



Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.

July 13, 2018

Dear Team Leaders, Regions, Areas, Churches, and All Our Partners in Compassion Ministries:

We are pleased to announce a **Match Grant Challenge** is being offered by our long-time ministry partners. **Northway Christian Church, Dallas, TX** is offering a 1:1 match up to \$50,000 “to encourage additional communities of faith to provide financial support of SWGSM’s sustainability into the future”. We have an additional \$6,000 match from an extraordinary-ordinary church, **First Christian Church, Denton, TX**, asking “for average churches with normal, struggling budgets to dig deep and give compassionately.” **The Challenge will run from July 15 to noon September 4.**

**Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries (SWGSM)** teaches the Love of Jesus Christ by building a renewed sense of wholeness and dignity and by standing with those who are broken, especially among refugees and those who are disenfranchised and displaced. The Good News is lived out by addressing spiritual and material needs, including emergency shelter and food, clothing, transportation, legal aid, advocacy and job referral through a cooperative effort with other agencies and religious organizations.

Through SWGSM, and with God’s blessing:

- You provide Beans and Rice to 23 agencies and ministries along both sides of the border, feeding 250 to 600 people each day.
- You help relocate traumatized asylum seekers to live closer to their courts, families, and communities.
- You help improve housing to a livable health standard in one of the poorest counties in Texas.
- You provide housing, toys and school supplies, aid hospice families without insurance, and more.
- You facilitate transportation to mental health care, medical care, and legal aid clinics.
- You provide pastoral care for those in crisis and hurting.

**You make this all possible!** That is why we are coming to all of you to keep feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, welcoming the stranger, and acting as One Family of God.

For over 30 years – whatever the changes in our registered nonprofit status (we are now listed for tax deduction purposes as Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries of the Christian Church, Tax Payer ID#30118932265), our physical campus (now including 16 buildings), and ever changing government immigration policies, international government overthrows, war, gangs and cartel situations, US immigration law, and safety concerns on both sides of the border – we have been answering the call of Jesus to be the Good Samaritan every day.

For this Challenge, any financial contribution to SWGSM from a congregation of any denomination will be matched by **Northway Christian Church, Dallas, TX** up to \$50,000 and **First Christian Church, Denton, TX** from \$50,000 up to \$56,000. This match is for cash donations attained by September 15, not for pledges unreceived. In-kind donations do not match this grant. We are hoping to offer a pledge match and an individual match in the future.

Donations may be made through our website donations online (using desktop only) at [www.SWGSM.org](http://www.SWGSM.org) or by check to our PO Box 273, Los Fresnos, TX 78566. Donations can be directly from a church, or from individuals naming a church.

We hold each of you and your churches in prayer as our partners as we continue to serve together to “the least of these” along the Rio Grande Valley. We pledge to continue in prayer with and for you as we make the best use of every dollar you place in our trust. Won’t you join us on the Jericho Journey?

In Gratitude,

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