



What it's all about....Yarn bombing outside the tideflats detention center.

Amazing Opportunity! A play, *The Detention Lottery*, written by immigration attorneys from Seattle, will be presented on Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m., at All Saints Parish Center, 506 - 3rd Street, Puyallup. The play provides an in-depth look at the detention processes of ICE officers, and courtroom proceedings. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to support immigrant justice programs of the host parishes. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/DLALLSAINTS> or call Holy Disciples Parish at 253-875-6630

Vignettes from Afternoons at the Welcome Center

Next came a young woman from El Salvador. She came into the RV, sat at the table and began to cry. We comforted her as best we could; thankfully, B's Spanish skills did the trick! She called her sister who arranged a bus ticket to LA for her.

A man from Vietnam (whose father was a GI whom he had never met) was released. He was picked up by his Latino cell-mate's wife who was taking him to Seattle. When the car door opened her 4-year-old daughter screamed out, "Uncle Chong"!

The man from Guatemala was also a craftsperson. Such resourcefulness: the needle used to sew together those little paper folded decorations is made from the top of a deodorant cap, cut down into a needle shape with a fingernail clipper. This man's brother arranged a flight for 6am the next morning. Since the airport is on my way home, I planned on taking him. He expressed a lot of nervousness - asking if someone would help see him through the gate. He seemed particularly vulnerable, speaking no English. He was from a small village in the mountains. I don't think he had ever been on an elevator before, let alone a busy airport....This made me aware of the challenges for people who do not speak English. Working at the Welcome Center is always a new learning experience and so fulfilling....

One man had friends on the way to pick him up. We left him and in parting he pointed to M and said "mother." He indicated that he had no mother or father and that he saw us caring for him in their place. The gratitude that we receive in this work is just overwhelming.

"It was an honor to be here today and to do this work. We were all so moved and grateful to be of service."

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A community or society finally cannot live without mercy. The problem for us is what will initiate that? What will break the pattern of self-preoccupation enough to notice that the others are out there and we are attached to them? - Walter Brueggemann

Awareness is a critical part of the work of AID NW. We have speakers than can come talk about immigration detention, the Northwest Detention Center, and the work of AID NW.

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