



What do these migrants have in common?

Of the 200 migrants at this shelter in Reynosa, Mexico, 78% have been kidnapped.



“The Church is a Field Hospital” is a recurring theme of Pope Francis. Here at the US/Mexico border, these words invoke images of our migrants fleeing from one war zone of poverty and violence in their country of origin into another war zone at our border. We hear each day of kidnappings by the cartel in Reynosa, Mexico, where we minister at two shelters. We hear personal stories of physical, mental, and sexual cruelty during days and months of being held ransom. The violence and inhumanity are too horrible to describe in detail!

“The Church is a Field Hospital.” How do we minister to children who share: “I was kidnapped two times.” ... “They took everything; I have only these clothes.” ... “I have no life.” ... “I am scared” ... “I have nothing.” ... “Am I safe?” ...

“The Church is a Field Hospital.” We talk among ourselves and others who serve at the border about how we can change the situation in Reynosa, but we have no answers. We don’t know how to end this war. What we can do is to accompany the migrants in the Field Hospital shelters, to try and to help heal the wounds of the heart. We do what we can to release stress, anxiety, and fear by praying with our migrants, listening to them, walking with them, and letting them know how precious they are.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support. We are blessed!

Sisters Rose, Mary Elaine, Carmen



The OSP-IHM Border Mission invites IHM and OSP sisters and associates to consider volunteering for two weeks at the US-Mexico Border.

The SOAR! Foundation awarded the Volunteer Program \$25,000 to pay for the airfare and food stipend of sisters age 65+ who wish to volunteer side by side with the core community in McAllen, Texas. ***We encourage sisters to take advantage of these funds before the grant ends in January 2025.***

Sisters of any age who would like to volunteer may speak to their congregational leader about financing their trip and time of service.

The dates that are available to volunteer in Fall 2024 are:

October 5 – 19
November 11 - 24
December 7 - 21

Please contact Sister Rose Patrice Kuhn (215-313-7753) or Sister Mary Elaine Anderson (570-575-2325) to make sure that your preferred dates have not been filled.

