



Dignity Kits Milestone June 29, 2020

Dear Friends,

Tuesday marked a milestone for the Dignity Mission. We transported 517 adult and 34 children's Dignity Kits (the largest number we have taken in a single trip) to Dr. Eva Moya in El Paso for distribution to migrants and asylum seekers sheltered in Ciudad Juarez. This brings the total of Dignity Kits we have delivered to El Paso since the beginning of the year to 1,507 adult and 74 children's kits. Tuesday's delivery also included 193 adult and 62 pediatric face masks donated by the Sandoval Mask Makers as well as pre-cut mask fabric for an additional 120 adult and 40 pediatric face masks. We also took 5 reconditioned sewing machines along with bags of fabric, thread and needles to support the shelters in their efforts to produce masks and other protective clothing on their own. Additionally, we transported large numbers of diapers, baby wipes, underwear and socks as well as boxes of books, toys, and puzzles for children that so many of you so generously donated. Over 150 pounds of non-perishable food was also part of this month's load. We had so much we had to take two vehicles to carry it all. Thanks to Jeff Fleming and Jeannette Swent for driving their truck to El Paso with us. We attached three pictures of the assembly and delivery of the Dignity Kits.

Friends and peers of Dr. Moya began distributing what we had taken them on Tuesday that very afternoon. Over half the donations have been distributed to those in need as of today. One of the pictures we've attached shows a young lady adding Pedialyte and an antiparasitic to the Dignity Kits. The cost for these two items are much less in Mexico than what we would have to pay for them here and they feel it is an important addition to the kits. The last two pictures were taken at an office where a human rights organization helps migrants and asylum seekers find shelter, who are trying to get to the United States or who are sent back from the U.S. The

gentleman on the left in the last picture works in the Juarez mayor's office and is a friend of Dr. Moya.

The needs along the border remain and are complicated by the pandemic. We would like to continue to concentrate on the Dignity Kits and a renewed emphasis on diapers, underwear, and children's toys. With summer upon us and temperatures in the 100s in Juarez, we would like to add flipflops for all ages and insect repellent to the list of items we would like to take to El Paso at the end of July. Monetary donations can be made in one of two ways:

1.) A check written to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church with a note in the memo line Dignity Mission and mailed to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 768, Placitas, NM 87043;

or

2.) A credit card by going to www.lasplacitaschurch.org. Click on "More" in the top right-hand corner of the Home page; click on "Give" on the drop-down menu; click on "Click Here to Give;" click on "Choose a Fund;" Scroll down and click on "Mission/Dignity Kits;" complete the form and submit

We received a heartwarming thank you letter to Las Placitas and the community from the administrative and medical coordinators at Hotel Filtro, one of the migrant shelters where most of our kits have gone over the past couple months. It is attached for those of you who can read Spanish. We found the last paragraph most touching: "Therefore, the Coordination Team, staff, and residents of the Hotel Filtro thank you enormously for your invaluable contribution. Well known that the hands that share or give will never be empty." Thank YOU for your invaluable contribution. Your compassion and generosity make all this possible. We would like to add a special thanks to each of you who submitted the handwritten notes of hope that we inserted into each Dignity Kit and to those of you who washed the hundreds of towels that are included in the Dignity Kits.

Warmest regards,

Cheryl & Jack

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Assembling During COVID.JPG



Distributing Dignity Kits at the Human Rights Office in Juarez



Eva's Friends Adding Pedialyte and Antiparasitic.



Juan Acereto from the Mayor's Office in Juarez with Staff Members of a Human Rights Organization.

