



Update on Operations: Border, Migrants, and Safety Considerations – January 2026

As we move into 2026 with our current administration in the United States, we recognize that developments at the U.S.-Mexico border have been receiving increased attention. We want to take a moment to address a few key topics that have come up in recent conversations.

Troops at the Border

There may be military personnel stationed at the U.S.-Mexico border. If they are present, they are primarily tasked with constructing border infrastructure. For decades, troops have been deployed to the border in support of efforts to manage migration, combat drug trafficking, and address transnational crime.

There is one new practice for the Mexican military since 2024. The Mexican military may be stationed in the US lanes as you approach the US border, to exit Mexico. Right before you get to the border, the Mexican military may stop your vehicle and visually inspect your vehicle. They may ask you to move things around or unpack some of your items. They may ask you if you're bringing anything back with you, what you were doing, etc.

Migrants in Tijuana

Tijuana has long been a significant entry point for migrants seeking to cross into the United States. As a result, there is a sustained presence of migrants in the city, many of whom seek shelter in local facilities or may resort to informal housing, particularly in the western part of Tijuana near the San Ysidro border. Our operations, however, are based on the eastern side of Tijuana, which remains largely unaffected by these circumstances.

ICE and CBP

With the increased presence of ICE in US cities, we've been asked what that may look like near the border or at the border. Operations continue to be the same with every participant needing a valid passport. If a participant is not a US citizen and it's applicable, they will need physical/original documentation of their status in the US. For example, if you are a green card holder, you will need your physical green card on you along with your passport. A photo or receipt of your green card is not sufficient.

General Safety and Operational Updates

As of now, there are no changes to our procedures or plans for the spring and summer 2026 seasons. We continue to closely monitor local, national, and international news, working in partnership with local and



state governments to stay informed of any developments. Our dedicated staff, pastors, and ministry partners, who live and work in the areas where we operate and regularly cross the border, remain our most valuable resource in ensuring the safety and smooth operation of our projects.

Should there be any changes that could affect safety or our operations, we will communicate promptly and transparently with our teams and partners.

Over the years, we have seen firsthand how political changes can affect communities on both sides of the border. Despite these shifts, we remain committed to our mission and the families we serve.

Now, more than ever, we believe in the power of love and compassion to bring hope and healing to a world in need. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership with Amor, as we work together to build a brighter future for others.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily, Director of Operations at earnold@amor.org or 619-719-8443.