

Dignity Mission Update

April 2, 2025

Last Saturday we successfully delivered a truckload of approximately 4,000 pounds of Dignity Mission donations to El Paso, including 2,081 Dignity Kits and 918 pounds of beans and rice. Volunteers who met the truck transported many of those supplies immediately to migrant shelters in Ciudad Juárez. (Pictures of some of the volunteers who assembled Dignity Kits and loaded the truck at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church and volunteers in El Paso who unloaded and distributed those donations are attached.)

What we learned last week from those who work directly with the shelters and the homeless migrants who are subsisting outside the shelter network in Juárez is that even though asylum seekers have been barred since January 20th from seeking asylum in our country, the number along Mexico's northern border waiting to be allowed to apply for asylum is not growing as rapidly as we anticipated. We assume it is because the Mexican government is using the military to assist in keeping migrants transiting through Mexico away from their northern border with the United States and because the Mexican government is also encouraging those already in the country to apply for residency in Mexico. The migrants who are in Juárez, however, continue to face deprivation and the threat of violence from cartels and gang members. The Dignity Mission remains committed to offering a loving hand to these our brothers and sisters along the border who hope for more secure lives for themselves and their families.

After last week's conversations with the team of volunteers in El Paso, we have decided to purchase fresh food supplies in Mexico (e.g., eggs, fruit, vegetables, chicken) and staples (e.g., sugar, beans, rice, pasta) in the U.S. Of course, we will continue to assemble and deliver Dignity Kits and Children's Kits to El Paso for distribution to shelters in Juárez. And as we emphasized in last month's Dignity Mission Update, raising cash has become a priority for us

to purchase food and other critical items in the quantities needed and at the time they're needed. Cash on hand allows us to react quickly to any changes in what remains a fluid situation at the border.

Monetary donations can be made in one of two ways:

1. A check written to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church with Dignity Mission noted in the memo line and mailed to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 768, Placitas, NM 87043.
2. On-line giving 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 the box next to Dignity Mission on the Donation page, enter an amount, frequency and start date, and click on "Continue." Complete the form and submit.

If you would prefer to purchase any items that remain critically needed, please go to our wish list at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A8N584B37L61?ref=wl_share

and ship them directly to Dr. Eva Moya at the following address:

Dignity Mission
c/o Dr. Eva Moya
6520 La Cadena Dr.
El Paso, TX 79912

We are very grateful for your continued support. We send out a special thanks this month to Albuquerque Asylum Seeker Welcome, Mad Hatters and Quilters at All Saints Lutheran Church, and the youth of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church for all their donations and special efforts in support of the Dignity Mission.

