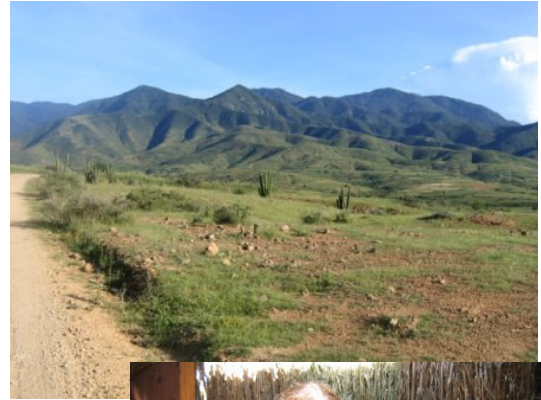


Global Philanthropists Circle

Next Generation Visit to Oaxaca, Mexico

February 20 – 25, 2006

Before joining the main trip on February 25, the Next Generation will spend some time exploring the beautiful region of Oaxaca. The invitation for this visit was extended during a trip to India in early 2005 by Circle member Katherine Lorenz. Katherine, who has been living and working in Oaxaca for the past 3 years, leads a nutrition program called *Puente a la Salud Comunitaria*.



Most activities will take place in beautiful Sierra Norte, where the group will be immersed in a rural setting to explore issues and approaches to development. We will hike to several remote villages to experience life in one of the poorest regions in Mexico and visit



programs that work with local communities on poverty and issues related to it. We will learn directly from the communities, local scholars, development workers and activists about the challenges facing the population, survey some of the solutions and use the group's knowledge and imagination to find new ones.



As Synergos continues to build this community of young philanthropists, the trip is being designed to provide a mixture of practical experience, first hand and academic learning, sharing and, of course, fun!

The themes of this 5 day visit will include:

- Indigenous issues, education and preserving cultural heritage.
- Nutrition.
- Economic development, trade and market access.
- Promoting youth and civic participation.

Please contact Melissa Durda (mdurda@synergos.org or on 646-963-2132) by January 15th to reserve a space!