

Encounter & Evangelization

FREQUENTLY FRIENDS AND GUESTS ASK ABOUT our winter retreat experience in Mexico sometimes with a smile that suggests they already have their own idea. The basic questions seem to be: *why do the brothers go to Mexico; where do you actually go; and what do you do there?*

Our community travel to Mexico is, of course, multifaceted. Primarily we seek to be with, accompany and encourage our Mexican Benedictine sisters as they pursue their committed missionary journey in the spirit of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Christ the King. In their embrace we seek to deepen our awareness of God's loving presence in the world especially in the lives of the people with whom the sisters live and work in so many diverse communities.

During the almost 40 years of our relationship our Mexican sisters have consistently arranged for us to receive input from friends who are professors at different universities or who are personally engaged in specific service projects in Mexico. The sisters have shepherded us to their mission communities in and around Mexico City and throughout the country. In this way the sisters facilitate openings into the hearts of diverse, vibrant, struggling, faith-filled communities of people who constantly challenge us with their deep trusting faith, fathomless joyful hope and profound welcoming love. ■

- brother Mark



Encounter at Tetela del Volcán, Morelos, México



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