



Amigos en Cristo

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New Worker for Immokalee

Help is on the way. We are in the process of calling a recent graduate of the LCMS Center for Hispanic Studies as a missionary pastor to Immokalee. The Council of Presidents of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is now considering our request for an additional pastor. Lord willing we will have our new pastor on site sometime during the month of May. He will help Pastor Selle with theological training and evangelistic outreach. Our goal is to establish a thriving multicultural Lutheran church in this agricultural region of Southwest Florida. This is a major step of faith, but a necessary one to accomplish the enormous task set before us. Pray that God will be glorified as He provides all financial and prayer support necessary for the realization of this mission.

What is Mercy? (Pastor Bob Selle)

I have always thought of Amigos en Cristo and its social service ministry "Amigos Center" as a mission of mercy. The LCMS.org website describes mercy:

"Mercy has been called many things. As Christians, we know that mercy flows from God the Father, through Jesus Christ, God's only Son. Jesus gave up His perfect life on our behalf, that we might have a life of peace and joy in Him, beginning immediately and lasting to eternity. And Christ continues to give to us, by the working of the Holy Spirit through the Holy Word, the sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the fellowship of Christians.

Because of all the wonderful gifts we have received in Christ, we, His Church, naturally express our joy by giving to others. The mercy given us overflows to those in need around us. And because we are by nature sinful, and live in a sin-stained world, we all fall into need. Need occurs around the world and right outside our doors, or even inside our doors. Wherever we

see need, the Lord blesses us to help. This is mercy."

Help Wanted

Would you like to impact the lives of children and families this summer? We have the opportunity for you! This summer on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 A.M. to noon we have a program for the 10-15 children who live around our Kingston Amigos Center in Bonita Springs. The kids will receive spiritual nourishment and have lots of fun through Bible stories, games and activities. No Spanish is required, just a love for children and their families and a willingness to be a positive influence in the lives of kids who need it. For more information contact Sarah Willig at 239-784-8474. THANK YOU!

Newcomer's Guide

Our Amigos Center staff is hard at work updating, editing and translating the newest and most challenging effort to date. Due for publication in June, our 2007 edition will print 15,000 copies. Reflecting our new efforts to reach the Haitian community of Immokalee, this edition will be published in Creole as well as Spanish.

These Times They Are a Changing

Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of Hope Lutheran Church, Bonita Springs, we have moved our Sunday Spanish worship service from 6:30 P.M. to 11:00 A.M. Our Hispanic leadership group feels that this new time will be more inviting for people looking for a Spanish language worship opportunity. It will allow us to integrate our Sunday School program into the existing English language program at Hope.

Give thanks to God for . . .

- the expressions of His mercy shown through the efforts of our volunteers, leaders and staff.

Pray for . . .

- those looking for jobs, especially those in our worship communities.