



# Amigos en Cristo

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## Immigration Help and More

Recently our Immigration Specialist Eulalia Troncoso received a call from 88 year-old Jose and his 83 year-old wife Rosa. They had been referred to the Amigos Center by a local notary public. They had lost their immigration papers and needed help. With no money and no means of transportation they were in trouble. Because of their advanced age and transportation problems Eulalia went to their house. She filled out the proper immigration forms and helped them gather the necessary support documents that were scattered about the house. Our staff was even able to make transportation arrangements for them to get their finger prints taken. Because of Eulalia's extra efforts, we now have two new and grateful friends in Christ.

## Grandparents

Donna and Pastor Bob would like to thank all the expressions of good will at the birth of our first grandchild. Our oldest daughter Laura gave birth to Mackenzie Elizabeth Selle on July 3 in Fort Myers. Mackenzie will be reborn into the Kingdom of God through the waters of baptism at Hope Lutheran Church, Bonita Springs on July 23.

## Diego Grisales

Our Hispanic congregation at Hope Lutheran, Bonita Springs recently named church member Diego Grisales as lay minister. He will work ten hours per week to help Pastor Bob with visitation, home Bible studies and follow-up of worship service visitors. Diego arrived from Colombia three years ago to make a better life for himself and his family. He has a Masters in Business Administration. He is currently a student in our Theological Education by Extension program.

## DCE Sarah Says...

**Freedom:** July was a month to celebrate freedom and independence. Our country is known for its freedom and so many people flock here in search of

that freedom. Thanks be to God that we have freedom through Jesus Christ, a freedom we can share with people to give them help and hope!

**VBS with Captive Free:** In July we held a Vacation Bible School in Bonita Springs with 14 children at our Kingston Amigos Center. It was a great success and we had tons of fun. Great thanks goes to Faith Lutheran in Naples for allowing us to use the Captive Free music team, to Kati Miser for hosting them, and to all who came out for their concert.

**Camp Noah in Immokalee:** We also put on a Camp Noah in Immokalee. As this newsletter is written, we are in final preparations for the Camp Noah week. We will have served about 50 children who were affected by Hurricane Wilma. According to the Camp Noah website, "Camp Noah is a weeklong, faith-based day camp offered for elementary-age children in grades K-6 who have experienced disaster." Check out the website and future newsletters for updates.

**Thanks to our Volunteers:** We want to thank our volunteers who helped with our after school program at our Kingston Center in Bonita Springs. The children are grateful and enjoyed the company! Also a huge thank you goes to the Lions Club of Bonita Springs and the Lions Auxiliary who donated books, movies, puzzles, and other materials for the use of the children.

**Prayers:** Your continued prayers are appreciated and necessary for our continued growth and success; please keep it up! Thanks, and may God's peace be with you all.

## Give thanks to God for . . .

- The safe arrival of Mackenzie Elizabeth.

## Pray for . . .

- Diego Grisales, our new lay minister.