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## VISIT THE C.R.R.E.D.A. DRUG & ALCOHOL REHABILITATION CENTER

CENTRO DE REHABILITACION Y RECUPERACION PARA ENFERMOS DE DROGADICCION Y ALCOHOLISMO

**COST: NO COST**

**DONATION SUGGESTION: SNACKS AND SOFT DRINKS FOR THE RESIDENTS**

**C.R.R.E.D.A.** is a drug & alcohol rehabilitation center located in Agua Prieta. The center was established in 2007, and is one of 29 similarly operated drug rehab centers that exist between Baja, and Chihuahua, Mexico. **C.R.R.E.D.A.** uses prayer, education, legislative change, and humanitarian aid, to help addicts recover and heal. The center is a mixed community of approximately 80 people including, recovering addicts, geriatrics, mental cases and incorrigible children. To stay drug free recovering addicts are taught to think and act less self-serving. Those who are capable, have jobs within **C.R.R.E.D.A.**, caring for those who cannot care for themselves, maintaining the center, cooking and supporting each other. The center does not receive government aid but operates on a combination of donations and work programs which provide food and supplies in exchange for hours worked at local businesses. The center is open to anyone and depends on support organizations such as Rancho Feliz to stay in operation.

Volunteering at **C.R.R.E.D.A.** is a powerful and rewarding experience for our Exchange Program participants. The facility provides a raw look at the ugly underbelly of the drug situation in the Mexican border towns. Bilingual interpreters are on staff providing explanations into the center's methods and effectiveness. In addition, the residents provide personal testimonies as to the privations and horrors of an addict's life in Agua Prieta.

A visit to the Rehab Center is more of an educational undertaking than it is a work project. However, it has been our experience that the U.S.A. volunteers' attention and interest in the residents has a profound positive effect on them. It makes them feel of some value, an emotion unknown in so many of their lives.

A typical visit lasts around 1½ hours and the volunteers are free to share and ask questions. In addition, the groups are encouraged to bring snacks and soft drinks for the residents.

**THIS IS AN EYE OPENER!**