

Social Justice and You

Agenda

- **Prayer**
- **Introduction**
- **Presentation and Discussion**
- **Close and Prayer**

Good Shepherd Social Justice Ministry Presents

Called to be Missionaries: A Service of Presence

Presentation and Discussion

I was ... a stranger and you welcomed me!
(Matthew 25:35)

Introducing...

- Cheryl Helms
- Lyness Henson

Missioners

If you judge people, you will not have time to love them

We Are Missionaries

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier

A Service of Presence

There are no great things, only small things with great love

El Paso
July 2016

Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person. . Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.

Columbian Mission Center

Welcome & Tour of Columbian Mission Center was provide by Father Bob Mosher

Entrance to the Center: Mural of the founding priests and the countries they served



Mission Statement:...to live and serve the people of God in Juarez, Mexico & El Paso, TX...stand with the poor, the migrant and the victims of violence, living out their faith in the practice of ecological & social justice...

Our Lady of Guadeloupe

Hand-painted mural in the chapel area of the Columbian Mission Center



Surrounded by a Unique Rosary with the Mysteries of the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious
Mysteries of Life

Hand-painted by a member of their mission

Sorrowful Mysteries of Life

Hand-painted by a member of their mission



Our Lady of Guadalupe – Model of Missioners

May God Bless You with tears to shed for those who suffer so you will reach out your hands to comfort them and change their pain into joy



Father Oscar Ramiro of El Salvador

Hand-painted Mural over the table In the kitchen of the Columbian Mission Center

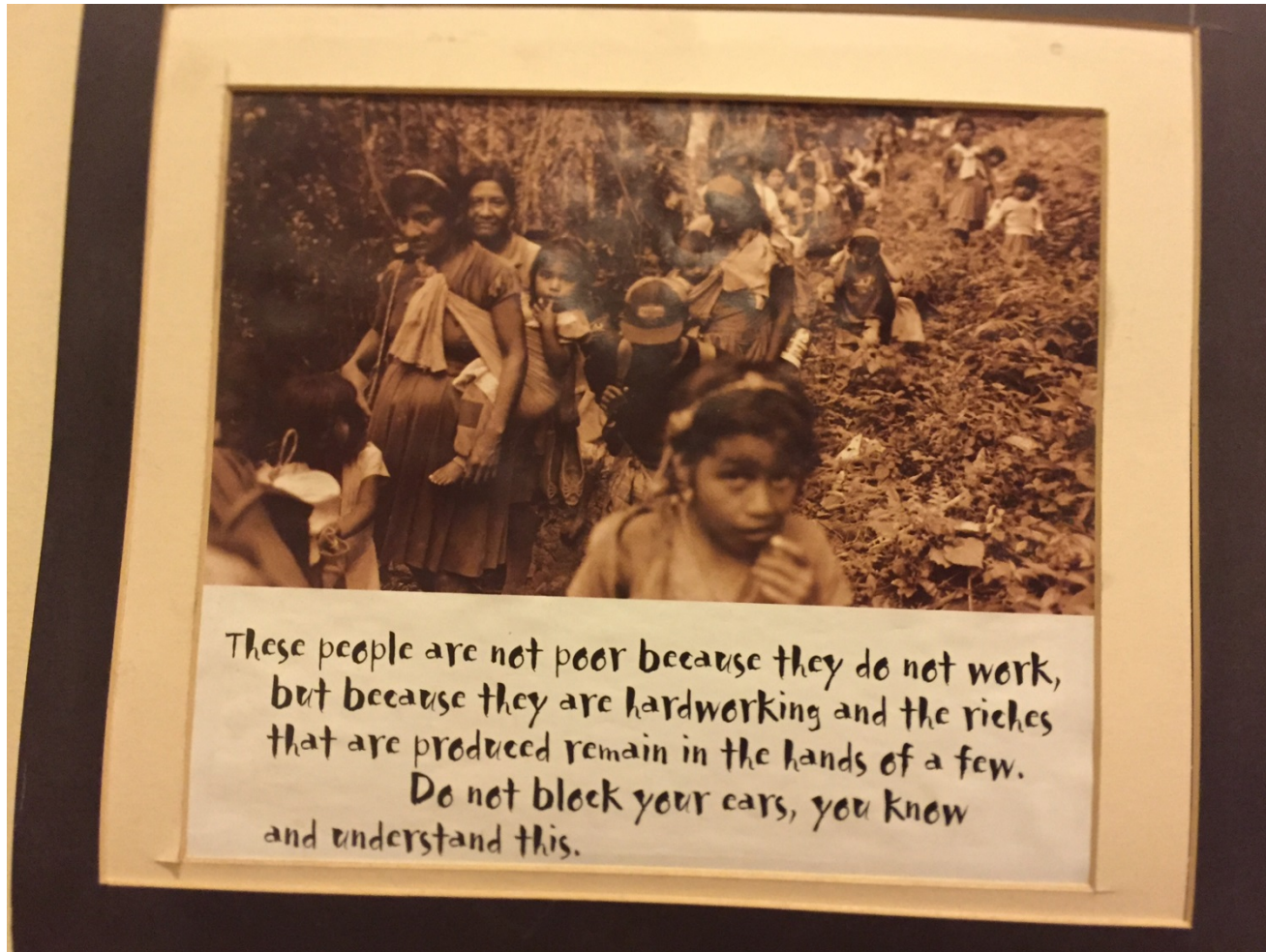


Murdered by Salvadoran government agents as he led the Eucharist. Father Ramiro's only crime was fighting for peace among the people of El Salvador's civil war in 1980.

May God Bless You with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so you will do the things which others say cannot be done



Photo in Columbian House Kitchen adjacent to the mural of Father Ramiro



Refugees arrive in U.S. seeking asylum from their countries... not just from Mexico but from all over South America & the world... Equator, Guatemala, Chile, Africa...

Nazareth Hall

'Condemned Section of the Rehabilitation Center' Failure to Pass Fire Codes



The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway...

After detainment by ICE (immigration & Customs Enforcement) families are separated into holding cells... cement blocks & an iron toilet where they sleep ... if they are lucky they receive a sandwich...usually only a few bags of chips may be available for food...Shoelaces are removed for safety reasons...

After being cleared by ICE, GPS tracking bracelets are attached to the immigrants ankles (treating them more like prisoners), and they are then bused to a Relief Home /emergency shelter to wait for travel documents to be received from their sponsor family. Travel must be arranged within 3 days or they are sent to another Relief home



Relief shelters are run by volunteers and rely on donations from local churches and individuals for food, clothing and other personal items

...Love is Service... The Fruit of Service is Peace.



*In the final analysis,
it is between you and
God.. It was never
between you and them
anyway.*



*Give the best you
have, and it will
never be enough.
Give your best
anyway.*



Mission Question: Holy Spirit What are we called to discover?



Sorting, folding & hanging clothes allowed us the opportunity to check out the latest El Paso fashions... plastic & leather seemed to be in Vogue this year...

Holy Family Parish



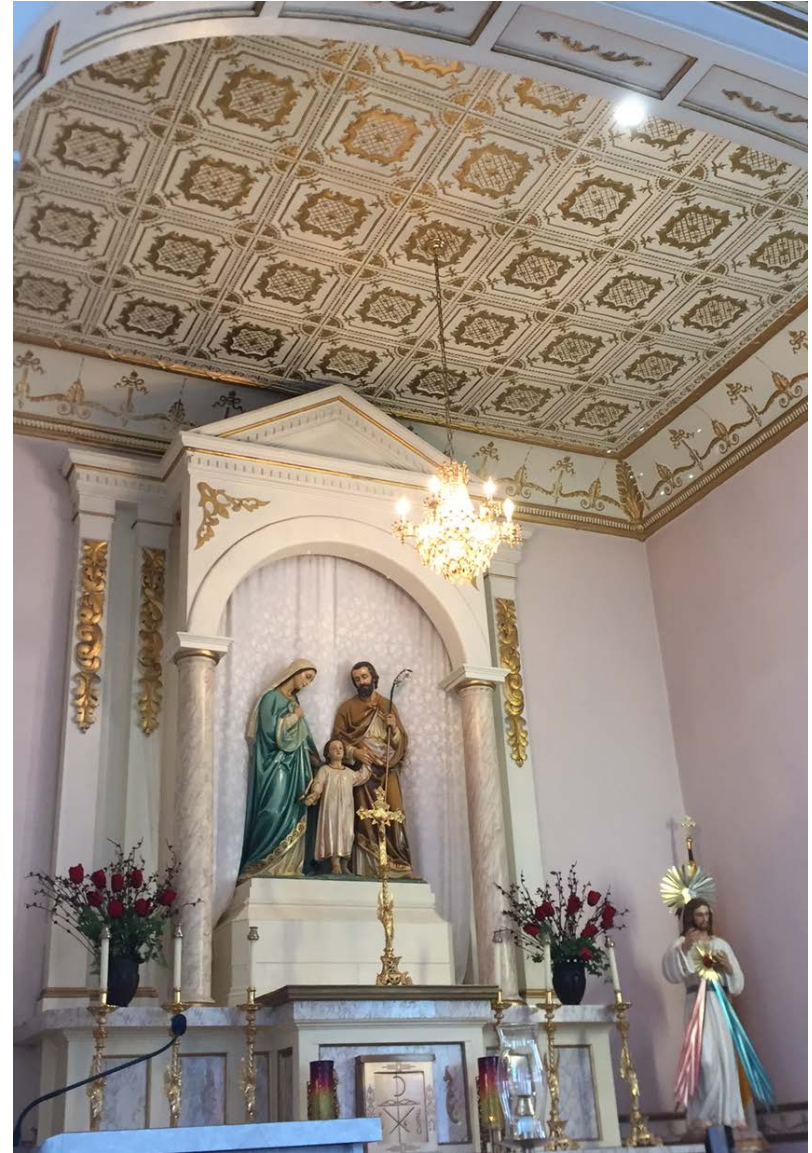
Holy Family Catholic Church is part of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso. Originally founded in 1916 to care for families seeking refuge from the Mexican Revolution.

Holy Family is also the host of St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Mission

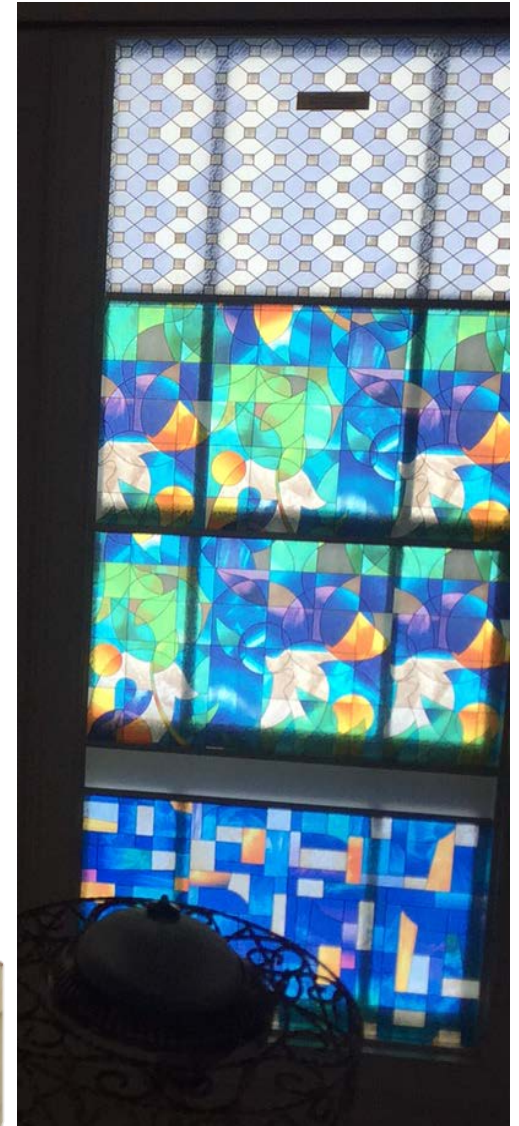
Holy Family Parish will celebrate serving people of God for 100 Years on September 17, 2016
Mass with Bishop Mark



Inside Peek at Holy Family Church



Hand-done 'Stained Glass'



Beautiful Statues & Seven Sorrows of Mary



Deacon Fred shares St. Sharbel relics



St. Sharbel pray for us!



St. Sharbel a hermit of the Lebanese mountain is enriching by his example and his intercession, for the entire Christian people. May he make us understand in a world largely fascinated by wealth & comfort, the value of poverty, penance and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God...

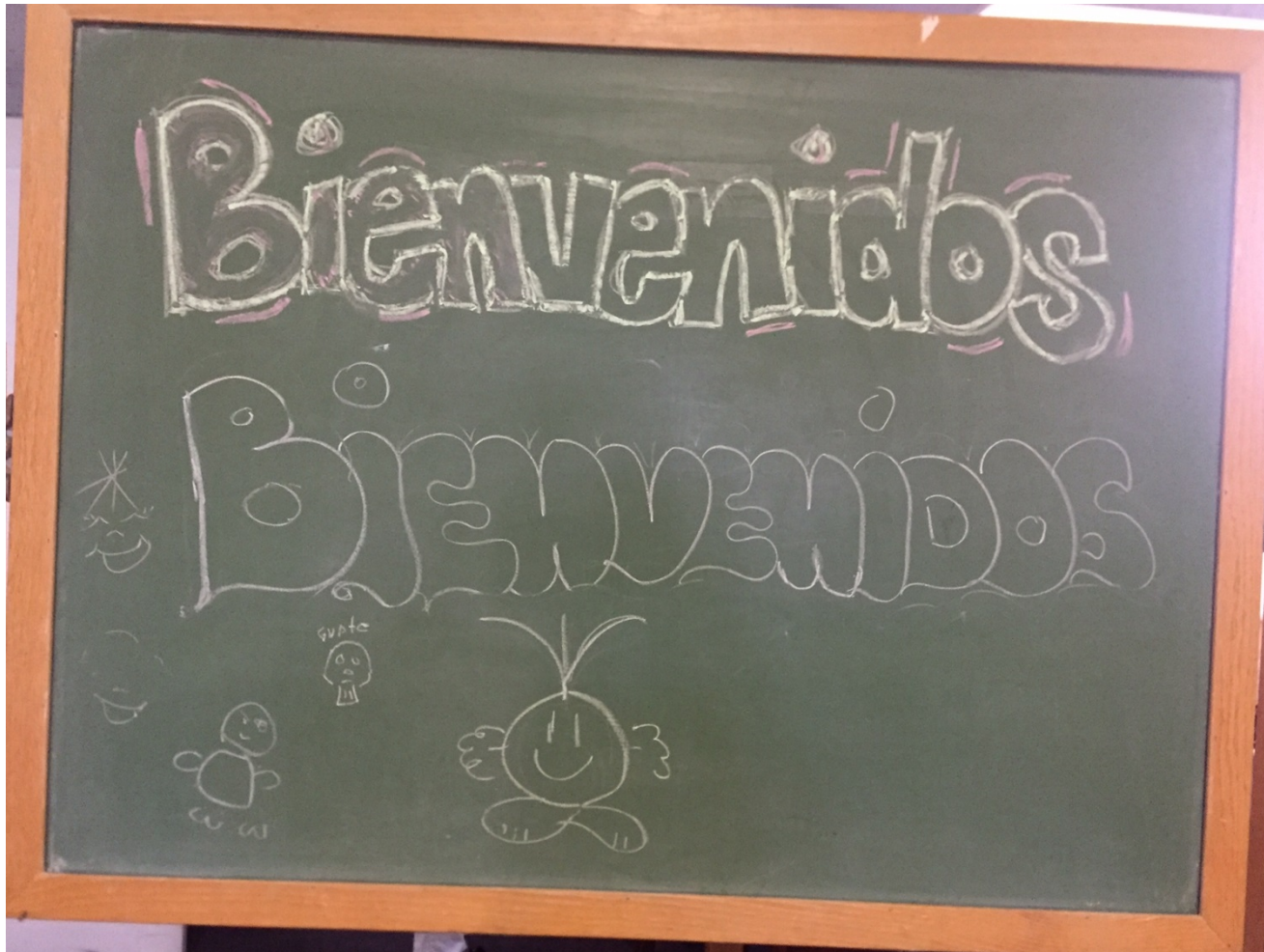
Pope Paul VI, October 9, 1977

Holy Family Sunday School Building

Utilized as Immigrants Relief House During Summer Months
Run by Volunteers & Relies strictly on Donations



A group of 45 Refugees were “Welcomed” and were assured of their safety – perhaps for the 1st time on their journey to the U.S.

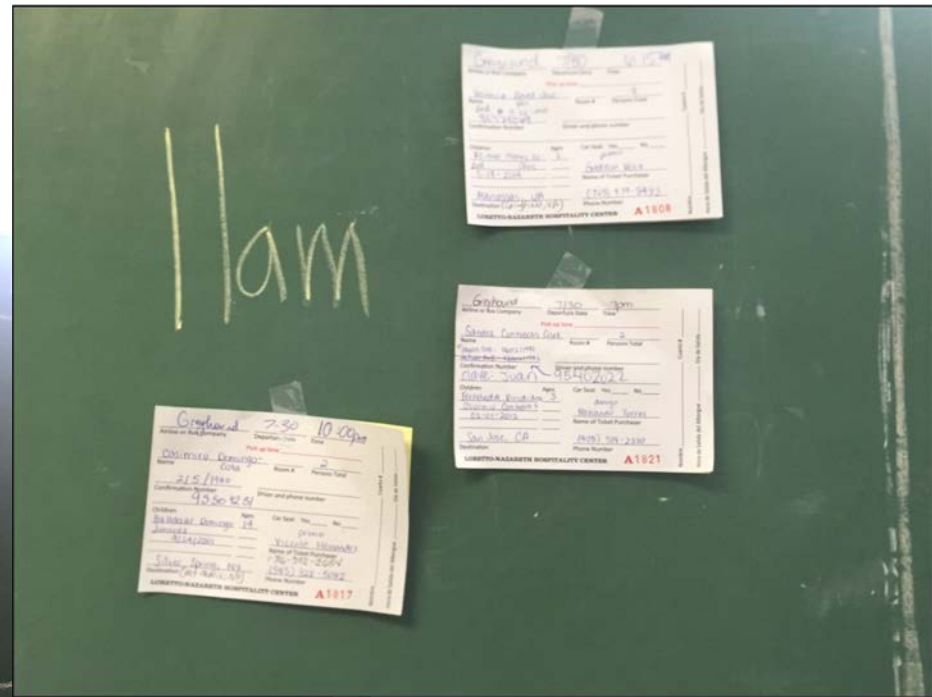
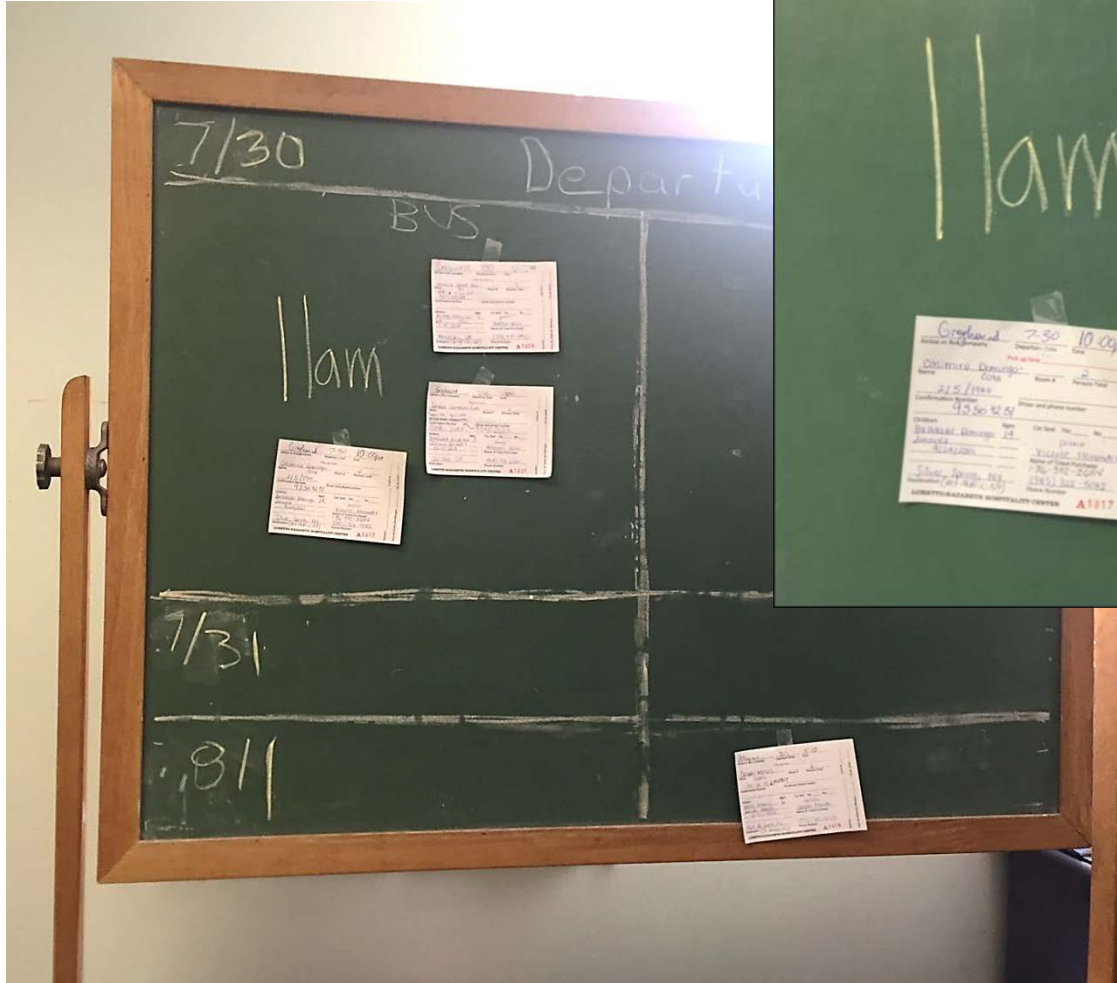


The head volunteer “Taylor” welcomed the guests and provided an overview of the schedule & house rules. Then Registration began...

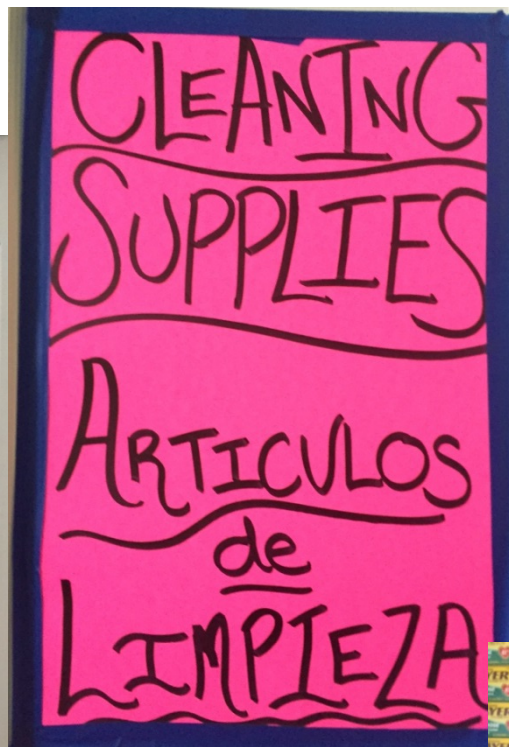
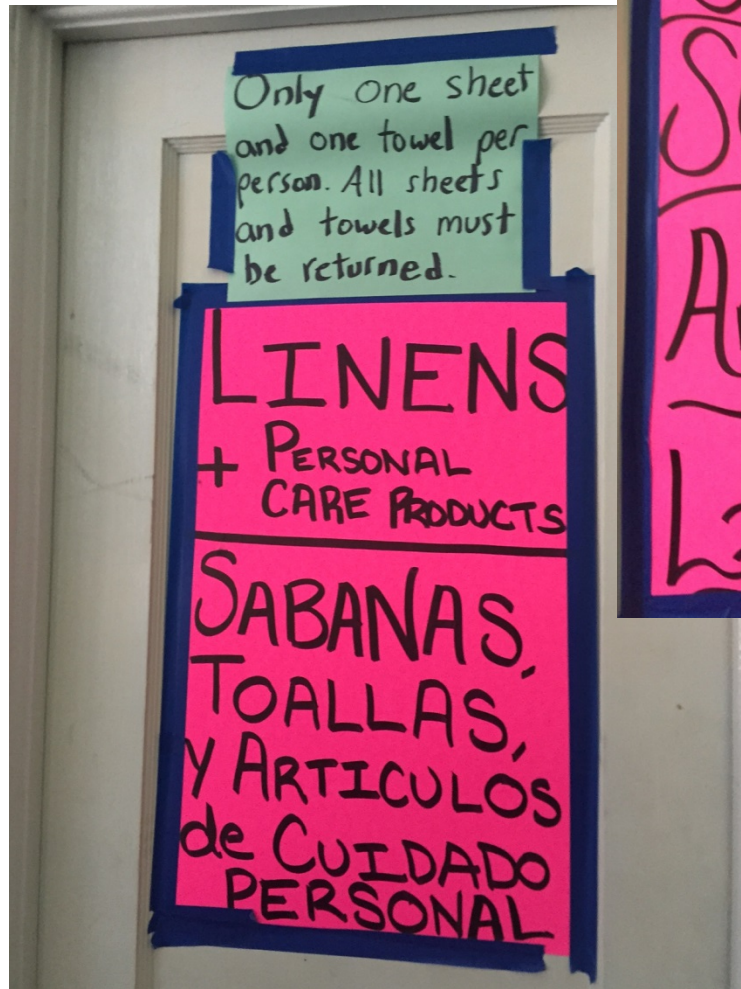
A volunteer – A U.S. Marine – began contacting host families and making arrangements for travel to their final destination...



A life not lived for others is not a life.



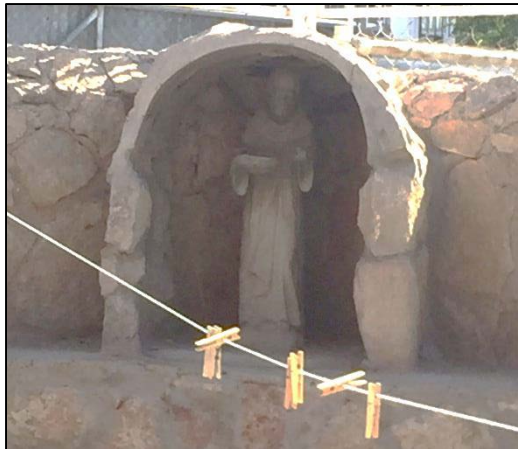
Bus and Airline schedules are posted and volunteers utilize their personal vehicles to transport immigrants to the airport & the bus station over the next 24 /48 hours. A fresh set of clothes, personal items, and a snack bag (all donated by local churches & individuals) are provided for their journeys

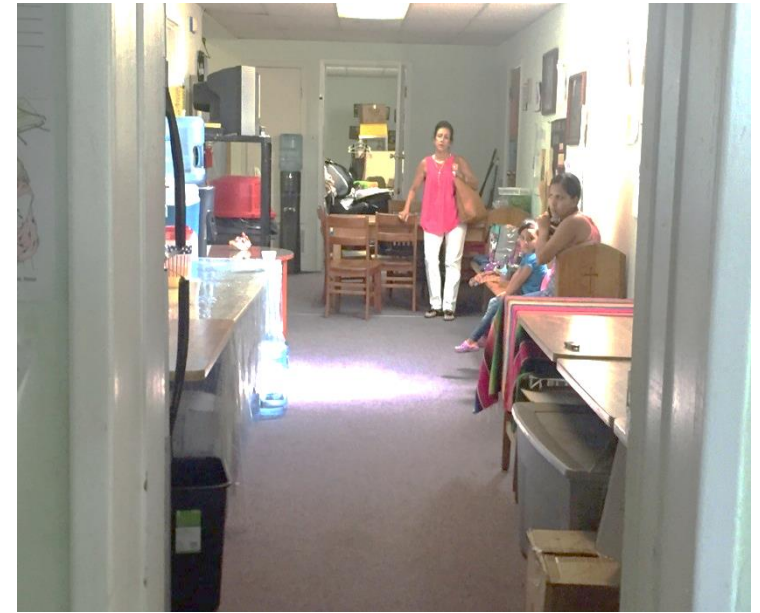


Guests are segregated for sleeping...
men & women/children
They are provided shower schedules, clean
linens & hygiene items...

Outside Showers...

The “HOT” temperatures in El Paso is dangerous for bare feet making the continued need for donated flip flops for the Immigrants.





Donated food must be re-heated in a small microwave & served ... perhaps the first full meal many of the Immigrants have received in a long time... No kitchen was available on the premises and serving utensils were limited to one large plastic spoon... Serving area was very small & refugees were restricted to eat where ever they could find a space since no tables or chairs were available for meals...

Provided with a list of 'most needed' items... it was time for a little shopping!!!



We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something...

Finally a little Fun!

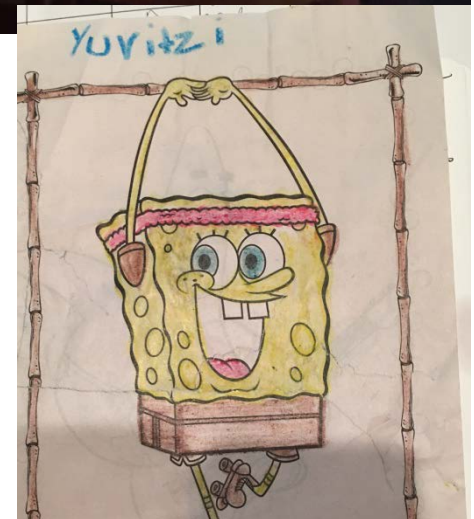
Space was very small so entertainment was limited to coloring, puzzles, small balls, and of course **BUBBLES!!!**



‘Fun’ is a universal language...



Fun with Bubbles.... “catch it... catch it... catch it!!!” ...



Lyness made a new friend name Yuritzzi who colored this special for her!

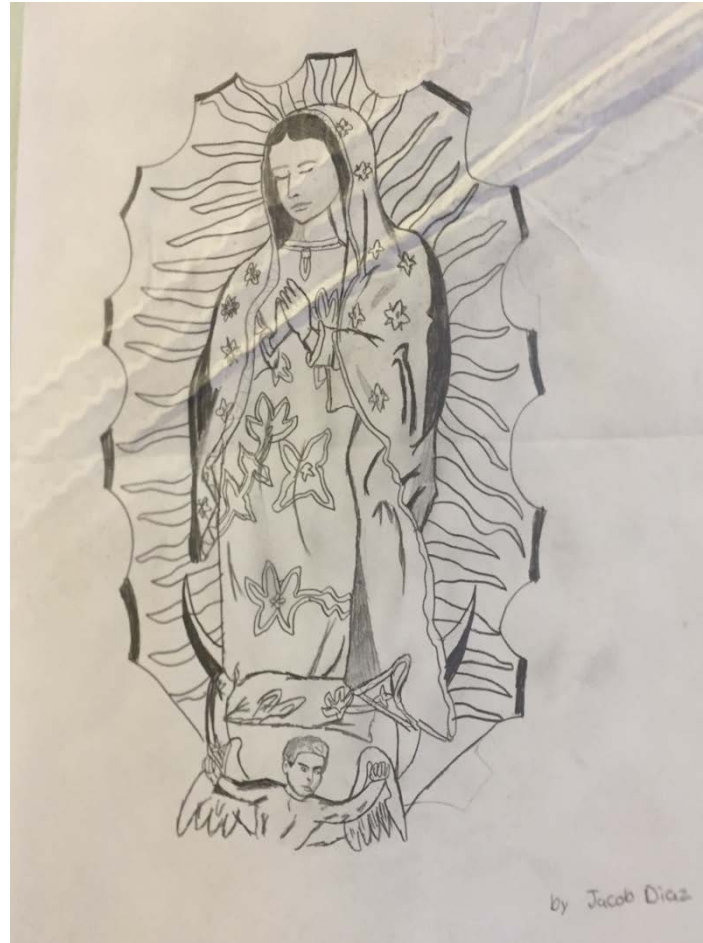
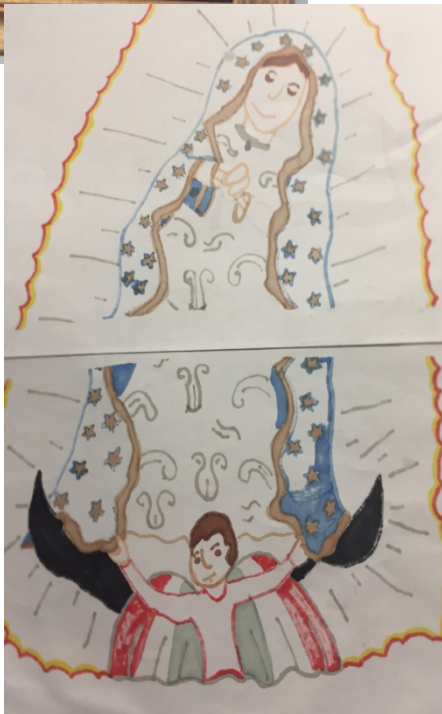
Beautiful People & Lasting Memories



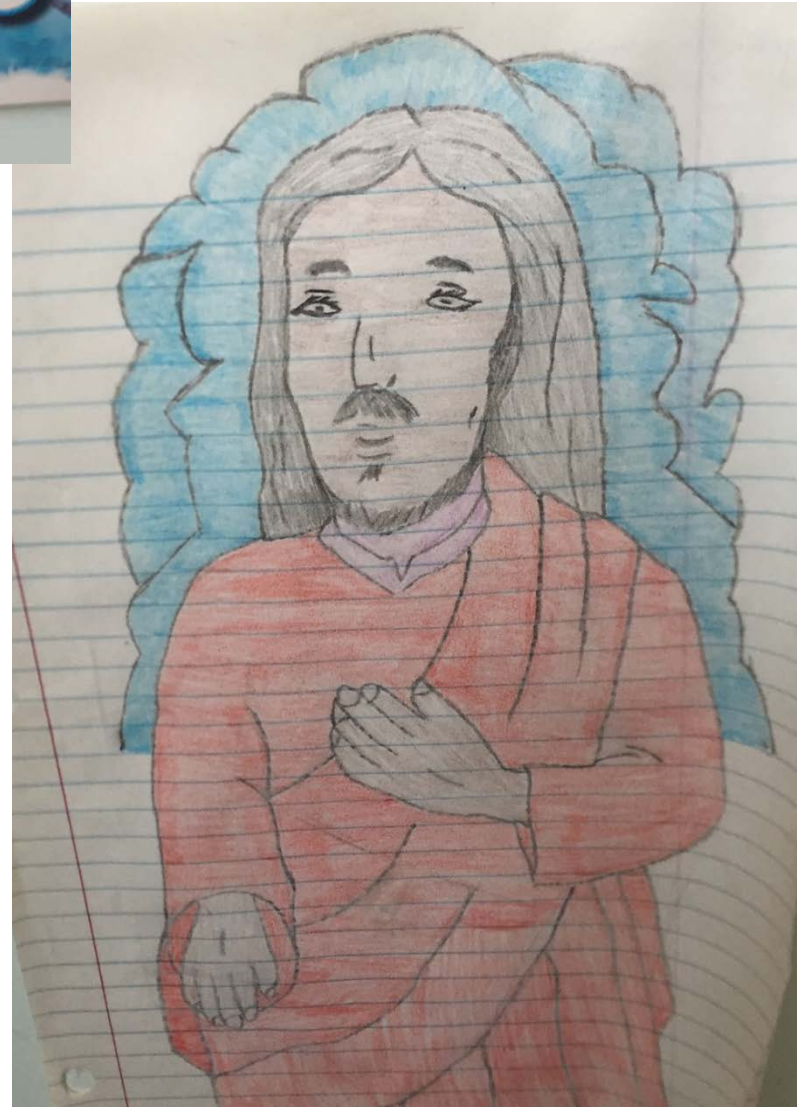
Every time you smile at someone , it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Children's Artwork hung throughout the
Holy Family Relief Center



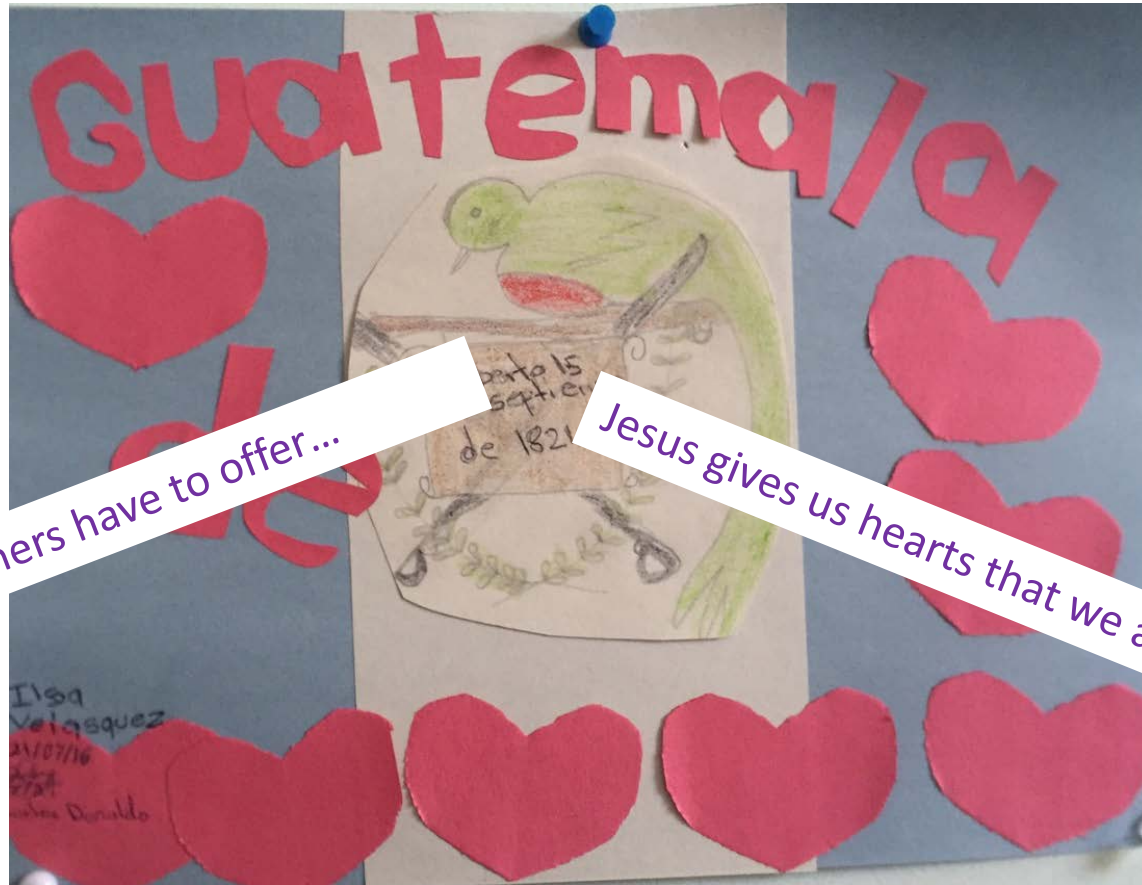
*I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a
love letter to the world.*



Through the Eucharist you become part of Jesus and his mission...

Jesus meek & humble make our hearts like Yours!!!

We encounter what we can not do anything about... but God puts us there for a reason...



Jesus turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh...

Espíritu Santo



I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

El Paso
Mission Trip

February 5-10

Next Speaker

Economic Justice: An Internet Presentation

- **What do the Economy and Justice have to do with each other?**
- **Why does this matter for how we live today?**

Speaker: Eli McCarthy, Director of Justice and Peace for the Conference of Superiors of Men, and professor at Georgetown University

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Social Justice Ministry

- **You are invited to join ...**
- **Email: socialjustice@g SCC.net**

Closing Prayer

***Thank You and
God Bless...***