

Hello, this is just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo. Don't forget to add [mark@fronteradecristo.org](mailto:mark@fronteradecristo.org) to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox each time! You may unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of this page if you no longer wish to receive our emails.

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# Frontera de Cristo

Cultivating Relationships  
and Understanding  
Across Borders



Join us on Friday, November 4  
and Saturday, November 5,  
when Café Justo celebrates  
its 20th anniversary!



Dear Friends,

Come! Ride the Frontera de Cristo Van!

Yes, Frontera de Cristo has a 15-passenger van that will transport you into an experience of a lifetime.

From its inception in the 1980s, Frontera de Cristo has invited delegations from across the country to come to Douglas Prieta to experience our borderlands. After the corona-virus-hiatus, we have begun to receive varied groups/delegations again. You are invited to join us; to ride in the Frontera de Cristo van to see, hear, and experience all there is "*en la frontera.*"

The Frontera de Cristo van slides open its welcoming doors and transports you through many borderlands stories. You will meet and learn from the ministry staff and leaders of the community partnerships. There are so many extraordinary people who, with grace and compassion, face challenge and adversity. You will pray and sing and search and grow with women, men, and children, pastors and migrants, directors and recovering substance abusers, gardeners and artists, politicians and cooks, and more.

The Frontera de Cristo van will take you to the border wall where you will witness a monument to division and power (or perhaps a new opportunity for engagement and understanding). You can travel to the top of a rise and marvel at the spectacular mountains and desert-scapes. You will bump down a desert road through the mesquite and tall grasses, past the grazing cattle, or across a soggy arroyo. You might travel to the plaza in Agua Prieta and celebrate the end of the day with the community and choose a meal from a variety of taco trucks. Douglaprieta is blessed with rich diversity.

Come! Visit this vital place. Come! Step into "la frontera." You are welcome here. *Bienvenidos*.

Peace,  
Pastor Jocabed Gallegos and Dan Abbott and Catherine May

Contact [fronteradecristo.org](http://fronteradecristo.org) or [missiondelegations@fronteradecristo.org](mailto:missiondelegations@fronteradecristo.org) for more information

## It's Just a Few Days Away!



**Friday, November 4 & Saturday, November 5**  
**Food, Activities, Music, & Dance at Café Justo y Mas**  
**Avenida 19 and Calle 11 in Agua Prieta**

**Join us at Café Justo y Mas in Agua Prieta**  
**Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5**  
**for the celebration of Café Justo's 20th anniversary.**

Yes, we're having two days of celebration! **The main event will be Saturday, November 5**, from 11am to 3pm. There'll be food, music, folk dancing and, of course, Café Justo!



It's a celebration you won't want to miss! Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo have put together a 2-day smorgasbord of anniversary events including, but not limited to—

- biblical reflections with the coffee growers,
- a guided prayer walk along the border wall murals,
- a border infrastructure tour,
- “Loteria” by Café Justo,
- music and folk dancing, and
- preparing coffee drinks with the baristas of Café Justo.

And there'll be meals galore! You won't go hungry. Although there's a small charge for lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday, the main anniversary celebration with lunch on Saturday is free! Come one, come all, and help us celebrate 20 amazing years!

First, see what's in store for you ... [Download the schedule of events](#)

Click the flyer below to download the PDF.

And then ... [Reserve your place and buy your tickets here](#)



**20 años**  
Aniversario  
Friday, November 4 &  
Saturday, November 5  
at Café Justo y Mas,  
Avenida 19 & Calle 10  
Agua Prieta, Sonora



CAFÉ  
**JUSTO**  
THE DIFFERENCE IS  
IN THE ROASTING



*The Main Event:*  
Saturday from 11 to 3  
The 20th Anniversary  
Celebration Lunch,  
Music, & Dance  
(no charge)



**CAFÉ JUSTO y Mas**

*Sign up today!*  
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*The Extras:*  
Friday Welcome Lunch  
Mural Art on the Border Wall  
Biblical Reflections with the Coffee Growers  
Carne Asada Dinner on the Patio  
Be a Barista: Learn the Tricks of the Trade  
Border Infrastructure Tour  
“Loteria” by Café Justo  
Panel Discussions  
Painting Class  
Photo Exhibit  
And more!



**Friday Welcome & Lunch**  
First Presbyterian Church,  
1020 D Avenue, Douglas  
Catered by Blueberry Café  
Just \$11 per person



**Border Infrastructure Tour**  
Learn the history of the  
US-Mexico border



**Carne Asada Dinner**  
on the patio Friday evening  
at Café Justo y Mas  
Just \$11 per person



**Be a Barista!**  
Sign up for a free 30-minute training  
session with our baristas and learn to  
prepare coffee drinks

# Pueblo Memories

by Bridich Saragos, Associate Director, Migrant Resource Center

*Editor's note: The following piece, provided by Bridich Saragos, Associate Director of the Migrant Resource Center in Agua Prieta, Sonora, is challenging. She uses a poem by Rubí Celia Huerta Norberto to express the human connection to one's place, one's pueblo. The poem is in the poet's indigenous language—Purépecha—and is provided along with a translation into Spanish and a subsequent translation into English. You can imagine that Bridich, as a native speaker of Purépecha, understood the original intent of the poet; yet, as it was translated through the languages, it tended to lose some of its original "melody" and purpose. But Bridich's understanding and message is clear.*



Rubí Celia Huerta Norberto is an original native to the municipality of Chilchota, Michoacán. She is a historian, linguistics professor, and IndoAmerican writer in her maternal tongue, the Purépecha language, that has been her source of inspiration.

When we speak of our *pueblo*\* it brings to mind the smells, colors, streets, scenery, poverty, among other things, and probably the faces of our family members. (*Translator's note: "pueblo" means both the physical place and the humans who inhabit it*).

When our migrant brothers and sisters find themselves in the desert, they recall their *pueblo* and their home with nostalgia. When in foreign lands, perhaps dying, they regain strength as they think about why they are there. Some decide that it is better for them to return home and enjoy their families; their motivations and their reasoning change in the face of difficult moments.

[Read the rest of this short article, and the poem in three languages.](#)

**Love Mercy, Do Justice, Order Coffee**

**Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo** created the "Love Mercy, Do Justice" initiative to provide coffee for migrant shelters across the southern border. Thousands of women and men each week are greeted with a cup of coffee, a meal, and vital medical attention when they are repatriated into Mexico. You can help support this effort with a donation to [Love Mercy, Do Justice](#).

In the mean time, why not [order some coffee for yourself 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](#).



**Febe Maldonado,  
barista at Café Justo y Mas**

## Interpretation Assignment



**Mark & Miriam are traveling the country** for the next year, on "Interpretation Assignment." We invite you to connect with them when they're at a church in your area.

[View their speaking schedule](#) for the year (subject to change). They welcome opportunities to fill in the blanks. Just email [mark@fronteradecristo.org](mailto:mark@fronteradecristo.org) to inquire about the date you'd like to host them.

**Café Justo Video**  
**The Dedication of Café Justo y Mas**  
June 4, 2016





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