



TRES RIOS
BORDER FOUNDATION

Where in the World is our partner liaison John Nelsen?

Retired Pastor and full time volunteer, John has shared the word from the border to beyond with:

- First Presbyterian Fort Collins, CO
- First Presbyterian Norman, OK
- Second Presbyterian Carlisle, PA over Zoom
- Korean American Sanctuary Church Network, NYC
- First Presbyterian Dallas, TX
- First Presbyterian Fairbury, Ill
- Roswell Presbyterian Church Roswell GA - Border Encounter
- St Philip Presbyterian Houston TX
- Presbytery of New Covenant, Houston TX

Border Ministry Update

Fall 2024

Ready for Welcome

Greetings,

I am the new border ministry coordinator for the Tres Rios Border Foundation. I come to you from Austin Presbyterian theological seminary. Before the call of ministry was a middle school teacher, single mom, and active Presbyterian Elder from Eastern Iowa. I am guided by the Spirit to do this work, connecting others to their neighbors on the border in El Paso, Juarez, and beyond.



A goal of the Tres Rios Border ministry is proximity to the border. This has become a reality as the TRBF office is officially open at our partner border network, along border fence number 5. An open house was held on Nov. 10th to celebrate my commissioning by the Presbytery. If you'd like to come and visit, please reach out. This historic site is transforming into a beloved community center and it is imperative in a time like this, we are witnesses to the suffering and empowered to be servants to God's people.

Every day, I pray for God's children while facing a physical wall of separation. - Christ, have mercy.
Rev. Marta Pumroy



Our latest Border Encounter- First Presbyterian Roswell, GA



Board Highlights

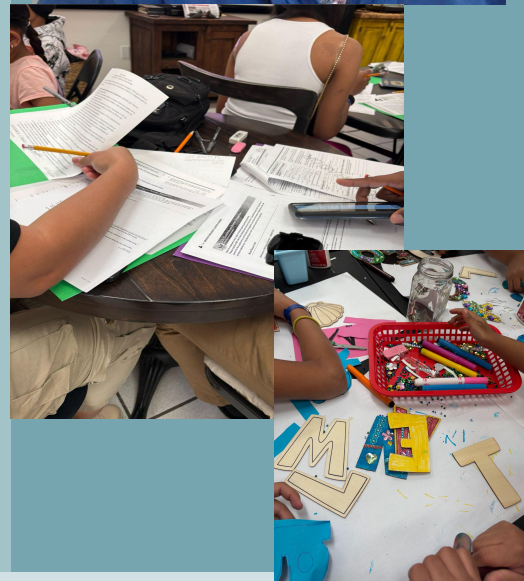
The board of TRBF met in September in person. The board meets monthly over zoom and twice a year in person.

The board held a farewell dinner with Nate Ledbetter and his wife Melissa. Nate will continue be our partner while he works full time for Abara.

The Board zoomed with Dori Hjalmarson (right) mission co worker serving in Honduras. We heard about the migration she is witnessing. The TRBF financially supported her ministry.

There is a push to make the foundation sustainable into the future with many unknowns in regards to immigration. While we do not know how the change in administration will affect our area, we know that we will be responsive to where the need is greatest.

The foundation dispersed a grant to assist with Employment Application Documentation (EAD) workshops. (Right) These work permit workshops enable migrants to apply for work documents so that they may work legally shortly after entering the United States under the CBP-1 application program.



What we are hearing...

- Mexico is more difficult to cross than the Darien Gap
- People are being pushed further south in Mexico where there are fewer resources.

What we are praying for...

- Safety, peace, and hospitality along the journey, especially for women and children.
- People who are stuck, waiting for what life has to offer them next. We pray for their liberation.

We appreciate your prayers and we appreciate your generosity to truly welcome our neighbors.

Matthew 25:35

For information on how to give, visit:

www.tresriosborderfoundation.org

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