

Borderlinks/Casa Misorecordia

Community Center, Community
Garden and the Border

2008 Nogales Project

The Rotary Club of Winters partnered with “Borderlinks” a non-profit operating in Nogales, Mexico to do service at the “Casa de la Misericordia” for six days. We served food, installed a new irrigation and water system, repaired items at the Casa and toured the border region.

It was a life changing experience as we learned of the plight of all involved, the dangers of Sonoran immigrants and the reality of the border enforcement or lack thereof. We visited an orphanage for 2,500 children and that most were not Mexican.

The project was spearheaded by Rotarian Woody Fridae (who you will see playing guitar). Woody changed many lives on this trip and gave us all the gift of mercy, understanding and the charge to help others



“House of Mercy”

- Community Center servicing 400 child meals each day, seniors and the Promotores



The Neighborhood



The Casa is a critical center for services. Promotores provide health services, the Casa food and referrals. In most cases the only meal of the day for children.



Playground Maintenance



We purchased and installed a new water cistern, their only water source.







Almost 4,000 children live in orphanages in the Sonoran desert region.



Here we sit in a room which sleeps almost 100 children each night.



The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) allows industry along the border. These include Chinese, American and other nations to manufacture goods for import into the United States.

The industrial parks which exist would be a dream for any American City or region with thousands of jobs and economic impact.

The Border





Money and Death

The risk crossing into the Sonoran Desert is huge. The hundreds of miles with meager supplies, the natural elements and the double cross of people mostly unprepared to do a herculean crossing is giant.



“ Coyotes” smuggle human trafficking into the US.

- The picture is a meeting location for persons preparing to cross with the assistance of the Coyotes.
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Persons awaiting transport across into Arizona





Repatriation Center

- We visited the repatriation center where the US Immigration Service returns captured persons, most of whom are not from Mexico. We watched the almost instantaneous intake and release of people and actually ate dinner with a couple who was going back across the border to Las Vegas that evening.
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