MISSION STATEMENT:
Rio Grande Borderland Ministries, an agency of the Diocese of the Rio Grande committed to offering a compassionate response to needs of the New Mexico and far western Texas borderlands.

PRIORITIES:

- Established and expanded existing pastoral ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande and work with congregations that strive for immigration reform.
- Understand and identify new borderland needs throughout the Diocese and engage them in Christ-like ways. Work with congregations that wish to develop a border ministry or participate in an existing ministry.
- Respond to emergency borderland needs.
- Encourage trans-border relationships and partnerships that facilitate expanded ministries on and across the border.

Existing Diocesan Ministry Support and Expansion:
The Roadrunner Mobile Food Pantry in Columbus: The Mobile Food Pantry program was expanded to provide monthly food for 185 households. RGBM has distributed over 197,000 pounds of food.

The Palomas Feeding Program: Ten percent of the poorest and most vulnerable families in Palomas were provided with a monthly food basket, as well as clothing, hygiene, and other necessities.

San Jose de Anapra and Santa Maria Magdalena: The Diocese of Northern Mexico has undergone some changes along the border region common with us. Unfortunately, Santa Maria Magdalena mission closed last year. Fr. Miguel Angel Ramirez at San Jose de Anapra has replaced Fr. Miguel Angel in running with Fr. J. Bermudez at El Paso in a number of areas including preaching, providing at the Eucharist and overseeing their parish grow. We are considering our next steps.

Emergency Food: Nearly families and the homeless in the greater Columbus, New Mexico area as well as families in Palomas and Anapra, Mexico were provided with emergency food as needed. A refrigerator and freezer were added to the Columbus facility so that both food and frozen food could also be provided.

Emergency Home Repair: Emergency home repair was provided to several families in Columbus New Mexico and Palomas, Mexico.

Project Borderland Reach: A 2010-4 week drive Jay was provided in facilities access and delivered gifts throughout the borderlands. Over 15,500 miles were logged.