

# Mexico Delegation

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# Sarah & Heather



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# Awaiting the other delegates





Meeting other delegates

# Orientation



# Learning about what to expect



# The Border





# Flower bed in Piedras Negras





Hearing about the maquiladora  
plants we will see soon





Learning about the issues

# A maquiladora daycare center next to the factory





*A maquiladora factory*



No windows

# Guard house at plant





# Buses leaving plant with workers



# Workers houses near a plant in Piedras Negras



# Workers house – note plant in background





# House in front of plant





A worker's house























The bathroom at Lety's



# Lety's house





Lety's son plays with a neighbor



Lety in front of her house



Inside Lety's



Dinner at Lety's







*A street in Acuna*





*A new development for workers  
in Acuna*





Angela's house in the valley







Walking toward Angela's house



Angela's front door



Angela's



If you look carefully you can see the skinny  
PVC pipe that brings water to these houses



# Angela inside her house







# Reading Ley Federal de Trabajo to teach about worker's rights



Looking at Paychecks  
to see the large  
deductions taken out



Market basket  
 showing costs of  
 living and the  
 impossibility of  
 providing  
 essentials on the  
 wages paid by  
 the maquiladoras

Producto	P/Unitario	Total
Frijol 4 Kg	(11.00)	44.00
Harina 5 Kg	(7.00)	35.00
Aceite 2 Lt.	(13.00)	26.00
Pastas spzs	(3.50)	17.50
Arroz 1 Kg	(10.00)	10.00
Huevo		30.00
Rexal 1 Kg		8.00
Sal 1 Kg		1.00
Jabón P/Baño	(8.00) pza.	
Shampoo 1 pza.	(30.00)	
Pasta dental	(18.00)	
Papel P/Baño 6	(4.00) pza.	
Cafe 1 pza.	(23.00)	23.00
Azucar 1 pza	(22.00)	22.00
Tortillas 10 Kg	(6.50)	65.00
Manteca Kg	(15.00)	
Cloro Lt.	(9.00)	15.00
Papas 1 1/2 Kg	(13.00)	9.00
Cebolla 1 Kg	(7.00)	18.50
Tomate 1 Kg	(10.00)	7.00
Chile 1 Kg	(9.00)	10.00
Jabón P/trastes	(8.00) pza.	9.00
Agua Purificada 19 LtS	(16.00) 2 pzs.	8.00
Subtotal		320.00
Transporte para salir la Despensa		500.00
		50.00

# A common sight





What is their future?





Inside the Piedras Negras CFO  
office – a new factory

# Looking at the products made in this new maquiladora



Our delegation and the maquiladora workers who taught us so much



# A bit of hope in fair trade

- Women and Fair Trade (Cultural Event and Sale)
- <http://womenandfairtrade.weebly.com/>
- Fábrica Dignidad y Justicia
- <http://womenontheborder.org/2015/11/the-dignity-and-justice-maquiladora-a-dream-on-hold-2012/>

# To go on a delegation

- Contact: [ATCF \(Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera\)](#) , 3707 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Austin, Texas, 78721
- 512-474-2399
- Contact also: [WOMEN ON THE BORDER](#)
- 512-293-1797 or find us on FACEBOOK
- (Women on the Border/community)

# Other delegations

- Journey of an Immigrant Delegation
- Visit [www.womenontheborder.org](http://www.womenontheborder.org)