

Amigos en Cristo

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Immokalee Lutheran Mission

Our goal is to develop a comprehensive Gospel outreach ministry in this agricultural city of 22,000 year-round residents. Our ministry will:

- Awaken zeal to follow Christ in word and deed. God will make His presence and power manifest to hundreds in this multicultural city by means of a clear Christ-centered proclamation of the Gospel in Spanish, Creole and English.
- Provide social services that network with other agencies in order to provide maximum benefits with economy of resources.
- Provide inspiring cross-cultural preparation of church leaders from across the country.

We are making progress, but we are not there yet. Here is what we need.

- Prayer support. This is a spiritual as well as a physical project. We need you to pray for divine wisdom and direction for our leadership as we pull together our ministry team and struggle with the financial and construction components of this project.
- Financial support. This is a long term commitment. We need one-time gifts as well as pledges of support for the next three years.
- Volunteer support. We need help to raise financial support. We are assembling a team of development specialists who will 1) tell our story, 2) ask people for their financial support, and 3) provide accountability to our donors.

Visit our website to see how we will do this www.amigoscenter.org. Click the Immokalee link.

City of Bonita Springs

We are proud of the partnership the City of Bonita Springs has with Amigos Center. Through the city's "Partnering for Results" initiative, the Bonita Springs city council recently awarded us a contract of \$8,500 to provide immigration services to the residents of the city. This is the second consecutive year that Amigos Center has partnered with the City of Bonita Springs to provide these services. Amigos Center is helping to make Bonita Springs a better city by helping its residents achieve legal immigrant status for themselves and their families.

Welcome to Aimee Stafki

Intern Aimee Stafki has joined our ministry team and will work through August 11 with our ministry team. Aimee is a Social Work major at Winona State University, MN.

DCE Sarah Says...

Summer is almost here, and I can hardly believe it. Time flies by when so many exciting things are happening.

- We just finished an intensive three-week first communion preparation for eight of our boys. We will also baptize three of the boys. We will take them along with other members of our congregation to visit the Holy Land Experience in Orlando.
- Our weekday Kingston Amigos children's program in Bonita Springs has been fun and been a good opportunity to build relationships with the children there.
- We are planning a day-long Case Manager training workshop for nine Amigos Center staff and volunteers. This will help our efforts to serve Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, Golden Gate and Immokalee.
- Partnering with St. Michael Lutheran in Fort Myers, we hope to do outreach to the community through their VBS program.
- We will also be host to a "Captive Free" team provided by Faith Lutheran in Naples to host a VBS at our Kingston Center.
- We will host a Camp Noah this July in Immokalee.

Thanks again for all your support. Your ongoing prayers are what will keep us going to reach out to the community with the love and forgiveness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Give thanks to God for . . .

- The safe arrival of Aimee Stafki.
- Our ongoing partnership with the City of Bonita Springs

Pray for . . .

- Needed funding for the new mission start-up in Immokalee.
- The spiritual growth of our eight boys at Iglesia Luterana San Miguel, Fort Myers.