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From Strangers to Sisters

By Ashby Greenlee

Looking into Pat Tilson and Beatriz Rondon's eyes, the love and respect they have for one another is heart-warming. Four years ago, Pat and Beatriz met as strangers with very little in common, including language. Pat had decided to volunteer with Amigos Center as an English tutor. Beatriz had fled from Venezuela to the States due to political corruption and unrest. Upon her arrival, she immediately realized that to survive and succeed in America, she would need to learn English. She began her classes with Pat through Amigos Center and also began to slowly climb that ladder toward citizenship. The relationship has grown over time and they now refer to each other as sisters. Immigrants often experience a deep sense of loneliness and longing for their family members back home and this relationship has definitely eased some of that pain for Beatriz. Pat says "their one-on one time together has meant so much to both of them." We are happy to report that Beatriz received her green card this year and is now in line for citizenship! "If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" Ephesians 4:10 May this story be an encouraging reminder for all of us to reach out to befriend and love one another.



Care in Regions Project

Our work in Manna Christian is now officially a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans "Care in Regions" project! In addition, all money raised through the "Change for Change" program will be matched by Thrivent Financial. The project consists of the re-building of four trailers damaged after Tropical Storm Fay.

The first trailer was passed by the Lee County inspectors so the next work day will be set up soon!



Book your Field Trip Now!

Before we know it our snowbirds will be back! One great way to re-unite and catch up with friends upon their return is a fun-filled field trip. Talk to your Bible studies, clubs, and neighbors and plan an excursion to see our center in Immokalee or take a tour of the Bonita Springs Amigos Center! We have a couple of groups already signed up and we promise an encouraging and exciting day to meet the needs of your group. Call Ashby now at 239-560-5805 and set up an outing for a time that fits your schedule whether it be a morning, afternoon or weekend!

VBS

By Sarah Willig

Crocodile Dock is coming to Immokalee! Each evening during the week of August 17-21, we will have a Vacation Bible School for the kids here in Immokalee. We are excited to reach out to the community here in this fun and exciting way, and are ending the summer with a bang.

If you'd like to partner with us in making this happen, we could use help buying snacks and crafts, and we could use a helping hand during the week to make it a success. Call Sarah Willig at 239-784-8474

Give thanks to God for...

- Approved inspection of first trailer in Manna Christian and for its supporters
- A successful completion of Project Hope

Pray for...

- Upcoming VBS and other outreach projects
- Suffering families because current economic circumstances