



Border Crossing details:

READ AND OBEY TO AVOID LONG DELAYS

1. We will cross as individual cars, not as one group. Each car needs documents for all individuals. Driver should have them out and ready.

You will be asked the purpose of visit and length of stay: SAY >>>

--ATTENDING A CHURCH YOUTH MEETING

--WE WILL BE STAYING ONE WEEK AND RETURNING FOLLOWING SATURDAY.

--WE WILL BE STAYING WITH FRIENDS IN LA BEAUCE.

2. DO NOT SAY THE FOLLOWING WORDS. THEY HAVE A LEGAL DEFINITION THAT DOES NOT FIT OUR ACTIVITIES.

WORK SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

IF YOU SAY THE ABOVE WORDS, YOU WILL HAVE A LONG TALK with THE CUSTOMS AGENT TO TRY TO UNSAY THEM. We are not legally working because we are not receiving any payment for our services. The word "children" brings up the idea of "nanny" which is a common way that immigrants work illegally. We are not nannies!

Two persons have had problems entering CA for this very mistake. It is a huge headache and hours of work to clear up, and may cause suspicion to fall on our host church. So avoid troubles, tell the truth, and sail through as the tourist that you truly are. Pastor Westerveld has personally interviewed with Canadian immigration authorities about our activities and they are perfectly legal. However, the decision is up to the individual border guard that is examining you at the moment. So DONT say the things above.

3. We will have a letter of invitation from our hosts that seems to reassure the border officials, one for each car.
4. Return Crossing in USA: Your documents proving US citizenship will be scrutinized. It is important to have documents out to cross back into the U.S. During the VBS week, Olivia can hold all documents for minors in a safe place so they will not be lost. On the return trip each car will receive their own documents back; please do not switch cars until after the border crossing.

