



Amigos en Cristo

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Introduction to Immokalee

By Spencer Greenlee

It has been two weeks since our official move to Immokalee! Ashby and I are enjoying our time in this extremely diverse and bustling little city. We have jumped in with both feet by planning a fall food drive with some excited Estero churches, planning consistent English classes (78% of the population speaks another language than English in the home) and establishing strong relationships with other organizations in the area. 90% of the Immokalee population lives below the poverty line so the needs are great. We feel blessed to have the privilege to serve this community and look forward to having you out to visit us at the Amigos Center soon!

Manna Christian Trailer Re-build

Thank you to Thrivent and our volunteers for a successful work day at the Manna Christian Trailer Park in Bonita Springs on June 6. Many people lost their homes or suffered severe damage due to Tropical Storm Fay last summer. Project HOPE (Helping Our People in Emergencies) Crisis Counselors is a group led by Amigos Board President Diego Grisales. HOPE has been working closely with the victims and helped identify several families that could use repair/rebuild on their homes at Manna Christian.

Youth Group Volunteers

40 Junior High volunteers from Christ the King in Largo, Florida are coming to volunteer in Immokalee this week! The group is participating with groups such as I HOPE, the Guadalupe Center and the Amigos Center. Things they will be working on include construction, clean-up, and helping us promote the Haiti Revival that is taking place June 14-21 at Amigos Center Immokalee. We have been praying for our center to be used as a multi-cultural training ground for pastors, missionaries, and youth groups so we praise God for this wonderful group!

Tears of Joy

By Christina Leddin

This week Amigos Center had the distinct pleasure to call a client who had suffered domestic violence at the

hands of her husband and give her the great news that her case, along with her two young sons, had been approved by immigration. The client shed tears of joy as the wonderful news was conveyed to her that the three of them are now permanent legal residents of the United States.

The client, along with her two sons, was originally referred to our office from Florida Equal Justice Center in April 2008 to assist her with filing an application to remove the conditions on their current green cards. The client had previously tried to file the application on her own in January 2008, but immigration rejected the case due to improper fees. We redid the case correctly with proper fees and an explanation as to why the case was being submitted late.

On June 8, 2009 Amigos Center received the three approval notices for the client and her two sons. Now the client and her two sons do not have to live in fear of deportation. We are happy to say that the client and her sons have received counseling due to the domestic violence that they suffered. The client is now extremely happy and looking forward to better job opportunities in Florida.

Fun Farmer's Market Outing!

By Ashby Greenlee

Starting on the second Tuesday of every month, we will have a tour of our Immokalee center at 11:00 am! We will start by learning more about the town and people of Immokalee and the work of Amigos en Cristo. Then we will take some time to tour the must-see Immokalee farmer's market. We are available for weekend tours as well so give me a call(239-560-5805) and we will set one up that will work with your time frame☺

Give thanks to God for...

- Always providing
- Our wonderful supporters and volunteers

Pray for...

- Haiti Revival
- Manna Christian Families