



HUNGER TRACK

EPYMN Track Leader: Jon Vogan, Cross of Grace Church

Ministry/Organizational Partner: The Mustard Seed Café

Track Participation: Up to 40 people

Transportation: Rides will be provided, leaving during the Training time and having lunch on site

TRACK DESCRIPTION

What is the issue?

About 11% of the residents in El Paso County lack the access to provide enough food for themselves or their families while just a small fraction of these residents qualify for assistance. This leaves many adults and children without consistent meals required to lead active, healthy lives. The goal of the Hunger Track is to gain awareness of the need to feed hungry people and care for their hearts, be a genuine expression of the love of God in Jesus Christ, and introduce people to Jesus Christ that they might come to saving faith in Him.

What's being done about it?

The Mustard Seed Café is a nonprofit, donation-based restaurant. They want to tell and demonstrate the love of Jesus to every single person who comes through our doors! They serve delicious, nutritious food with an accompanying commitment to recognize the dignity of each guest and treat them with respect. There are no set menus, no prices or requirements of guests, meaning that ANYONE and EVERYONE can eat. The menu changes every day, made with love and the needs of our unique community in mind.

What will we do during IYW?

Students and adults who sign up for this Track will go to the Mustard Seed Café for Training and Outreach. We will hear from the leaders of the ministry about the mission and vision of the café. We will hear from volunteers who serve regularly at the café and have been impacted by its mission and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Participants will have an opportunity during the afternoon to have hands-on experience in the restaurant, in the community garden, and be able to pray for the specific needs in the city of El Paso, as well as the unique opportunities the café has in serving the community.