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Faith Based Service

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Kenia, a native of Honduras, lives with her husband and two daughters, one 12 years old and the other 5. She came to our Amigos Center office in Golden Gate on October 25, 2007 for an immigration consultation. After I explained to her all the documentation needed to become a U.S. Citizen, she started to cry. She needed someone to talk to. Her husband, who had been working in the construction, had lost his job. She stated that they were late on their rent, and she was afraid of being evicted.

While at the interview, she received a phone call from her sister-in-law telling her that her half brother had fallen from the truck while trimming a tree. The client was in so much pain, crying her heart out. She wants to become a U.S. Citizen, but the reality is that she does not have the money for the immigration fees, nor the money to pay Amigos Center.

I felt her pain and desperation, I ministered the word of God and I waived the Amigos Center fee as a way of support and to reaffirm the client that God is great, regardless of the adversities we face in life. Her brother is out of work and can barely walk after having a spinal surgery. The client is holding on to the completed N-400 form that I filled out for her, until she finds a job and the circumstances changes. As of right now her husband works in day labor whenever he gets picked up by anyone needing his services; sometimes he works 10-12 hour day for \$50.00. Although Kenia is experiencing a tough situation, she is very thankful to Amigos Center, not only for waiving our service fee, but because she was able to talk to someone when no one seemed to care.

Good News from Immokalee

It took six months to submit the paperwork and plans and six months more for the county to give final approval, but our site development plan has been approved. Now we can proceed with the site development work necessary to bring our property

up to current Collier County code. Our contractors, Landmark Underground, Davenport Landscaping and Hutcheson Golf Irrigation are optimistic that the work should be completed in a matter of a few weeks. Lord willing, we will officially open our Immokalee ministry building by February 2008. We are very thankful because God continues to provide. Both Davenport Landscaping and Golf Irrigation are donating their services.

Pastor Lomba's Ordination

On October 7, 2007 Miami area LCMS clergy and deacons, Florida-Georgia District officials and Pastor Selle gathered at Hospital del Alma Lutheran Church, Homestead, FL for the ordination of Pastor Amado Lomba-George. Pastor Lomba is a native son of Hospital del Alma. Pastor Lomba has been called by the Southwest Florida Outreach Council to work with Pastor Selle in Immokalee, FL. Since Pastor Lomba was called on behalf of the Outreach Council churches of Southwest Florida, he will be installed into his office by many of the council churches during the next few months. This will give many of you the opportunity to meet him personally.

Fundraising Banquet Coming

Professional event planner Andrea Smith of Benchmark Events is donating her time and talent to help make our fifth annual fundraising banquet the best yet. We need your help too. We have opportunities for you to help. Please contact our event chairperson, Sarah Willig at (239) 784-8474 to find out how you can help. You will not only have the satisfaction of helping Amigos Center raise our funds but will learn how to plan your own special events.

Give thanks to God for . . .

- Our permits to begin work in Immokalee.

Pray for . . .

- Kenia and her family
- Our Fifth Annual Banquet

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