



# Amigos en Cristo

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## Immokalee Lutheran Mission

Things are beginning to heat up. We have hosted several groups of visitors at the proposed mission site in Immokalee. Each group has a similar reaction: "This is too good of an opportunity to pass up!" We envision a multilingual Christ centered church in the center of Immokalee that serves not only the spiritual needs of the community, but also the many physical, educational and social service needs. The center will also serve as a cross cultural mission and training facility for people from across the country. In order to seize this opportunity while continuing to expand our existing ministries in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Golden Gate we need a substantial increase in staff and budget. One anonymous donor has already stepped up to the plate with a lead gift of \$100,000. We look forward to visiting with you in person so that we can explain our vision for this ministry to the nations residing in Southwest Florida. Check out our website for photos and updates: [www.amigoscenter.org](http://www.amigoscenter.org)

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## In the Dominican Republic

It is exciting to see the progress of our mission work in the Dominican Republic. Recently, Pastor Ron Biel (Marco Lutheran Church, Marco Island; Pastor Jon Zehnder, St. Michael's Lutheran, Fort Myers and Pastor Selle participated in a planning and strategy meeting with the mission partners in Santiago. Representatives from the LCMS World Missions, LCMS World Relief, Bethesda Lutheran Homes, Central American Lutheran Missions (CALMS) met with missionaries Pastor Walter and Dannelle. An average of 70 people has attended the first three Sunday worship services in Palmar Arriba while promising contacts were developed in the capital Santo Domingo. While we were there, St. Michael's Lutheran Church & School received a special award from the Vice-president of the Dominican Republic for its service to the children of Santiago.

## Sarah Says...

God is moving in the hearts and lives of His people. I have been blessed to be a part of a new ministry to women in Rosemary Park. Our most recent addition to this program is a Bible study on Friday mornings. It is wonderful to have these women get together and talk about Jesus and life while we study the book of John together. Please pray that these women will come to a better understanding of what it means to be loved by God and to transfer that love to their husbands and children.

Please also pray for our congregations as we seek to grow spiritually and in leadership. Our LWML group is getting off the ground at a good pace and we are hosting the next Priscilla Zone rally in Fort Myers. We also have Bill Miller as our music director in Fort Myers. It is an exciting time of growth as we foster the congregations we have and as we look forward to moving out to Immokalee.

Also, keep visiting our website as we make additional updates and changes. Your continued prayer and financial support is appreciated and essential for without it, we could not do the work God has set before us. Thank you for your support.

## Give thanks to God for . . .

- Walter and Dannelle working in Santiago.
- The mission and vision God gives to his people.

## Pray for . . .

- God's direction regarding the new mission start-up in Immokalee. Do we dare go ahead or should we find some other way?
- The women's Bible study and fellowship group Sarah leads in Rosemary Park area of Bonita Springs.