



Amigos en Cristo

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Immigrant Gives Back

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I first met Johnny several years ago when his mother started coming to our Spanish worship service at St. Michael's Lutheran, Fort Myers. As recent immigrants from Colombia, Johnny and his family struggled with English and making a new life for themselves in a strange new country. Now a university student and a professional computer technician with an electronics store, Johnny wants to help other immigrants. Beginning April, he will offer a weekly computer class in our Immokalee computer lab. Knowing that he is a university student, I offered to pay him a stipend. He refused. His mind and heart are set on helping Amigos Center help others, just as his family was helped by us.

Strong Marriages

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Starting April, we are looking forward to a new ministry geared at strengthening marriages in Bonita Springs. Armando and Rosie are particularly gifted at marriage enrichment. Back in Colombia they were well trained and experienced at leading marriage retreats. Couples visiting our Spanish worship services, together with members of the church, will be invited to participate in periodic marriage retreats. Their love of Jesus, 30 years of marriage and training in Colombia make for a promising start of our ministry plan to strengthen marriages.

Friends of Amigos Lunch

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We are proud to announce our NEW and exciting annual fundraiser. In lieu of the annual banquet we will have a FREE one hour luncheon on Tuesday, March 24th at 12pm. All costs of the event have been paid for by our three sponsors: Victor Arias Law Firm, P.A., Cape Coral; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Lee County Chapter; and Mainscape Landscape Maintenance Services, Naples. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites in Estero, conveniently located off the interstate and close to Miromar outlets. We would love for you to come, be inspired, and if we inspire you enough, to pledge to walk along side us by donating to the ministry. Call Ashby for details 239-560-5805.

Car Given Away

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Congratulations to Ileana Ramirez who won the drawing for the 1987 Mercedes Benz. The car had been donated to Amigos Center by one of our grateful language students. We held the drawing after church service on Sunday, March 1. Ileana was so excited she could hardly concentrate on the confirmation class that she receives after church. All together, the drawing resulted in a total donation of \$1,590 for Amigos Center. Thanks to all who participated in the drawing with a \$10 contribution.

Give thanks to God for...

- Leadership provided by those who have been blessed by Amigos en Cristo;

Pray for...

- People to be inspired at our luncheon;
- Funding will be provided to continue our ministry.