



NO MORE DEATHS NO MAS MUERTES

Summer 2005

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Since 1998, more than 2,200 men, women, and children have lost their lives trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. The reasons for this phenomenon are varied and complex and many differences of opinion exist on the subject. There can be no disagreement, however, that the status quo is unacceptable. This is why diverse communities of conscience and faith along the border have come together to demand that this horrific loss of life stop, to demand that there be No More Deaths.

Who are we?

We are a group of individuals, faith communities, human rights advocates, and grassroots organizations who have come together to work for social justice in the Borderlands. Members participate in various working groups, including humanitarian assistance; research and strategic action; national networking; legislative response; and education and training.

Weekly meetings:

No More Deaths meets weekly throughout the year as we plan and organize for events and the summer. This is a great opportunity to become involved and become a part of this growing community.

In Tucson, meetings are each Thursday at Southside Presbyterian Church.

In Phoenix, meetings are each Tuesday at Central United Methodist Church.

We are a strong bi-national movement and invite both people of faith and people of conscience to join us through both direct and symbolic action.

We need you now! Send your volunteers!

It takes people power to support migrants on the border! The No More Deaths coalition needs both long- and short-term volunteers to come to Southern Arizona this summer to help:

- Staff *Arks of the Covenant*, moveable desert camps from which search and rescue patrols will originate
- Work in migrant shelters on the border
- Service and fill Humane Borders water tanks
- Assist migrants in need by participating in Samaritan desert patrols
- Organize and deliver supplies to migrant centers in Mexico
- Work with human rights organizations on migrant-related issues.

Who can volunteer?

Everyone is welcome! Volunteers should be at least 18 years of age or properly supervised and healthy enough to tolerate very hot temperatures. Spanish or medical expertise is helpful, but not essential. We are asking for a minimum commitment of one week, longer time commitments are appreciated! Volunteers will be assigned to sites based on the needs of the movement. Our first priority is staffing the *Arks of the Covenant*.

No More Deaths, c/o St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. Third Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

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When can I start?

Volunteers will be accepted any time. Each Sunday, NMD will provide an extensive mandatory training for preparation for their time. Volunteer placements will begin once training is completed. Debriefing sessions are scheduled for each Saturday, following time at the *Ark*.

If I come, where can I stay?

Volunteers will be responsible for their own expenses, including housing, transportation and food. NMD will provide a list of accommodation options, including low-cost lodging and churches and individuals willing to host individuals or groups. Kitchen access will be available at most housing locations. Limited transportation to and from desert service sites will be available.

Faith-based principles for immigration reform

We're seeking endorsements for the following principles. Please sign-on at our websites in English or Spanish.

No More Deaths endorses these faith-based principles for immigration reform:

Recognize that the current Border Enforcement Policy is a failed policy

- Address the status of undocumented persons currently living in the U.S.
- Make family unity and reunification the cornerstone of the U.S. immigration system
- Allow workers and their families to enter the U.S. to live and work in a safe, legal, orderly, and humane manner through an employment-focused immigration program
- Recognize that root causes of migration lie in environmental, economic, and trade inequities.

Where do I begin?

1) Donate or raise money for No More Deaths. Feeding migrants, staffing desert camps, and getting Samaritans out into the desert to provide aid to migrants requires financial assistance. Any amount of money you can raise or donate helps! Checks should be made payable to St. Mark's Presbyterian Church with a "No More Deaths" note in the memo line. Mail to the address below.

2) Support a migrant center by providing much needed donations of migrant packs, food, water, winter/summer clothes, blankets (see website for detailed list).

3) Host house parties/gatherings. Begin talking to your friends, family, and neighbors about No More Deaths and about the tragedy happening in our borderlands each year. Commit to make an impact on the lives of others by supporting the principles and supporting No More Deaths.

4) Stay connected! Attend our weekly meetings in Tucson or Phoenix. We want to keep you up-to-date and informed about our work and we also want to hear about your efforts. Visit our website regularly for updates and communicate with us about what's happening in your area. We want to hear from you!

Contact information:

For complete volunteer packet, contact No More Deaths in Phoenix or Tucson or visit our website.

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