



# No More Deaths • No Más Muertes

DECEMBER 2016

*Act now to protect the lives of migrants*



At the holidays, we are all grateful to break bread with family and community. We know intuitively that our wish to be with our loved ones knows no borders. In these frightening times, let us honor those who make the difficult choice to cross borders; who walk through 50 miles of desert to bring their family to safety, or to reunite with their family.

**Please donate to No More Deaths this year.** Twelve

years in, we are still a volunteer-based effort. Nearly all our funding comes from compassionate human-rights defenders like you. Your contributions enable us to buy medical supplies for blistered feet, keep battered trucks in running order, and pay for crucial phone calls home for people at risk of disappearance.

We thank you, our beloved partners in resistance.

In solidarity,

The No More Deaths community

Dear friends of No More Deaths,

Your donation today is vital to uphold fundamental human rights on the border.

As we face a new administration that promises swift, drastic action targeting migrants and undocumented communities, we urgently need your support.

This year, the remains of 144 people were found in southern Arizona's deserts. Every day, a loved one perishes while crossing the US–Mexico border.

All contributions are tax-deductible. To donate, please visit our website at [nomoredeaths.org](http://nomoredeaths.org).

Or, write a check payable to “UUCT/ No More Deaths” and mail it to:

No More Deaths  
P.O. Box 40782  
Tucson, AZ 85717

Please consider setting up a **recurring donation**, so that we can count on your support.

No More Deaths gratefully accepts stocks, bonds, endowed gifts, and bequests. We also welcome your ideas for fundraising opportunities. Please contact Julie at (520) 333-5699 or [fundraising@nomoredeaths.org](mailto:fundraising@nomoredeaths.org).



*Thank you to Joan Lincicome of Livermore, California for her generous gift of a 27-foot RV. We will use it in arid Ajo, Arizona.*

## Our work, by the numbers

As we close out the year, we honor and celebrate the incredible work done by hundreds of volunteers. Their efforts reach many thousands of migrants, refugees, and undocumented community members.

- ▶ In the last year, volunteers put **19,444** gallons of water on migrant trails. Our humanitarian-aid efforts in the desert cover an area of **2,500** square miles.
- ▶ Our desert first-aid clinic was staffed nearly **365** days of the year, providing respite and medical assistance to those crossing through the borderlands.
- ▶ In Nogales, Mexico, we provided **2,150** phone calls to migrants and those recently deported. They called friends and family in **12** countries.
- ▶ Volunteers helped **469** people recover a total of **\$54,134** from the Arizona Department of Corrections after they were deported.



- ▶ We distributed more than **1,200** harm-reduction kits to migrants preparing to cross the desert. The kits contain lifesaving supplies for disinfecting water and preventing blisters.
- ▶ Through the Keep Tucson Together legal clinic, **6** people got their deportation cases closed and more than **300** completed the naturalization process to become US citizens.
- ▶ We welcomed and trained more than **200** new volunteers to help with our work. Of these, **111** traveled here from across the US and from abroad to assist with desert humanitarian aid.
- ▶ Our abuse-documentation team finished and prepared to release our **5th** report, written in collaboration with the Coalición de Derechos Humanos. The first installment of *Disappeared*, out December 7, focuses on reckless Border Patrol apprehension methods and the deadly consequences of “chase and scatter” in the wilderness.

---

Finally, we'd like to share with you this note that was left by one of the patients at our desert first-aid clinic.

You are the water in the desert, and in the country, cans of food; on cans of food have thousands of people survived who suffered from hunger, and from thirst.

May God bless you all and give you strength to continue with your lovely and tiring work.

With much appreciation.

Son El agua en el desierto,  
y en el monte, lata con Latas  
han, Sobrevivido Miles de Personas  
que sufren de hambre, y sed  
  
dios Los bendiga a todos  
y les de Fuerzas para seguir  
con su bonita y cansada labor  
con Mucho agradecimiento