New challenges and transformations of the migration flows in Tijuana
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• BEATO JUAN BAUTISTA SCALABRINI
Around 250,000 migrants have been received at the CMT.
CARE AREAS IN CASA DEL MIGRANTE

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- Shelter
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- Social integration programs
- Processing of documents
- Psychological attention
- Work
- Food
May 26: A NEW RESPONSE
Asylum seekers received at the CMT: 1,734 (Mexicans and foreigners from May 26 to November 10)
Elaboración propia a partir de datos de la CMT.

The graph shows the total number of migrants and is divided between the deportees and asylum seekers.
COMMON ROUTE AND TRANSPORTATION

The most used means of transport for total respondents was by truck or bus. Most he agreed that choice was based primarily on costs.
It's estimated that 10,000 Haitians have arrived to Tijuana since May 26.

- May 26: Meeting with the National Institute of Migration
- September 22: Homeland Security order to begin deportation
- September 28: Hurricane Matthew in Haiti
- November 3: First deportations after the phenomenon began
- November 10th: Accept 60 Haitians per day. They are given PAROLE. November 23rd – Homeland Security announces deportation to begin again. Deportations started again.
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Now what?

Some accept deportation to Haiti
  • Those who have legal residence in Brazil have the option of being deported there

Some of them are in a limbo and do not know what to do

Others are applying for permission to stay in Mexico
Mexican deportees
They arrive every day from places like Michoacán, Guerrero and Veracruz escaping from the violence and asking for asylum to USA
99% of Mexicans asylum applications will be rejected
There are deportations of Mexicans daily until 11:30pm

Haitian asylum seekers and other countries
17 unprepared Christian churches have opened spaces to receive Haitians
Fluctuating population in Tijuana: 4000 Haitians and Africans
The Mexican government does not want to open spaces to serve them. They help very little.
The 5 original shelters are overwhelmed in every way

The near future
After USA increases the deportations of Haitians the flow may readjust and more Haitians may decide to stay in Mexico. That represents a new and complex challenge.

PRESIDENT ELECT TRUMP:
- Build a wall
- Suspend asylum cases
- Deport between 3 and 4 million people
- Difficulty sending remittances back home

Some Conclusions
Three Suggestions of Pope Francis as we end the Year of Mercy:

1. Let us try to build bridges and not walls in all we do and say

2. Let us try to create a culture of Mercy in our families and communities

3. The Year of Mercy might be over but let us try to keep open the door of mercy in our hearts
Thank you for your attention!

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