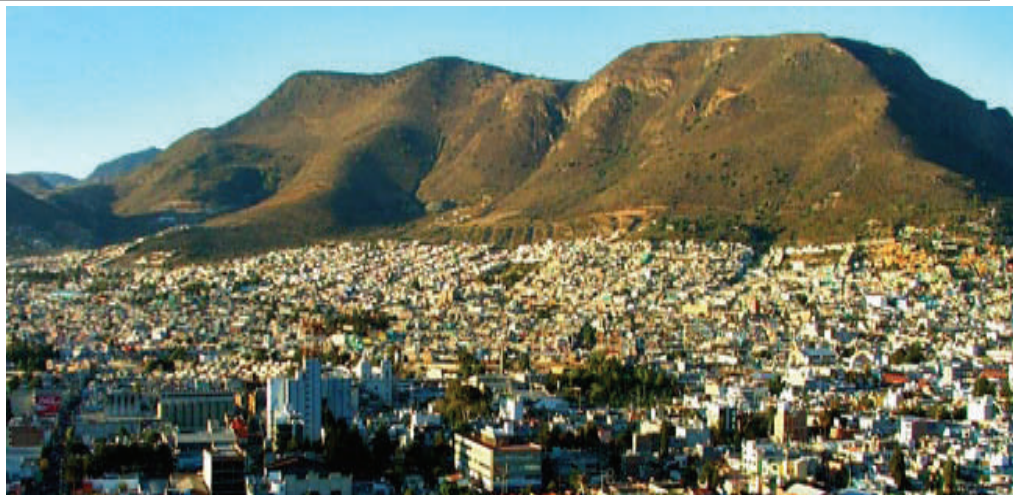


# 2011 Winter Term - Trip to Calnali, Mexico

## STUDY ABROAD - January 8-22, 2011

INS 2309, 3309, 4309

International Studies – 3 hours



Professors Arcea Zapata de Aston and James Welch, are co-teaching in collaboration with **AMIGOS DE HIDALGO** to offer students the opportunity to work hands on activities on projects and experience different learning and cultural environments while working on their KWC degree.

This program is open to all students; whatever the level or major, as well as to members of the community.

KWC encourages its students to study abroad and enjoy a once in a lifetime experience.

Kentucky Wesleyan students will work on different projects in the community in Calnali. Students could get involved in language, school work with children, agricultural issues, entrepreneurship, immigration, social issues, and comparative and cultural concepts.



### Long Road to Calnali

Calnali, Hidalgo, Mexico, situated 5 hours northeast of Mexico City, lies nestled in the Sierra Madre mountains. With a population of 3,000 it is in many ways still unaffected by modern Mexico. Life in Calnali is simple and unpretentious. Most people still live without electricity or other modern conveniences. Health services such as dentists, doctors, & hospitals are non-existent.



**Friends of Hidalgo** is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides meaningful travel opportunities to help the impoverished communities of the rural, mountainous regions of Hidalgo, Mexico.

Friends of Hidalgo partners with Indiana University, the Indianapolis Police and Fire Department, MORE- a group from Mooresville dedicated to construction, distribution of goods, and providing for children who need medical attention the chance to come to the United States for medical care, and other humanitarian organizations to provide basic necessities, medical care, education, and social development for disadvantaged communities.



## Calnali Culture

Spanish and Nahuatl are the only languages spoken in Calnali. A participant in the Calnali project will experience extensive practice of the Spanish language and authentic Mexican food and culture. Living in Calnali means being in close contact with the mountains, the rivers and nature of Mexico. However, more importantly, it provides the opportunity to make a tremendous contribution to the lives of the needy of Calnali through simple construction work, distribution of clothing, education, and medical missions to mention just a few possible projects.



### Before students leave for Mexico the following must be completed

- Enroll in the 3 credit hour course
- Pay all fees and tuition
- Passport
- Travel Visa
- Hepatitis shots
- Notarized release



## Hands On Experience and Projects

Indian Market Experience - Everyone helps buy the groceries for the group

- Everyone helps make lunch and learn how to make native meals.
- The group climbs the Calnali Mountain
- Tour of Calnali

- Spanish group lessons

Project - Build a home and/or pour concrete floors

-Visit the schools and/or teach English classes and games to the elementary school students.

-Visit the Middle School and high school and present a project to the students (project could be handcrafts, education regarding the environment, etc)

-A project for the women such as teaching about health and/or handcrafts that can be used to make a living.

-Visit a lagoon near Calnali as well as an Eco Tourism Park.

-Visit 2 Indian villages to take donations and to teach women and children about the environment and/or other projects.

### Trip Package Also Includes Visit to the following sites in Mexico City

- The Pyramids and staying in Mexico City
- The Anthropology Museum
- The largest handcraft, jewelry and souvenir market of Mexico
- El Zocalo which is downtown Mexico City
- Diego Rivera most famous murals in downtown Mexico City
- Government palaces and new archeological sites
- Free Time

### Approximate Cost

The approximate travel cost of the trip is \$1,850 per student plus tuition and fees. Students should bring an extra \$500 to cover other expenses such as some meals, souvenirs, and personal items.

### To Enroll

Make an appointment with Dr. Arcea Zapata de Aston, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages (270-852-3219) or Dr. Jim Welch, Chair of the Department of Business (270-852-3193) to discuss planning for enrolling in the course, including information about costs and application procedures and deadlines.