

GUATEMALA 2009

Delegation March 7-15



Immigration and "Free" Trade Delegation

After two years of CAFTA (the United States - Central America Free Trade Agreement) in Guatemala, more people than ever before are heading north seeking employment, thus leaving their families, communities, and culture behind. Each year, approximately 40,000 Guatemalans head for the United States seeking jobs and money to send home to their families, who are on the brink of economic disaster. An estimated 1.5 million Guatemalans live in the U.S. (one out of every 11 Guatemalans), about half of whom are undocumented and are thus subject to incarceration and deportation.

Come to Guatemala to learn firsthand how unregulated free-market policies are pushing farmers off of their land, forcing youth to head north, and causing men to leave their wives and children in search of a paycheck to send home. We will travel to several communities throughout Guatemala, visit families affected by migration, and see the impact of multinational companies whose profits are prioritized over people under CAFTA. We will also learn of community resistance strategies to the impacts of the free trade model.

**DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FROM OUR WEBSITE AND RETURN TO GHRC BY
JANUARY 23, 2009**

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Details

- Applications are due by January 23rd, 2009
- Cost of delegation, including transportation, food, lodging, and interpretation, is **\$900**.
- Delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from Guatemala City, as well as airport taxes and personal expenses.
- A non-refundable deposit of **\$100** is due by February 7th, 2009

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