

## **AeC Juarez Security Plan**

Over more than the last decade, Amigos en Cristo Ministries has truly experienced God's grace over the many mission trips that have been undertaken in Juarez, Mexico. Over this period of time there have been no serious injuries or threats to our well-being, and that can only be because of God's grace in protecting us and answering the faithful prayers of the people who support the many ministry activities of Amigos en Cristo. Although we pray for God's continued mercies, we also take all prudent actions and precautions to ensure that we are doing everything we can reasonable do to minimize risks and to develop advance plans to deal with medical and situational emergencies. No security plan can anticipate every eventuality or preclude the possibility of illness, injury or risks to safety. However, regular adherence to the following rules is essential to maximize the safety of everyone serving as short term missionaries for Amigos en Cristo:

1. Prior to each short term mission trip, an appropriate number of Team Leaders will be designated based upon the number of trip participants. There should be enough Team leaders to ensure that at least one leader is present at all times at every work site being serviced on that trip.
2. Each Team Leader will give regular direction over the work being performed at the work site, and will ensure adherence to this security plan by all trip participants.
3. Team Leaders will be familiar with the Anapra area of Juarez and be capable of driving Team vehicles without assistance to and from the La Paz Missions Center, the Amistad and New Beginnings Community Centers, and the home of Field Director Misael Loera. Team Leaders will also be able to drive without assistance if necessary to the Santa Teresa port of entry, and either the Bridge of the Americas ("free bridge") or the Pasa Del Norte ("pay bridge") port of entry to the United States.
4. Team Leaders will always have a cellular telephone with them, pre-programmed with the telephone numbers of all other Team Leaders on that trip and the U.S. telephone numbers of the above listed ports of entry.
5. No trip participant will leave the La Paz Missions Center or the Amistad and New Beginnings Community Centers unless they are accompanied by a Team Leader.
6. Whenever possible, AeC vehicles will travel together, obeying all traffic control devices and being operated in a manner which will not attract unnecessary attention. Trip participants will ride inside the passenger compartments of vehicles and not in the open beds of pick up trucks.
7. Whenever possible, AeC vehicles will operate only in daylight.