



# Open Arms Hispanic Ministries

Newsletter | February 2023

*“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”*

## From the Desk of the Executive Director | Pastor Haroldo Nunes

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6 (NIV)**”

I can see how God is using the ministry of Open Arms to assist and support our sisters and brothers. And the most rewarding result is that they can experience the Father’s love through kindness and love. Our compassion fund is helping people with huge bills, most often medical ones. We have doctors that are fantastic at helping when our sisters and brothers are in pain and need care almost right away. These doctors care and feel compassion for our community. They are a very important part of our ministry. The good health of Hispanics is important for them to keep working and help their families. Please always keep them in your prayers.

The hiring of Pablo Delgado as the Outreach Coordinator is a blessing for Open Arms. I would like to thank three of our main stakeholders that are helping with 5k each for three years, to allow us to hire Pablo for this position, which is helping me a lot; especially as he becomes more involved in our tutoring program and begins assuming a leadership role with that program.

Our tutoring program is going well. It is fulfilling to see kids learning more and being able to feel more confident in themselves. I feel grateful for our tutors and what they are doing to help those Hispanic children from Orrville, Smithville and Dalton school districts. Last year, we had at least one student from Orrville Middle School who was named student of the month. It is incredible to see the big difference that the tutors are making in the kids’ lives, making them more confident and hopeful of a better future. Thanks to our tutoring coordinator,

Kathy Troyer, our volunteers and everyone else involved in this program, in addition to you, our stakeholders, who give to this program. Those positive effects of the tutoring program will impact the students and their parents in the future. Thanks to God and to Him be all the glory!

Now in February, I will be traveling to Columbus to start working on the details for the XIX Hispanic Family Retreat. The event will take place at Camp Luz, June 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Everybody is so excited to participate in this event. Please pray for this matter!

The plans for our Taco Tuesday are going great, our hope is to have 200 people to eat good food and hear the updates of the ministry. The date will be Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at Dutch Kitchen Event Center. Please come and invite a friend!

Finally, I would like to share about a family I’m helping in Holmes County that has a seven-year old daughter with Cerebral Palsy. Open Arms is one of several organizations that are working together to help. Besides some pastoral care and translation, I’m helping them with transportation to visits with specialists at Akron Children’s Hospital. The pastors from Millersburg Mennonite church are helping as well. We are teaming up to accompany this family. They have so many needs: immigration, dental and other health care and so on. Soon, the mother will have an appointment to enroll their daughter, Doris, in the Holmes County Board of Developmental Disabilities school, which would provide schooling each day (with transportation provided). Please keep them in your prayers.

Thanks to God for our caring community which allows Open Arms to walk together with Hispanic families! Please keep loving and helping them! Blessings to all of you and your families!

### Dear Supporter of Open Arms,

I wanted to thank you for your giving this past year. We had been operating in a deficit for much of 2022, but your strong support in December helped us end the year in the black. Donations totals were \$111,426, helping us cover \$109,545 in expenses.

Your continual support helps Open Arms welcome Hispanics in our community by assisting them with transport and translation needs tutoring services for their children, and a compassion fund that gives directly to those in need.

As we look to 2023, we welcome our new Community Outreach Worker, Pablo Delgado. His addition to the team is allowing us to expand our services. In 2023, we are reaching out in faith, and looking at a \$131,800 budget, and have pledges already for some of that increase.

Thank you again for your ongoing support!  
**Denver Steiner, Treasurer**



INVITE A FRIEND & JOIN US FOR

# Taco Tuesday!

OPEN ARMS HISPANIC MINISTRY ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

**MARCH 14, 2023 | 6PM**  
DUTCH KITCHEN EVENT CENTER  
14278 LINCOLN WAY E, DALTON, 44618

FOR ANY QUESTIONS & TO RSVP:  
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PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 10



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## Introducing Pablo Delgado, Open Arms Outreach Coordinator | Cheryl Weiss, OA Volunteer

*“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Open Arms Hispanic Ministries is happy to introduce Pablo Delgado, our new Outreach Coordinator. He has much to offer our program and our community, and we are blessed to have him with us. Pablo and his family: wife, Chanel, and baby son, Asher Pablo, moved to Ohio from Washington State in 2021, and are now living in Orrville, where Pablo is a quality-control inspector for translators at an international translation organization. His work gives him the flexibility to offer his skills to Open Arms, both with the work of the Executive Director and with the tutoring program.

Pablo was born and raised in Costa Rica and obtained both his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees there. During that time, he was inspired by an American evangelistic missionary family who needed a translator as they traveled through Central and South America spreading the word of the gospel. He also met Bob Mortimer, a motivational evangelist who went to Costa Rica and needed a translator. Bob’s daughter Chanel and Pablo stayed in touch for six years and eventually married in 2021. They started their life near Seattle, but a position for Chanel as a social worker in Holmes County, Ohio, brought them to our area. Pablo has been able to continue his work in the translation field, something he enjoys very much.

Now Pablo is excited about also giving his time and energy to further the mission of Open Arms. He says, *“My family had the opportunity when I was growing up to live in an orphanage, “Roble Alto,” where my mom was a foster mom for 10 other kids at a time. Most of these children were Nicaraguan immigrant children, or first generation born in Costa Rica. This role allowed us to see other kids who had gone through things I had never experienced: days without food, sleeping in the*

*street, being physically harmed. This was a population of kids that was in desperate need of love, education, clothes, and mainly Jesus.*

*Through this ministry I experienced first-hand the change that a safe and welcoming community can make to a generation of immigrants. It is my hope to be able to serve the Latino community here in our area.....*

*because I know how much of an impact we can have when we walk with immigrants and their families here to build a safe and sustainable life.*

*I know that I’ll be able to use my experience as interpreter for this role of Outreach Coordinator. That is something I enjoy and I am good at. Having interpreted over the phone, in video and in person, I’m looking forward to supporting Haroldo with different needs. I’ve also received a lot of help from Kathy Troyer, getting familiarized with the tutoring program, and I’m already supporting her, too. I am, of course, wanting to come to the point where I can relieve them both of chores as I become more experienced and get to know the families we serve better.”*

Welcome, Pablo and family, and God’s blessings on your journey here in Ohio and with Open Arms!



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