

Dignity Mission Update

February 4, 2025

The Dignity Mission successfully transported approximately 4,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies, including 2,100 Dignity Kits, 323 blankets, and 800 pounds of beans and rice, to the border last Saturday. Upon our arrival volunteers in El Paso immediately transferred approximately half of that load into SUVs and pickup trucks to deliver to shelters in Ciudad Juárez. Yes, Juárez. All asylum seekers are being denied appointments with Customs and Border Protection officials and are being turned back at the border. In the two weeks since the administration halted processing asylum seeker applications, most migrant shelters in El Paso have closed, or as Father Peter at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Migrant Shelter says, “are on standby.” Shelters in Juárez on the other hand are open and beginning to receive additional migrants, most of whom are young families who are faced with nowhere to go and no resources to live on. The situation is the same as it was in 2020, and as the Dignity Mission did then, it stands ready now to assist in any way we can to bring a sense of dignity to those turned back, deported, and maligned by governments and our fellow countrymen. We can’t and won’t ignore them.

The change in circumstances on the ground along the border forces us to realign our priorities and change the way we meet the needs of those we hope to serve by reducing the types of donations we will receive and the methods by which we can receive them. Transporting supplies across the border into Mexico poses one of the biggest hurdles. Consequently, **we can no longer accept any used items**. Dignity Kits, Children’s Kits, and snack bags are still very important so **raising cash** to purchase the products used in assembling these kits and bags becomes **our number one priority**. Food of course is critical, and we plan to purchase it in Mexico, so once again cash donations are most important. 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.

Direct shipments of the following items remain critical:

Children’s Underwear
Women’s Underwear
Nido Fortificado Dry Whole Milk
Nido Kinder 1+ Powdered Milk
Diapers
Baby Wipes

These items can be found at

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

and shipped 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 will gain our strength as a community built upon love by walking with the Samaritans of our age and welcoming the stranger as do the people of faith who founded the Hope Border Institute based on the premise that every person is born equal in dignity and rights and deserves to be loved