



# Amigos en Cristo

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## English Classes

By Regina Arslanian, Language Program Director

I am grateful to announce that our language program has started. Our students are eager to learn and are making progress in learning English. We use a curriculum called "Laubach Way to English". However, this program cannot function by itself. Our most important tool is our tutors. They have a kind heart and are qualified to teach. I want you to know that we care for our students and love to see them succeed. No one should be at a disadvantage because of a language barrier. My philosophy is to provide personalized attention to the student. I train the tutors to identify and focus on the areas where the student is having difficulty. Students are encouraged to make their special needs known. Our goal is to help the student learn English. We need your help.

First of all, if you know anyone who is struggling with their ability to communicate, let them know Amigos Center can help.

Secondly, we need you to volunteer as a tutor. We provide the training and all the support you need to help your student succeed. No foreign language skills are required. If you are interested, please contact me, Regina, at: 239-437-6727. Thank you and God bless you.

## Friends Of Amigos

By Rev. Robert Selle, Executive Director

Curious about what we do? Join us for a virtual tour of Amigos en Cristo every second Thursday at 9:00 AM in Bonita Springs. Our "Friends of Amigos" one-hour tour will inform and inspire you. Meet our staff, hear the testimonies of people who have been touched by the ministry of Amigos Center, see for yourself how the love of Christ is made known in Southwest Florida. Call Sarah at (239) 784-8474 to reserve your spot.

## Spanish Worship Begins

By Rev. Robert Selle, Executive Director

Sunday, September 14 marks a new phase in our church planting effort in Immokalee. We began formal worship services. Since May we have been holding a morning Sunday School activity with the intention of building up our core group before launching formal worship. Since we have been having an attendance of 30, 40, even 50+, we figured it was time to start our worship. The current Sunday School program will continue to offer Bible based education for both adults and children, following the worship service. Our Haitian mission church has been averaging about 20 on Sunday morning and 35 on Sunday evening.

## Development Director Hired

By Rev. Robert Selle, Executive Director

Thank God for Ashby Axelgard. She begins her work with Amigos en Cristo as our new Development Director on October 1. Ashby has a real love for mission work and has been involved in mission projects in Mexico and in Africa. She is an experienced fund raiser with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. Ashby brings a contagious enthusiasm and an exceptional ability to tell our story to our beloved supporters. You will be hearing more from her. Thank God for Ashby Axelgard.

## We Need Food

We are looking for the following food items: rice, pinto beans, flour, cooking oil, sugar, evaporated milk, long duration milk, canned meats and canned vegetables. Call Donna at (239) 437-6727.

## Give thanks to God for...

- Ashby Axelgard
- Growing worship attendance in Immokalee

## Pray for...

- Our English class students