As the U.S. continues to meter asylum seekers along the Northern Mexican border, more and more families are having to wait to speak with U.S. officials. Some asylum-seeking families are waiting 3-5 months in border towns with little to no resources.

Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as they transition into life outside the detention center and they wait to enter the U.S.

WCMCC is partnering with Catholic Community Services: Casa Alitas, The INN Project, Kino Border Initiative, Voices From the Border, Frontera de Cristo and other partners to distribute kits to people as they wait in Mexico to speak with U.S. officials, and those who are leaving detention facilities and are taken to bus stations or airports to reconnect with their families.
CLOTHING
~ 1 pair of jeans or leggings (for female packs only)
~ 1 t-shirt (new, crew or v-neck)
~ 1 pair of socks (new)
~ 1 pair of underwear (new)

HYGIENE PRODUCTS
~ 1 washcloth
~ 1 bath towel
~ 1 toothbrush (new; in package)
~ 1 small toothpaste (2.7-3.5 oz.)
~ 1 package bath wipes
(premoistened soft wipes)
~ 1 comb (wide-tooth)
~ 1 small body lotion (2-3 oz.)
~ 1 packet of hair ties (for female/child packs only)
Following items are for adult packs only
~ 1 razor (disposable)
~ 1 small shaving cream (2-3 oz.)
~ 1 small deodorant (2-3 oz.)
For female packs only
~ sanitary napkins (18-24 count; ultra-thin)

MISCELLANEOUS
~ 1 pair of shoelaces (outdoor or sport style; any color)
~ 1 pen (black) or 1 box of crayons for child pack
~ 1 small notebook or coloring book or child pack
~ 1 backpack or small duffel bag

Please limit donations to these NEW items. Compile in backpacks or small duffel bag. Please mark them with a label stating “Male” or “Female” or “Child” and also the clothing size “Small, Medium or Large.”

PLEASE BRING ALL KITS TO ONE DROP-OFF LOCATION BY JULY 31
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