



## INTERACTIVE SCHOOL VISIT PROGRAM

### ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH, & HIGH SCHOOLS

**COST: NO COST**

**DONATION SUGGESTION: SOCCER BALLS, BASKETBALLS, VOLLEYBALLS**

Nowhere else on planet earth is there the disparity in standard of living as we experience between Mexico and the U.S.A. For those of us in America, it's often hard to imagine what it would be like to grow up in a border town like Agua Prieta. Envision for a minute that you are a young student. You have a little brother and a baby sister. Both your father and mother work in the local factory and combined they make \$120 a week, or \$480 a month. There's never enough money.

You've heard the stories of the riches in your neighboring country to the north. And the American lives you see on TV are wealthy beyond your wildest imagination. But this country has constructed a great, big, metal wall which effectively says, "Stay the hell out. We don't want your kind." And you get to see that metal message ever day of your life.

Politics aside, imagine how that would make you feel?

Now visualize a group of Rancho Feliz American volunteers coming to your school and showing a real interest in you and your fellow students. They set up basketball games, soccer games, volleyball games, share their latest music and practice their new Spanish with you. You have a fantastic time with them and then you realize, "Hey, they are just like me. They don't hate me because I'm Mexican." E-mail addresses are swapped and many new friendships made.

This volunteer "Exchange" experience goes a long way to healing the international wounds that have been created by antiquated border policies and ethnic misunderstandings. Suddenly our volunteers and their Mexican counterparts have a clearer vision of what it means to be global citizens and the responsibilities that go with that elevated awareness.

**A TYPICAL VISIT LASTS AROUND 1 1/2 HOURS.**

**BY CHANGING CONSCIOUSNESS – WE CHANGE THE WORLD.**

