



Amigos en Cristo

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How Will We Respond?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics were 35.3 million strong and accounted for nearly 13 percent of the total U.S. population in 2000. By 2020, the Hispanic population is expected to double to 70 million and soar to over 100 million by 2050. In fact, the number of Hispanics in the U.S. today is greater than the entire population of Canada. The U.S. is the fifth largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world.

Ministry Updates...

- We have signed the documents to close on the building in Immokalee. Lutheran Services Florida has been extremely helpful with our purchase of their building. Hurray!
- Our first Immokalee Festival of the Americas was held on Saturday, October 14. Although our attendance was lighter than we had anticipated, we did receive 101 names and addresses with which to follow up. Fifty are Haitians and 49 are Hispanic.
- Zion Lutheran Church volunteer Van Wells has led an effort to help announce our arrival into Immokalee. For three weeks in October, he and his group of volunteer friends served breakfast to the farm workers as they waited for their job assignments. Arriving at 4:00 a.m. he fired up his grill in our parking lot right across the street from the place that farm workers are selected by crew chiefs.
- Volunteer Laura Selle has begun training with Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center of Naples as a Client Advocate. She is the first of many who will help us establish our Emergency Pregnancy Center in Immokalee. If you are interested in helping, call Pastor Selle (239) 437-6727
- Lay Minister Diego Grisales finished teaching his first 8-week home Bible study group in Bonita Springs. Five participants received diplomas during our Spanish worship service.

Sarah Says...

- *LWML: God's Grace, the Heart of it All.*
This was the theme for the FL-GA district Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention this past September. I had the honor and privilege to participate as the Young Woman Representative for our southwest Florida zone. The LWML is all about the heart of the Christian faith in action, which is missions, driven by the love we have through the unmerited grace of God through Jesus. I thank my God for the LWML and for all those who support missions in this country and around the world. I will also get the opportunity to share about the Amigos en Cristo mission in Immokalee at the LWML zone rally at Grace Lutheran church this October 28th. Thank you LWML!
- **Thanks** also goes out to Grace Lutheran Church, Naples, for bringing in a music ministry team called New Vision, one of Youth Encounter's international teams. As part of their mission efforts they are partnering with us to have New Vision reach out to youth in Immokalee at the end of October. We are blessed and grateful for all who are in support of missions and especially our mission.
- Please pray for our partnership with Salvation Army and United Way as we start up another season of outreach mission to the women of Rosemary Park in Bonita Springs and the surrounding areas. We look forward to the mission of being light and love to these women and connecting them with others in the area through Bible study, prayer, outings, and events.
- Thanks again for your support of missions. I pray you will be doubly blessed for all you do for others, this community, and beyond.

Give thanks to God for . . .

- Our volunteers who make this ministry work.

Pray for . . .

- Our follow-up visits in Immokalee.
- Our outreach to the women of Rosemary Park, Bonita Springs