

# A Transformative Experience at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Border Encounters provide an immersive experience of connection, learning, and reflection. You'll meet asylum seekers, hear from immigration experts, and listen to stories of forced displacement—challenging your perspective and inspiring you to take meaningful action.

## What You Will Experience

- Dignified storytelling & ethical volunteerism
- Learn how to engage with dignity and respect
- Theology of migration (for faith groups)
- Explore ancient themes of hospitality and forced displacement
- Root causes of migration
- Understand the systemic push-and-pull factors shaping global migration
- U.S. immigration law & policies
- Gain insights from immigration attorneys and border experts
- Border history & current realities
- Visit key landmarks, including the border fence and historic Hacienda
- Re-humanizing conversations
- Engage in thoughtful discussions and guided reflection sessions



## GET INVOLVED TODAY

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What is a Border Encounter?



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# Border Encounters

Inviting Proximity,  
Deepening Understanding,  
and Inspiring Action

# Sample Schedule

Border Encounters are immersive three-day experiences that deepen understanding of migration through expert insights, site visits, and meaningful dialogue at the U.S.-Mexico border.

## Day 1: Understanding the Border

- Orientation & Welcome
- Root Causes of Migration
- Border Realities
- Immigration Law 101
- Reflection & Discussion
- Dinner & Community

## Day 2: Crossing into Juárez

- Dignified Storytelling
- Juárez Migration Realities
- Lunch with Shelter Residents
- Exploring Juárez
- Dinner in Juárez

## Day 3: Reflection & Action

- Theology of Migration
- Healing & Resilience
- Border Perspectives
- The Future of Abara House
- Final Debrief & Closing Dinner



## Take Action

We invite you to take the opportunity to engage with Abara in meaningful ways.

### Border Text Updates

Stay connected by texting "UNIDAD" to 915-265-4449 for periodic updates.

### Schedule a Border Encounter

Bring a group to listen, learn, and reflect at the U.S.-Mexico border.

### Make an Introduction

Connect Abara with a friend who shares a passion for this work.

### Host a Gathering

Invite friends to your home or city to share Abara's vision.

### Invite Us to Speak

Abara staff are available for in-person or virtual talks.

### Give Today

Partner with Abara to expand our impact.

## Opportunities Include:

Visits to migrant shelters in El Paso and/or Ciudad Juárez

Authentic meals prepared by local neighbors

Visit the historic Hacienda Restaurant

Q&A with border patrol officers

Circle processing and reflection spaces

## Future Home



Located adjacent to the U.S.-Mexico border, Abara House will serve as a hub for Border Encounters—offering on-site lodging, gathering spaces, and contemplative environments for reflection.

