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Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

*Seeking to meet the spiritual and physical needs
of immigrants in Wayne and Holmes counties*



Director's Note

Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people".

Dear brothers and sisters and brothers in Christ, we of Open Arms Ministry are happy to see how our Lord Jesus is working in His church, as more people are drawing closer to Him and having new spiritual experiences. The verse above reminds me of my experience. When Jesus called my family, He called us to fish souls for His Kingdom. All the honor and glory will be to His name!

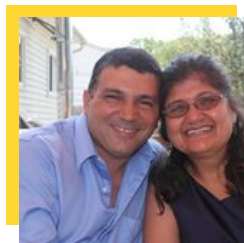
The overwhelming need in our community right now is to help the Hispanics with transportation to the immigration court in Cleveland and to find immigration lawyers. I have been taking Hispanics to the Homeland Security office and Immigration court in Cleveland, every week. We are having a good number of the children unaccompanied that are going to the court, nationwide. This is not fair. We are praying that the new U.S. president can work with congress and resolve the immigration issue that is affecting many communities and is separating families daily.

We at Salem Mennonite church of Wooster are having family Bible studies with people that are interested in maturing in their relationship with Jesus. We have a good core group that is participating regularly in church activities. We want to see personal spiritual growth in them so they too can help to reach unsaved people for Christ. The Hispanic ladies at Salem want to start a service in Spanish once a month. They will be responsible for the message and all the others details. Please pray that this will happen and will bear fruits in our community.

We appreciate your prayers and financial supporting to our the ministry, you are giving hope to Hispanic sisters and brothers! As Paul says, "Your love has given [us] great joy and encouragement, because you, [brothers and sisters], have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

May the peace of God be with you and your family!

Pastor Haroldo Nunes



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**Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by
so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels
without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2**

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13th Hispanic Families Encounter

A group of Hispanics from the Hispanic Mennonite churches of Ohio gathered on the weekend of June 24-26 at Camp Luz for their 13th Hispanic Encounter. Close to 150 adults, youth and children, representing 10 countries across the Americas, came together. Haroldo Nunes, pastor of the Salem Mennonite Church of Wooster and Executive director of Open arms Hispanic ministry, served as coordinator of the weekend event. The united worship services were in Spanish. Most youth and children are bilingual. The youth and children's activities were in English.

The weekend gives the Hispanic families a chance to get away from their everyday work and worries and gives them an opportunity to spend

time with their families and to worship the Lord together with bible teaching and songs of praise. As the people leave one hears them saying "Adiós. Nos veremos el año que entra". (Good bye. We will see you next year.)



Hispanic Families Encounter

Walk for Peace and Justice

The Walk for Justice was a peaceful demonstration of an interfaith group, which includes Open Arms Hispanic Ministries that works in support of a Comprehensive and Compassionate Immigration reform.

The event took place on Saturday, July 9, 2016, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, prior to the Republican National Convention in downtown Cleveland. Hundreds of people walked together, stopping in five different locations: the Free Stamp building, the Celebrezze Federal Building, the Veteran's Memorial Plaza, the Public Square and finally the Stokes Federal Courthouse (Immigration Courthouse).

The Cleveland Police assisted the group in the walk, providing security and helping with the traffic. The executive director of Open Arms had a speech on the subject of "Justice and Peace in the Workplace". The organizing committee was thrilled with the broad participation in this peaceful event. Those who participated were people of all ages, complete families, students, groups from other faith traditions, people who have come here as refugees, migrants, immigrants, advocates for a Comprehensive Immigration Reform and Anglos that have compassion for those who come to the U.S. because in their countries they are suffering persecution of gangs and drug cartels, murders and political discrimination.

Another important issue that was highlighted by the group is the deportation of parents. Families are being torn apart, causing trauma in the lives of children and youth, persons that are citizens of the United States. Below we give some steps to take if you would like to help the less fortunate and mistreated immigrants.

If you have 30 seconds...

Contact your congressperson! Contacting your congressperson and expressing your support for immigration reform can make a huge difference. Whether you spend 30 seconds to send a postcard or an hour to sit down with your legislator, it's important that they understand your views!

If you have 5 minutes...

Write a letter to or call your congressperson.

You can look up your congressperson here:

<http://www.house.gov/>

<http://www.senate.gov/senators/states.htm>

If you have 30 minutes...

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper expressing your interest in immigration reform.

Engage your Congregation and your community!

Pray!

As people of faith one of the most powerful things that we can do is pray for our immigrant brothers and sisters, especially those that have been forced to leave their homelands.

