

Frontiers of Justice Travels to Ghana and Burkina Faso in 2009!



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Program Overview:

Frontiers of Justice is a teachers' overseas program co-sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). It is designed to provide a short-term, firsthand experience of the developing world for Catholic secondary school teachers and leaders. Through this program, CRS and NCEA provide teachers/administrators with an opportunity to enhance their ministry to their students and strengthen their ability to promote global justice in the Catholic educational community.

Opportunities for Participants of Frontiers of Justice:

Participants in *Frontiers of Justice* will gain firsthand knowledge of a developing country and will work together to develop strategies to bring the lessons learned back to their students in the United States.

How Does Your Support of the Program Make a Difference?

Participation in *Frontiers of Justice* raises awareness about issues of life in the developing world through an opportunity of personal witness. By witnessing the work of the Church overseas and sharing stories of the people they meet, participants can motivate others to answer the call of the U.S. Bishops to global solidarity. In addition, by



FOJ 2008 participants in front of the CRS Ghana sign in Tamale

Sometimes, after hearing the struggles of people facing extreme poverty, you begin losing sight of hope. Your eyes become fixed on the dehumanizing images and your mind can only focus on the stories of grief and hardship. After one week of traveling where we visited a malnutrition center, microfinance projects, HIV/AIDS education and clinic, and a few centers that have taken in abandoned or shunned women and children, I have found small miracles of hope. These miracles of hope are seen in the local CRS staff members and their partnerships with other community and church leaders who have empowered people, especially women, and as a result they are able to live better.

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assisting CRS in developing its education and outreach programs, participants can affect change in settings beyond their own community, across the country.

Global Solidarity Action Plan

One of the most important components of the *Frontiers of Justice* program is how participants share the experience with their students, colleagues and community upon their return to the United States. Each applicant is required to prepare a concrete plan of action for integrating the experience into the classroom.

Who Can Participate?

Frontiers of Justice is for **Catholic secondary school** teachers and administrators. Teachers with a strong interest in and passion for social justice issues are encouraged to apply.

How Much does it Cost?

The participant's sponsoring school is requested to contribute \$1000 toward the trip expenses to signify its support of his/her participation in the program.

Can I Get More Information or Guidance About This Program?

The *Frontiers of Justice* trip includes a 2 day orientation in Baltimore prior to the 10 day overseas trip between late June and early July 2009. To learn more about the program and to download the application form visit http://education.crs.org/frontiers_of_justice.cfm. You can also read last year's travel log at <http://crs-blog.org/category/travelogue/frontiers-of-justice/>. If you have further questions e-mail tmiles@crs.org or connors@ncea.org. **Application deadline is Monday, January 5, 2009.**