission fall into the dance of the living God. Indeed the rhythms of Africa are ones of dances. Maryknoll Lay Missioners (MKLM) in Kenya will introduce us to this dance of life in this beautiful and diverse East African nation. Most know Kenya for her stunning landscapes and abundance of wildlife. Participants of MKLM's upcoming Friends Across Borders trip to Kenya will experience not only Kenya's natural beauty, but will also have the opportunity to walk with Kenyan people on their daily journeys.

## Cambodia – EXPERIENCE

February 15 – March 1, 2013



Cambodia is best known for the Angkor temple complex, and for the genocidal regime of the Khmer Rouge. Sharing a border with Thailand, Vietnam and Laos, Cambodia conjures up images of an ancient glorious past and a rich cultural heritage. Angkor Wat, built between the ninth and 13th centuries by Khmer kings, is a UN heritage site and one of the world's most renowned

ancient temple cities, drawing many tourists from around the world.

The trip will focus on the following activities:

1. Get to know Maryknoll Lay Missioners at our ministry sites. Current projects include caring for children and adults with HIV/AIDS, education for the deaf, resettlement of displaced persons, anti-human trafficking initiatives, literacy programs for children and youth, building positive gender relationships, and higher education.
2. Visit the Toul Sleng Genocidal Museum and the Choeung Eik Killing Field Memorial. Learn about the Khmer Rouge Tribunal.
3. Discover the temples at Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the great archeological sites of the world.
4. Enjoy events where traditional food, music and dances will be presented.
5. Visit the Royal Palace.
6. Participate in daily reflections on the work of the Maryknoll community and contemporary issues in Cambodia.
7. Enjoy Liturgy, Wednesday evening meals and a complimentary sunset boat ride on the Mekong River with members of the Cambodia Mission Team.

## Bolivia - ANDEAN PILGRIMAGE TBD, 2013



You will explore important themes such as immigration, use of natural resources like water, and the empowerment of historically marginalized sectors of society such as indigenous persons and women. You will also learn about the history of mission to the Bolivian people and have opportunities for Catholic and inter-religious prayer and reflection with Maryknoll Lay Missioners and the entire Maryknoll community, as well as spiritual leaders from the indigenous Aymara and Quechua traditions.

## São Paulo, Brazil – IMMERSION

March 9 - 21, 2013

Soccer, Carnival, and the Amazon Rainforest: these are three things people usually associate with Brazil. Despite Brazil's international image of an emerging economic powerhouse and host of the upcoming Olympics and World Cup, the daily reality for many is harsh. Many face unemployment or underemployment, violence, precarious housing, and poor public health and education services. The focus of the trip is meeting and making friends with Brazilians and learning about their culture, faith, and history. The experience will showcase the ministries of Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Brazil.



The trip will focus on the following activities:

1. Visits with MKLM missionaries to projects including Human Rights for Women in Prison, Center for Human Rights and Popular Education, Health Formation for Women, Youth Education, Parish Pastoral Ministry, Environmental Education and Theater of the Oppressed.
2. Visits with Brazilians to learn about their lives – eating and celebrating with them, and seeing life through their eyes.
3. Participation in local liturgical celebrations, experiencing the faith and the history of Christianity in Brazil.
4. Learning about the Guaraní indigenous people, their culture and traditions.
5. Learn about the history of slavery and people of African descent in Brazil.
6. Attend music and dance events to experience the richness of Brazilian culture.
7. Visiting an Artisan market and go shopping.

## Musoma and Mwanza, Tanzania – ENCOUNTER TBD, 2013



Tanzania is one of the oldest known human-inhabited areas on Earth; fossil remains of humans and pre-human hominids have been found dating back over two million years. We know that humanity's first footsteps were taken in East Africa and since then the people of this region have navigated a long, rich, often arduous road. Musoma and Mwanza in Tanzania will serve as our home base as we visit East Africa. Maryknoll Lay Missioners will be our hosts and will guide us thru the varied cultures and traditions that make up the rich tapestry that is the Tanzanian culture.

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