Hi Everyone,

The Orange County Register picked up the story of our difficulties at the border this morning. Many thanks to Sarah Rock who wrote and distributed press releases to local media to see if anyone wanted to run with the story--and many thanks to Peter Schelden, the reporter at the Register, who was concerned enough to pick up the story and did a great job putting it together.

We hope this may alert people to Children of The Americas and our ongoing needs for the children and bring some more folks into our family. To read the story, click here or on the image below. Be sure to click the "more photos" button below the photo to see 10 more photos and many of our great volunteers in action.

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San Juan backpacks for kids taken by Mexican border authority

San Juan charity scrambles for new strategy to take supplies south of border

By PETER SCHELDEN
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It was supposed to be a routine Monday morning trip when Norm Kremiller drove a van filled with 225 backpacks with school supplies across the US/Mexico border Aug. 31. But that morning, all the

Crossing the border into Mexico has become increasingly difficult in the last six months, Dave Brisbin, founder and president of San Juan Capistrano-based Children of the Americas, said.Matthew Agape tosses an unpacked backpack to Curtis Perdue. Behind them are stacks of school supplies.

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MORE PHOTOS

More news soon on the rest of the story. We have new permits to take the rest of our backpacks across next Thursday, Oct. 1. We'll see if our new permits work, and whether we can get through without incident this time.

If you'd like to go with us, let me know, if not, please send out a few prayers around 9AM!

Thanks for all your support!

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