



Southwest
Good Samaritan
Ministries

Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

We face this week with a new reality. Children could be taken from their parents in the U.S. and kept in 'anti-human' conditions with little human contact and with potentially dangerous outcomes for the young and defenseless.

We will face this new reality *together*.

We are deeply sad. Deeply sad...
and moved to action.

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We are looking for places to make a positive difference in this situation. While we do not have access to the children at this time, we know that we need to be prepared for all the needs that will be coming up very soon. **We also know this situation is fluid.** (It's also been raining bucket loads down here, so that's a play of words. We need a little humor!)

- We are donating space at our Bayview campus and helping with coordination for church groups coming down to be part of peaceful protests, accompanying immigrants requesting asylum, and seeking access to detention centers. (Protest is next Thursday, 6/28, in Brownsville, TX)
- *We are watching the news in as many formats and having others watch and inform us. (The new presidential order was announced, but we haven't seen the movement toward reuniting the families... yet... as of 10 PM Th, 6/22. We must be diligent and informed.)
- *We are increasing our contacts with lawyers and legal services. We have always had great relationships, but now it's even more critical to extend our base of legal services.
- *We are staying in contact with our Catholic social services friends who work more closely with ORR and HHS. (Coincidentally, they were our featured collaborating agency in the June Newsletter.)
- *We are reaching out to our friends who work inside adult and youth detention centers to understand the real situations in their work places. (We have friends, family, and former clients who work at the centers.)
- *We are evaluating our needed budget increases for transportation, medical, legal, food, clothing, and housing. (We could easily use 100% of our budget in the next 6 weeks.)
- *We remember God wants all of us to be healthy and know we are loved.

Thank you for being part of this compassionate community with us. We appreciate your ideas, actions, prayers, and words of support.

You are why we can all stay in the work... *Together*.

In Gratitude,
The SWGSM Team

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