



Amigos en Cristo

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Middle School Youth Gathering

By Sarah Willig, DCE

What a joy it was to bring two 6th grade girls to the gathering this year. I think overall they were both excited and overwhelmed. This was their first weekend away from home, and for them to see 900+ youth gathered to praise God just blew them away. The weekend focused on Romans 8:38-39, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus.

What hit me though were the little reactions I hadn't expected. We stayed in the basic hotel style rooms, and when they walked in their jaws dropped and wide eyed they looked around saying, "Wow! Look at this bathroom!" and "These beds are amazing!" On the drive, one girl told me that she'd been sleeping on the floor for a few years now and when she told her brother they'd be in a hotel he said, "you are so lucky!" It made me think of the little things I take for granted.

Also, at meals and snacks, they were shocked at "how much food" there was. Healthy meals, and regular meals, are not to be expected in their homes. At free time they couldn't decide what to do, being overwhelmed by all the fun activities available to them. They just kept saying how cool it was to be there and how they wanted to come back next year. When I saw them the following week, they were telling their friends and neighbors about their experience and what they learned about God's love. I feel blessed to have experienced the weekend with them.

Welcome Financial Consultant

By Ashby Axelgard, Development Director

We are thrilled to announce that Tom Ketteler has agreed to serve as the volunteer Financial Consultant for Amigos En Cristo! Tom is a CPA and semi-retired Chief Financial Officer who also graciously gives his time to help Hope Lutheran and Hope Early Learning Center as a

financial consultant. Formerly employed with Schottenstein Stores Corporation, Tom comes to the table with over 40 years of public accounting and CFO experience. He is an answer to our prayers and we praise God for his generosity to us!

Seeking Christmas Volunteers!

By Sarah Willig, DCE

This Christmas we are serving 100 families in Immokalee with a Christmas program and gifts for the kids. On December the 21st from 3pm-6pm we will have our Christmas gift distribution and will need volunteers to help make the day a memorable one. Some of the opportunities include set-up, clean-up, live nativity actors, helpers with the children, among others. If you are interested to know more or be involved please call Sarah at 239-784-8474.

We Need Food!!!

We are looking for the following food items: rice, pinto beans, flour, cooking oil, sugar, evaporated milk, long duration milk, canned meats and canned vegetables. Call Donna at (239) 437-6727.

Give thanks to God for...

- Out new Financial Consultant, Tom Ketteler

Pray for...

- Sixth graders Maribel and Floricelia who experienced Christ in a very special way at the FL-GA district youth gathering.