



Kino Border Initiative Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

About the Kino Border Initiative



The Kino Border Initiative (KBI) was founded in 2008 to respond to the basic needs of hundreds of migrants deported daily to the U.S.–Mexico border in Nogales, Sonora and to bring attention to the humanitarian crisis brought about by current immigration policies. The KBI's work is grounded in the basic scriptural and humanitarian tenets of dignity for all people and responsibility to those in need.

KBI Programs: The KBI strives to put faith into action by responding to the urgent needs of migrants at the border and promoting long-term change in three key areas:

- 1) *Humanitarian Aid* – Warm meals, clothing, pastoral support, first aid and referrals are provided daily at the Aid Center for Deported Migrants in Nogales, Sonora. Short-term shelter at nearby Nazareth House is available for unaccompanied women and children who are particularly vulnerable to abuse and exploitation.
- 2) *Education* – Immersion experiences, community presentations and workshops provide schools, church communities and others the opportunity to witness first-hand the reality of the border and encourage a committed response to the issue of migration.
- 3) *Research & Advocacy* – To encourage investigation and documentation of the complexities of the border, the KBI hosts visiting scholars who are researching migration issues and policy solutions. The KBI also works closely with partner organizations to advocate for changes in immigration policy that reflect our values of family unity, social justice and human dignity.

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