



Amigos en Cristo

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New Board of Directors

October 9 marks the first meeting of our newly established Board of Directors. This is one step in implementing the recommendations made by our task force last May that met under the guidance of consultant Janet Eustis. The objective of the recommendations is to more fully meet the administrative and financial needs of our growing Amigos en Cristo ministry. The outcome will be enhanced spiritual, social and economic quality of life for immigrants in Southwest Florida. Our instrument of change is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Baptism of Christian Dickerson

We recently received into baptized membership Christian Dickerson, 6 year-old son of Amigos Center Case Worker Marisol Dickerson. Christian and Marisol have been a part of our Word and sacrament ministry in Bonita Springs for several years.

Sarasota Thrivent Board

The Sarasota County Board of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans recently invited Pastor Selle to speak about our Immokalee mission. Special emphasis was given to our Immokalee Pregnancy Center (IPC). Diane Hanson, the director of IPC, accompanied Pastor Selle and gave a summary of our vision and plans to serve women facing an unintended pregnancy in this isolated farm worker community of 40,000. Thrivent Financial and its members are a vital source of support for our mission.

Immokalee Work Day

On Saturday, September 8th we had a work day on our building in Immokalee, having 26 volunteers and 4 staff members show up. In just over 3 hours we took out the library shelving and relocated it to our food pantry, deep cleaned and organized the kitchen and bathrooms, trimmed trees, power washed outside, vacuumed and steam cleaned the

carpets and furniture, and hung up decorations and information racks in the lobby. We also had lunch outside while serving food to people in the community, together eating 100 hamburgers and 75 hot dogs! Thanks for all those who volunteered. Keep an eye out for the next work day!

United Way Campaign

Once again the United Way campaign is underway. As a member agency of the United Way of Lee, Glades and Hendry Counties, Amigos Center helps with the campaign by doing presentations to supporting organizations, especially to the Publix grocery stores in the area. It is also a great way for us to get word out to the managers and employees about the social services we provide. We are thankful for the core funding our immigration ministry has received from United Way and look forward to another year of support.

Mexican Mobile Consulate

Legal documents are very important. For that reason Amigos Center recently hosted the Mexican Mobile Consulate at St. Michael's Lutheran, Fort Myers. During the day long event officials from the Mexican Consulate in Miami provided Mexican passports and Consular I.D. cards to over 300 qualified Mexican nationals.

These documents are important because they provide primary identification for Mexicans who apply for residency in the USA, open bank accounts, travel to Mexico, cash checks, and many other practical uses.

Give thanks to God for . . .

- Baptism of Christian Dickerson

Pray for . . .

- Our new Board of Directors;
- Immokalee Pregnancy Center and Director Diane Hanson.