

Good afternoon!

The hope we find in these troubling times is grounded in the actions of people like all of you who have supported the Dignity Mission over the years. We are continually reminded that your generosity is driven by a genuine love for those who face hardship and need. This past weekend offered a powerful example of that hope in action.

On Friday, Ralph and Chris Bowlin, along with Cheryl and Jack, drove to El Paso to deliver more than 2,500 towels and 500 pounds of beans and rice. Many thanks to Jeff Fleming for organizing the acquisition of the towels. Most were purchased and laundered by Paul Leo, Bruce Newton, Doug Reaber, and Eric and Liz Austin, to whom we are deeply grateful.

The following morning, we joined 35 volunteers at Dr. Eva Moya's home in El Paso to assemble Dignity Kits—the hallmark of the Dignity Mission and our most requested resource. Using hundreds of cases of toiletry items purchased through your generous donations, volunteers ranging in age from seven to eighty-four assembled 1,698 kits in less than two hours. Participants traveled from as far as Alamogordo, New Mexico. Witnessing the joy, energy, and shared commitment of this group was truly inspiring. (Photos of many members of Dr. Moya's team are attached.)

Afterward, more than half of the kits were loaded into vehicles headed to the largest migrant shelter in Ciudad Juárez, which serves Mexican nationals recently deported from the United States. The remaining kits, along with beans, rice, and other donated items, were distributed to individuals and smaller shelters on both sides of the border. (Photo of one of the recipients attached.)

This was our second Dignity Kit assembly event in El Paso, and it was a resounding success. Not only does this approach eliminate the cost of transporting assembled kits from Placitas, but it also strengthens partnerships with those working most closely with the individuals we seek to serve. We plan to host another assembly event in El Paso in late May.

During a recent visit to San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, we met with members of the Unitarian Universalist Church who support ABBA House, a migrant shelter in Celaya. This shelter assists migrants from Haiti, Venezuela, and other countries who were either denied entry into the United States or deported. ABBA House provides medical and legal assistance to help individuals obtain residency permits and employment. Many are successfully relocating to Monterrey, where opportunities are more stable. Given the limited job prospects and safety concerns in Ciudad Juárez, we are exploring ways to help migrants connect with ABBA House as a safer and more sustainable alternative.

In the meantime, we continue to request donations in the form of direct shipments to Dr. Eva Moya in El Paso. There is an ongoing and **urgent need for underwear, Nido**

**powdered milk, and diapers.** These items may be purchased through Costco or Amazon and shipped directly to:

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

You can also find these items, along with a list of additional needs, on the Dignity Mission Wish List:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A8N584B37L61?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A8N584B37L61?ref_=wl_share)

Direct shipments or monetary donations remain the most efficient ways to respond to rapidly changing needs at the border. If you would like to contribute financially, you may do so in one of the following ways:

1. By Check

Make checks payable to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church with “Dignity Mission” in the memo line and mail to:

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 768  
Placitas, NM 87043

2. Online Giving

Visit <https://www.lasplacitaschurch.org>

- Click “More” (top right)
- Select “Give”
- Click “Click Here to Give”
- Choose “Dignity Mission”
- Enter your donation details and submit

We and those we serve continue to be so very grateful for all you do.

Blessings,

Jack & Cheryl

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*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

