



# Amigos en Cristo

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## I HOPE pays off

Our work with I HOPE (Immokalee Helping Our People in Emergencies), the long term disaster recovery committee in Immokalee, is starting to pay off big time. We are finally seeing the first of 30 families move into their refurbished FEMA trailers. I HOPE purchased them from FEMA for \$500 each. Look for them at Pete's Trailer Park on East Delaware Road in Immokalee. The first proud owners to move in were a mother with four children and a Haitian family that have been living in sheds since Hurricane Wilma struck in October 2005.

## Kingston Amigos Center

It was a great summer with the children at Kingston. We had 19 kids come at least one of the 17 two-hour sessions, with 8 coming over 50% of the time, 2 more came over 80%, and 3 had 100% attendance. It was great to see these kids have fun and grow in their faith. Thanks for all your prayers and support.

## Human Trafficking

In partnership with the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, we are giving presentations to groups who may want to know more about this horrific crime that is happening right here in Southwest Florida. Please contact the administrative office at 437-6727 if you are interested in having a presentation at your church or civic organization.

## Immokalee Pregnancy Center

Although there are many organizations serving in Immokalee, it is still an underserved area. Currently, for women with unplanned pregnancies, the only option in Immokalee is Planned Parenthood, which strongly advocates abortion. In order to receive counseling and alternatives to abortion, a woman or girl must go to Naples. For many, this is a difficult task as the distance is long and many do not have

transportation. For teenagers who may have faced a rape or are just afraid for others to know they need to see a counselor, a local center is what they desperately need. Our center is a much needed service in Immokalee and we are excited to see lives changed through this important ministry. Our staff has already received one phone call from an expectant mother in Immokalee who wanted to know about adoption possibilities. Please pray that we can quickly get the center up and running; we are only in the beginning stages of planning and already have had a referral of a woman to come to us for help! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sarah Willig at 239-784-8474. Thank you.

## Meet Sue Parker

Susan has volunteered to fill the newly established position of Amigos Center Service Director. She is responsible for overseeing both the personnel and the programs of Amigos Center operations in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Golden Gate.

Susan was a Sr. Vice President in the Information Technology Department of a major mid-west bank, and was employed 25 years before leaving work to dedicate herself to full-time volunteer ministry work. In Ohio she served as Outreach Coordinator for Community of Hope Lutheran Church, led a women's Bible Study at work, and taught Sunday School and Confirmation classes as her children were growing.

Susan and her husband, Richard, are recent transplants to SW Florida from Cleveland, Ohio. She & Rich have two married sons and 4 young grandchildren. She is a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Naples.

## Give thanks to God for . . .

- Volunteer Service Director Sue Parker.

## Pray for . . .

- Our new Immokalee Pregnancy Center;
- Funding for our Amigos ministry.

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