



Welcome to the Green Valley-Sahuarita Samaritans (Sams)

Our mission is to save lives in the Southern Arizona desert. We meet alternating Mondays at 8 am at The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, (17750 S. La Canada, Sahuarita, AZ, 85629). We volunteer in a number of ways.

Desert Searches

Search teams seek to offer humanitarian aid to those crossing the desert. People with Spanish or medical skills are especially welcome.

Water Drops

Water Drop teams drive into the desert to place water along the migrant trails. They sometimes hike short or long distances to leave drinking water.

El Comedor

El Comedor provides two meals a day to migrant men, women and children deported to Nogales, Sonora. Once a week Green Valley-Sahuarita Samaritans help serve meals and converse with migrants. Sams distribute clothing, personal care items, and offer first aid.

Operation Streamline

Operation Streamline is a federal judicial program practicing “zero tolerance” to deter illegal entry into the United States through threat of incarceration. Once a week Samaritans witness the proceedings at the courthouse in Tucson where many migrants are sentenced.

Writers Group

Members of the Writers Group produce letters to the editor, articles and website updates about border issues. We normally meet after the regular Sams meeting – from 9 am to 10 am.

Please visit our website at www.gvs-samaritans.org where we have more information about what we do and how you can help. You will also find educational resources and information on volunteer training.



Humanitarian aid is never a crime.

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