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FW: Good News From the Border: Cultivating Community

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10 de marzo 2024

**Frontera
de
Cristo**

**Cultivating Relationships
and Understanding
Across Borders**



Our Café Justo y Más cycling team

Dear friends,

The border has been a "hot political" topic for as long as we have lived here; but for us and for the millions of people who live here, the border is home. Many who do not live here use the rhetoric of fear and chaos when talking about the border. We live the reality that while there is suffering and division on the border, the border is also a place of encounter, opportunity, and hope.

We are grateful to serve with Frontera de Cristo who invites us, and you, and the church on both sides of the border to join together and live into the reality that God calls us to work together across borders to live as one humanity in all of our cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity, living in harmony with one another and with God's creation.

[Click here](#) to see some of the ways that you can join with FDC cultivating the community that reflects God's love, mercy, and justice.

Thank you for your encouragement of, your prayers, and your support for Frontera de Cristo.

Peace,
Miriam Maldonado Escobar and Mark Adams
[PC\(USA\) Mission Co-workers serving with Frontera de Cristo](#)

Ruta del Jefe March 20-24, 2024

[RUTA DEL JEFE](#) is a unique event that promotes the rich culture and biodiversity in the borderlands, showcases its indigenous communities, and highlights the border wall's effects on animal and human migration. It's a four-day festival that brings together cyclists from both sides of the border to enjoy the beauty of the borderlands, cultivate community, learn together, and advocate for the borderlands.

Frontera de Cristo is sponsoring the Café Justo y Más cycling team (photo above) that consists of Febe Maldonado, barista at Café Justo y Más; Carmina Sanchez, long-time board member of Frontera de Cristo; Margarita Hilario Luna, y Yadeny Muñiz Díaz. We are also honored to be one of the recipients of the fundraising component.

You can donate and help the Café Justo y Más Team reach its fundraising goal. [Just click here to donate today.](#)

[See more Ruta del Jefe photos](#)



Photo Exhibition at Café Justo y Más

THE GRAND OPENING of the Libertad Sobre Ruedas (Freedom on Wheels) photo exhibition celebrating the grand bike ride "[Ruta del Jefe](#)," was held Saturday, March 9, at [Café Justo y Más](#) in Agua Prieta, Sonora. The photos will be on display through April 20, and you are cordially invited to come and see!

Libertad Sobre Ruedas

EXHIBICIÓN DE FOTOGRAFÍAS

March 9–April 20 at Café Justo y Más

Café Justo y Más
Cruzada por la Vida
Ciencia Los Ojos
Frontera Cristo

Join Us at the Border on Good Friday, March 29, for
Border Stations of the Cross



**Good Friday / Viernes Santo
Border Stations of the Cross
Via Crucis de la Frontera**

**Friday, March 29
Viernes 29 de marzo**

**5:00am Arizona/Sonora/Pacific Time
(6am Mountain, 7am Central, 8am Eastern)**

[Download the Border Stations of the Cross flyer with meeting instructions](#)

2024 Carmelo Cruz Marcos ¡PRESENTE!

a letter from Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar, as published in *Mission Connections*, March 6, 2024



A cross was planted near the place in the desert where Carmelo Cruz Marcos died.

CARMELO CRUZ MARCOS
Un hijo [A son]
Un hermano [A brother]
Un esposo [A husband]
Un padre de tres [A father of three]
Creado en la imagen de Dios [Created in the
image of God]
Amado por Dios [Beloved by God]
¡PRESENTE!

Dear friends,

February 19 was the second anniversary of the day a border patrol agent shot and killed Carmelo Cruz Marcos—at 10 o'clock at night in the Peloncillo Mountains about 30 miles east of Douglas, Arizona.

[Continue reading Mark & Miriam's letter](#)

Love Mercy, Do Justice, Order Coffee



FRONTERA DE CRISTO AND CAFÉ JUSTO CREATED the "Love Mercy, Do Justice" (*Amar Misericordia, Hacer Justicia*) 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](#).

2,170 pounds of Café Justo were provided to migrant shelters in these locations through Love Mercy, Do Justice in 2023 and 2024.

In Mexico—

Agua Prieta, Sonora
CATPSIC
CAME
CRM
Centro Comunitario

Nogales, Sonora
Kino Border Initiative
Casa de Misericordia

Sasabe, Sonora
Casa de Esperanza

Matamoros, Tamaulipas
Albergue Dulce Refugio

Sonoita, Sonora
Centro de Esperanza

Gomez Palacio, Durango
Luz y Salvacion

Tapachula, Chiapas
Albergue Buen Pastor
Casa Hogar para Rehabilitación
de Adicciones
Albergue Diocesano Belen



In the US (added in 2024)—
Douglas, AZ
Douglas Welcome Center

Silver City, NM
Gospel Rescue

Deming, NM
Deming Welcome Center

Columbus, OH
Bethany PC Feeding Ministry

The **Immaculate Conception Shelter** in Douglas, Arizona, is the newest partner with the *Love Mercy, Do Justice* ministry. It opened in September 2023 to receive persons seeking asylum who are released in Douglas by Border Patrol. *Love Mercy, Do Justice* has donated delicious freshly roasted Café Justo to help welcome to more than 6,000 guests who have found a safe and loving place on their journey. Frontera de Cristo provides the welcoming team each Friday.



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](#).

Two Dates to Save!
Frontera de Cristo's 40th Anniversary
2024 Border-to-Border Delegation: Coffee, Migration, & Faith

Mark your calendars now and plan to celebrate Frontera de Cristo's 40th anniversary with us in Agua Prieta, October 18-20, 2024. Event list is forthcoming in April's e-letter.



Travel to the Guatemala border and learn about the **Café Justo** cooperative.
(Dates include participation in Frontera de Cristo's 40th anniversary celebration.)
Download the [flyer](#) here. Download the [registration form](#) and pay by check or [register and pay online](#).

2024 BORDER-TO-BORDER DELEGATION:



Coffee, Migration & Faith

Join with people on both sides of the border for 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 migrant trails where coffee farmers walked
- Visit the Café Justo roasting facility
- Get an overview of the US border policy
- Talk with ranching families affected by migration
- Enjoy meals with families who have migrated from Chiapas to Agua Prieta
- Spend time in biblical reflection and prayer
- Enjoy a fiesta with members of the coffee cooperative
- Participate in harvesting coffee
- Enjoy fellowship and meals with the co-op families
- Talk with parents whose children have migrated
- Participate in a grower meeting
- Visit the new Café Justo El Aguila Cooperative
- Tour the Mexico/Guatemala Border
- Visit the Scalabrini Migrant Center in Tapachula
- Visit local markets and a butterfly sanctuary
- See local waterfalls and popular sites
- Drink lots of great coffee

Oct 18-26, 2024



Register Online



- **Cost: \$1,800**
- **\$200 to reserve a spot**
- **\$800 due August 15**
- **\$800 due September 15**
- **Limit 15 participants per trip**

For more information or to register, contact Mark at 520-364-9257 or mark@fronteradecristo.org

All expenses included from Douglas, Arizona, except for two meals on travel days. Based on round trip air travel between Hermosillo and Tapachula. We may be able to arrange for a flight back to the airport of your choice from Mexico City at no additional cost if we know by September 1. If the cost is more, you would be responsible for the difference.

A Week in the Borderlands

Frontera de Cristo

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Watch our new 2023 video by Steve Zeoli
[See the whole Café Justo video list](#)

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