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# Frontera de Cristo

Cultivating Relationships  
and Understanding  
Across Borders



Join us on April 15 at 5:00am for Border Stations of the Cross. [See photos from last year's event.](#) *Photo above courtesy Jenea Sanchez.*

Dear friends,

“Muchas gracias!”, a young man shared with a volunteer of the Migrant Resource Center as tears welled up in his eyes. He was battered and bruised emotionally and physically after unsuccessfully trying to reach his family in the United States, detained by the Border Patrol and expelled onto the streets of Agua Prieta.

Later he asked the volunteer: “Why are you doing this?”

“Because God loves you and so do we.”

Just in the last 48 hours, the Migrant Resource Center and its incredible group of volunteers has welcomed 589 beloved children of God who had been expelled from the United States. As we come close to Holy Week, we remember that Jesus was violently expelled from life to death on a cross. We also remember His words from Matthew 25, “when you have welcomed one of

the least of these, you have welcomed me; and when you have not welcomed, you have not welcomed me.”

Thank you for joining the community of DouglPrieta in choosing welcome. Your prayers, words of encouragement, donations of socks, underwear, and money are a blessing.

Peace,  
Mark & Joca

## Join the Migrant Resource Center in Choosing Welcome

**Forty high school students and teachers from the Menaul School** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, are spending this week with us in ministry. CATPSIC is leading four classes in tamale making for this delegation from 13 different countries. Today they made more than 40 dozen delicious tamales that will be shared with the guests of the Migrant Resource Center. The MRC's wonderful team of volunteers have welcomed more than 400 men and women in the last 36 hours alone, and more than 14,000 since the beginning of the year.

Please join our binational community as [We Choose Welcome!](#)



## "Is He Illegal?"

a letter from Miriam Maldonado & Mark Adams, as published in *Mission Connections*  
by the Presbyterian Mission Agency, March 29, 2022

**“Is he illegal?” asked the 911 dispatcher.**

“No, he is a human being created in the image of God, beloved by God. Send an ambulance now!” should have been my response. But that was not what I said.

While Adrian Gonzalez and I were serving our 8 p.m. to midnight volunteer shift at the Migrant Resource Center in Agua Prieta, Sonora, a man entered the center and was obviously concerned. He reported that his nephew had called him to say that that there was a young man who had been bitten by a rattlesnake and needed help.

“He is 200 meters south of mile marker 384 on Highway 80,” he told us with urgency. Being right on the border, my cell phone had a U.S. signal, and I called 911 to report what seemed to be a potentially life-threatening situation.

**Continue reading the story**



Nathan and Miriam pause before the cross that marks the place where the young man, Juan Diego, was bitten by a rattlesnake. [School Sisters of Notre Dame Pilgrimage of Remembrance.](#)

**Friday, April 15**  
**Border Stations of the Cross**





The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Border Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, beginning at 5:00am Arizona Time.

We remember that Jesus' rejection by the powers of the world culminated in the crucifixion and that every time that we do not welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty we reject Jesus again. Our governments have increasingly chosen policies of exclusion that have led to the deaths of thousands.

**Join us as we remember,  
and we commit to following  
the way of Jesus.**

**To join the event in person:** US side participants will meet at 4:30 am at the Frontera de Cristo office 826 E. 11th Street. Mexico side participants will meet at 4:45 am at Avenida 44 and Calle Internacional.

This event will be live-streamed on our [Facebook page](#).

## Love Mercy, Do Justice, Order Coffee



**Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo** developed the Coffee and Compassion program in 2020 in response to the economic downturn due to COVID and the concurrent drop in sales of Café Justo when churches stopped meeting together in person. The program has been an amazing success, and we are grateful to everyone who participates. Hundreds of families in Agua Prieta received assistance with food and other needs over the past two years because you cared.

Why not [order some coffee today](#)? You will enjoy delicious 100% organic coffee cultivated, roasted, and shipped by the Café Justo cooperative. To order by mail instead of online, just download [this form](#).

# Coffee, Conversation, & Compassion

More Conversations

First Thursdays at 4pm (AZ/Sonora)

Thursday/ jueves, April 7 de abril, 4:00pm AZ Time

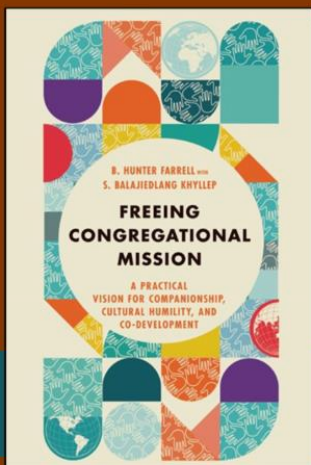
(4pm Pacific, 5pm Mountain, 6pm Central, 7pm Eastern)

## Freeing Congregational Mission:

A Practical Vision  
for Companionship,  
Cultural Humility,  
and Co-Development



A book study with Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



Support your local bookstore by ordering Dr. Farrell's  
book from [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org), or order on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

### Join the conversations by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88683455600>

May 5 de mayo

**Coffee, Migration and Faith**

Café Justo: 20 Years of  
Responding to Root Causes of  
Migration

June 2 de junio

**Choosing Welcome in the Face  
of Rejection:**

Migration in the Borderlands

July 7 de julio

**The Border as a Place of Encounter:**

Life and Faith of Frontera de Cristo



**Chiapas, Here I Come!** Everyone who participates in at least one of our Thursday "conversations" between now and July 7 will have their name entered into a raffle for a \$700 scholarship to attend our Border-to-Border Delegation to Chiapas in November (see the flyer below). Participate in two: get your name entered two times. Four? Get your name entered four times. Just one prize will be awarded, but you still have four more chances! Join us this week?

## Save the Dates for the 20th Anniversary Celebrations of our Border-to-Border Delegation

**20 Years! It's a reason to celebrate,  
and celebrate we will!**

**November 5th in Agua Prieta  
November 11th in Chiapas**

Save those dates and stay tuned for more information about the celebrations. To download the delegation flyer, click on the image.

To save your spot, fill out this [registration form](#) and mail it in with your \$200 deposit.

**2022 BORDER-TO-BORDER DELEGATION:**  
**Café Justo Coffee, Migration & Faith**

Join with Café Justo and persons from both sides of the border on a pilgrimage from the US/Mexico Border to the Mexico/Guatemala border, exploring the connections between coffee, migration, and faith.

From Douglas, Arizona & Agua Prieta, Sonora to Salvador Urbina, Chiapas

- Walk the trails on which many coffee farmers have migrated
- Visit the Just Coffee roasting facility
- Get an overview of the U.S. border policy
- Have conversations with ranching families affected by migration
- Tour the Douglas Border Patrol Station
- Enjoy fellowship and meals with families who have migrated from Chiapas
- Spend time in biblical reflection and prayer
- Have fun at the festa with members of the Just Coffee Cooperative
- Participate in harvesting coffee
- Enjoy fellowship and meals with the families of the cooperative
- Visit the new Café Justo El Aguila Cooperative
- Have conversations with parents whose children have migrated
- Participate in a prayer meeting
- Tour the Mexico/Guatemala border
- Visit the Scalabrini Migrant Center in Tapachula
- Visit local Mayan ruins and butterfly sanctuary
- Visit local markets
- See local waterfalls and popular sites
- Drink lots of great coffee!

**November 4-12, 2022**

- Cost: \$1,700
- \$200 to reserve a spot
- \$500 due September 15
- \$700 due October 15
- Limit 15 participants per trip

For more information or to register, contact Mark at 520-364-9257 or [mark@borderstocoffee.org](mailto:mark@borderstocoffee.org)

All expenses included from Douglas, except for two meals on travel days. Based on roundtrip airfare from Hermosillo to Tapachula. We can arrange for a flight back to the airport of your choice with the difference in airfare added to the fee.

## Building Relationships Across Borders With a Delicious Cup of Coffee

Bryce Wiebe: What **Café Justo** Means to Me

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