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Homesteader - August 12, 2014

Presbyterians are at the Border By Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team

"When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don't take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own." - Leviticus 19:33-34 (The Message)

Recent months have seen a flood of Central American unaccompanied children and mothers with children, primarily from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, making their way across Mexico and into the United States. This influx-motivated largely by violence in their home countries-has been deemed a humanitarian crisis.



The US government has appointed FEMA to coordinate the various federal agencies that are providing the necessary emergency services, including holding the children and families in detention.

As people of faith, we are called to treat foreigners as God's people who are to be welcomed. Many of our Presbyterian congregations along the border are doing just that by providing shelter, food, and clothing and helping to meet other basic humanitarian needs.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is

You too have an opportunity to respond with compassion, generosity, and the acceptance of God's call.

PRAY: that the grace and love of Christ will cover the children and families who have come, that they will be treated with dignity and respect, and that their safety and protection will be ensured.

ACT: Assemble and send [Gift of the Heart hygiene and school kits](#)

GIVE: Your financial gifts to Refugee Emergencies will equip Presbyterian congregations and presbyteries to meet immediate needs and other needs likely to emerge. You can give through your congregation and its regular mission giving through Presbytery.

CALVIN CREST QUILT AUCTION AND FINAL SWIM - Aug. 16, 2014

Activities and Events for the whole family. The 17th Annual BBQ and Quilt Auction is a major fundraising event for Calvin Crest improvements. Quilts are donated throughout the year by individuals, sewing circles, churches and friends of Calvin Crest. You're sure to find something that catches your eye. Check out photos of the quilts online at www.proxibid.com/calvincrest. And, you can bid on the final dive at the live auction.

10:00 AM Quilts Available for Viewing and Silent Auction begins in Proett Conference

working to provide financial support to Center
congregations and presbyteries along the 11:30 AM BBQ Lunch in Huxtable Dining Hall
border, and members of the National 1:00 PM Live Auction for Quilts Begins
Response Team are helping devise strategies 1:00 PM Activities for Kids
to meet the needs of the children and families. 2:00 PM Silent Auction Concludes
Presbyterians are also collaborating with 3:00 PM Pool is Open
ecumenical and interfaith partners who have 5:30 PM Groundbreaking
experience working with refugees and 6:00 PM Cookout
immigrants and are also responding to this 7:00 PM Final Dive
growing crisis. 8:00 PM Campfire with Dave Friedli
cont'd....

Blessing Opportunity *2 Corinthians 9:7-8*



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Keep Thinking...

A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God's word is attacked yet I remained silent. -John Calvin

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