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## NEWSLETTER

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Author (Rosemary) and friend at the border

### ARC Texas Program Update

## TIDBITS FROM THE TEAM JOURNAL

**Recent border interactions.** Below are journal entries from two ARC Team members on the TX Border.

#### Journal Entry By Rosemary Hoover

Her mouth dropped open at my "Bonswa, kòman ou ye?" and her eyes widened in surprise. "How can you talk Kreyòl?" she asked. "Are you an American, or aren't you?"

I sat down beside her and reached for her baby as she kept right on talking.

"What is it that makes you people different?" she asked. "I left Haiti in September of last year. And I've met many people on the long journey here—in the Dominican Republic, in Nicaragua, in Mexico, wherever I all was to get here to the States— and all the people in all the places were the same. They all were mean, harsh, and unfriendly. No one likes us because we are Haitians. And now here you come and give me food and water and hold my baby and say he's beautiful. You listen to my story. What is it about you and your friends that's different? Why are you doing this? What's going on?"

We had a long conversation. And she dumped out her whole life's story to me. How she was raised in a family and community of unbelievers. How her country became worse and worse, and she lived in fear of being killed by the gangs. How she heard nearby shooting every day and every night. How she sent her children to live with her grandma in a safer town. How her husband was killed in a motorcycle accident. And then how she left Haiti with her godmother in hopes of reaching the States.

She was open and friendly and when I asked her if she knows Jesus she said, "I know about Him. But I don't serve Him." Then she flooded me with questions. Questions about God and who He is. And about salvation. And faith. And sin. And marriage. And death.

I asked her if she would like a Bible and her eyes shone as she hugged it close and said, "Thank You Jesus!" over and over again.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- TX:** Pray that God can use the literature we pass out to reach people.
- MN:** (1) Discernment & compassion for the teachers, as we point our Muslim friends to Jesus. (2) Spiritual grounding and protection for our team, as we shine the light each day in the darkness.







SERVICE  
OPPORTUNITY

Looking to Serve? Email  
volunteer@arcministry.org  
or call Peter Wadel at  
763-358-3816 to get started!

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- MN: -Single man for March.  
-Single lady for April.
- TX: -Two ladies immediately  
(Spanish and/or Haitian  
Kreyol speaking)  
-Spanish speaking man by  
end of January 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
SEPTEMBER '24

INCOME	
Donations	\$30,126.30
Donated Services	\$4,500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$34,626.30</b>
EXPENSE	
<i>Programs</i>	
- Minneapolis	\$18,100.39
- Mexico Border	\$14,297.50
- Resettlement	\$0
<i>Administration</i>	\$454.19
<i>Fundraising</i>	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$33,092.08</b>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$123,522.05</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$125,056.27</b>

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Here's what she says to me and to all of you who make this border ministry here at ARC possible. "Thank you for being here for us as we cross into the States. The journey here is hard. And people treat us very badly. They think we are worthless. They think that we are coming to America to make it a bad place. But you and your friends are different. Thank you for being here with food and water for us. And being kind to us and telling us about Jesus. Please pray for me as I settle into the States. Pray that I can read my Bible and learn more about God. Thank you so much. May God bless you!"

Journal Entry By Kyle Hooley

Outside the border crossing office this morning, an older lady arrived alone from Mexico City. The first thing she asked was how to find a bus for Colorado Springs. So, I started helping her with that, showing her airplane tickets as well. While we conferred, she started saying a little something and then just broke down and wept. But she quickly caught herself and asked how to get to the station. I knew something was weighing heavily on her, so I prodded her a bit to share. This is what I caught.

She said that she and her husband of twenty years had had a nice business going in Mexico City. She said it wasn't a large business, but comfortable. I don't know how long they had it but one day the cartel demanded payment for a vendor's permit. Her husband did not have the money, so they had to shut the business down. Then her husband started driving for a company like Uber.

One night, a little over a year ago, he was out working and never came back. The cartel took him, and she never heard from him again. She knew that the cartel knew where she lived and so she left the country, out of fear..



Author (Kyle) and friend at the border

She is so heartbroken and said, "I just wish that I could go back in life, but now I'm in a country and language that I don't know." She is traveling to her sister's place in Colorado. She thanked me for listening to her and said that she is done crying now.

I did not get all the details of her story, but we were able to pray together to the One who knows everything and is not out of control in this situation. I don't know why God allows these tough situations, but we know that He will set all things right someday.



Border Team



Texas Sept 2024  
STATISTICS



Migrants  
2,864



Water Bottles  
2,636



Juice Boxes  
583



Bananas  
2,584



Sandwiches  
2,966

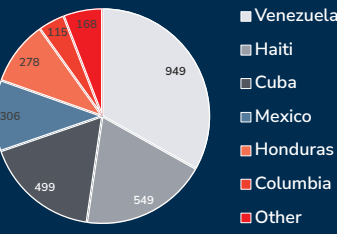


Bible Stories  
250

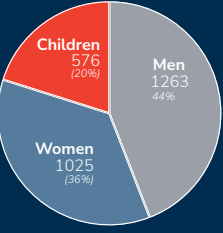
Main Countries of Origin



Number of Migrants from each country.



Ratio of Men, Women, and Children



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