REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL DOMINICAN FAMILY BY JUSTICE AND PEACE O.P.
VENEZUELA

1-Solidarity with medicines

The proposal is about sending a list made by Justice and Peace O.P. Venezuela with the medicines needed by the brothers and sisters of the Dominican Families. This includes: brothers, sisters, lay communities, fraternities, youth groups and the direct family of those who participate in our missions.

The foreign communities that wish to collaborate should buy or acquire the medicines and take care of sending them to Venezuela. They would have to find a mailing company that can transport medicines and medical supplies to Venezuela (such as Liberty Express, the one we have used so far to receive packages).

All the medicines would be sent to one address and Justice and Peace O.P Venezuela would distribute them to the communities.

The address is as follows:
3º transversal entre 3º y 4 avenida. Colegio Santo Tomas de Aquino. Campo Alegre, Municipio Chacao, Estado Miranda. La gran Caracas. TLFN 0058212-266 61 12.

2-Journey Companions Project

This consists of two or three religious members of the Dominican Family of Venezuela accompanying the Venezuelan migrants during a section of their journey (by bus and walking) in South America, precisely through Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. (We would be glad to receive brothers or sisters from other countries wanting to join us in the journey).

Objectives:

1-Be present in the midst of this cruel reality, experience it, represent the Church and the Dominican Family being with them in their uncertainties and suffering, sharing part of it because it is also ours.

2-Manifest our position against this social phenomenon and call the attention of the world about it.

Being sign of company and neighbourhood for the migrants and a demonstration to the eyes of the world, we propose to make the journey wearing the habits.

3-Meet with Justice and Peace promoters or with the Dominican Families close to the routes, converse with them and know their opinions, the concrete actions they are doing to face the problem, to tell them our points of view about the crisis, etc., to explore the possibility of a joint work for the whole region.
4-Coordinate lines of common action, which allows us to generate contributions to this Venezuelan reality that lives in the region (network of information and accompaniment).

5-Learn to pray in migration, asking for humility, for the gift of listening and contemplation, praying for strength and help for the displaced.

6-Prepare a narrative and photographic report that allows us to make visible this experience "Compañeros de camino" sensitizing from the faith the reality of Venezuelans in situation of forced migration.

The concrete help we are asking for from the International Family regarding this project is:

a- We ask the representatives of Justice and Peace of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Brazil, to provide, if possible, the contact to the Dominican Communities or other religious communities in closet o sections of the routes of the Venezuelan migrants, or where there are refuges for them, to review the possibility of coming by during the journey. This information is important for the planning of the route with contact points for lodging and meetings for discussion and prayer.

One possible route would be as follows:

Venezuela (departure): Caracas - San Cristóbal - San Antonio.

Colombia: Cúcuta – Ipiales.
(In Cúcuta we should stop for some days to observe the reality in the border and visit the refuges. Already in Colombia, there is a section that is walked by many of the migrants; it would be appropriate to accompany them in their walk. We need to find out what those sections are).

(We have made contact with a lodging house of the Jesuits in Guayaquil “Un techo para el camino” (a cover for the journey) in Hogar de Cristo; they can lodge us.)

Chile: Arica – Santiago.

Argentina: Buenos Aires – Puerto de Iguazu.

Brasil: Foz de Iguazú – Boa vista.


If there is a monastery not far from the routes, we would love to visit them and make them part of the Project through prayer.

Not knowing the region makes difficult to define the route, the time of the journey, the lodging places or refuges to visit. That is why we are asking for as much information as you can provide.

b- We ask for lodge and food for the time we would stay in the communities, as well as the logistics of a meeting with the representative of Justice and Peace or with the community of brothers or sisters, for discussions and prayer, including the migrants.

c- Those who are not closet o the routes and want to support the project can donate money or with what is within their possibilities.

For any question about donations, manage support or any other inquiry, please contact us at justiciaypaz.opvenezuela@gmail.com +584126623760 (Whatsapp), +582122666112 (Local)
With brother Miguel Angel Espinoza S. O.P.

The journey is planned to start by the end of March 2019, if viable, and we are foreseeing 45 days of journey.

3- Solidarity with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Rose of Lima, Venezuela

The help they ask for is for the repairs needed by the Mission “Hogar San Juan de Dios.

We are sending a folder with four (4) documents providing the necessary information.

- Reconstruction of the house San Juan de Dios
- Report dressed by the Management Department
- Letter (asking for help)
- Foundation document of the congregation

4- Support to the Project Justice and Peace O.P. Venezuela
This Project has been made and carried out jointly by the Dominican Family with all the parties that wish to join us. For any further information, we are also sending the Project: Project and Budget 2018-2019.

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