

Sister Mary Rose Bisbee, AZ

Sister Mary Rose lives in Bisbee, Arizona and is active in the Naco Migrant Resource Center & Shelter.

“I live and work on the border of Mexico,” said Sister Mary Rose. “ My ministry includes supporting the Samaritan Patrol in providing water, medical assistance, and food for the people who are the nomads of the desert. I am in amazement at the courage of the crossers. I have a deep compassion for those that are caught and shackled. They are “streamlined” which is the judicial system of processing that takes place at the Federal Building in Tucson. I have witnessed the processing of groups of fifteen men and women shackled, both hands and feet, who are accused of entering the United States illegally. The judge reads the charges to the group along with the advice of counsel to plead guilty. The group shuffles out and is replaced with the next group of fifteen. What is so apparent in the process is the lack of dignity and compassion provided to these prisoners,” shared Sister Mary Rose.

In contrast, Sister Mary Rose works with citizens of Naco, Sonora, a multi-national group comprised of political leaders in Naco, citizens of Mexico, Humanitarian Border Solutions (a U.S. group), Naco Wellness, and people of the Episcopal Church all coming together to focus on economic development through promoting cottage industries. The Sewing Project has been created to start a women’s sewing cooperative for unemployed women with children. “This is very hope-filled as we work together towards creating training, work and income,” continued Sister Mary Rose.

