



### To the Friends & Stakeholders of Open Arms...



*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*  
Matthew 11:28-30

staff and board members, for this ministry, and that I love and care for each of you, and our Hispanic clientele.

If you would like to speak with me on any matter, do not hesitate to call 330- 933-9376 or email me at [haroldo\\_nunes@yahoo.com.br](mailto:haroldo_nunes@yahoo.com.br)

Thank you for your love and support. I pray that I can be helpful to the ministry in my remaining time here.

With Blessings and Love,  
Pastor Haroldo Nunes

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a true blessing to serve such an amazing ministry over the past seventeen years and see all the changes that God made possible at Open Arms Hispanic Ministries during my tenure of leadership. It is with a bittersweet heart that I must write this letter of resignation as Executive Director.

As you know, to carry a ministry like OA causes a lot of stress. The challenges of a growing Open Arms Hispanic Ministry in these last years have been weighing on me as of late. After praying and contemplating on the issues, I believe God is leading me to move on. After that, my family and I are planning to move to Florida, to be closer to my oldest daughter Gabriela and my son-in-law Ryan Bauman.

I have decided to resign from my duties around the end of July, 2023. I will treasure each memory and pray for the health and well-being of the ministry.

Please know that I am thankful for your faithful support of the ministry in these past years, as well for the hard work of our

### Goodbyes are not easy

We at Open Arms were saddened upon receiving word of Haroldo’s resignation as our Executive Director. We are deeply grateful to him and his family for 17 years of devoted service to the ministry of Open Arms (The first 14 of these years he also served concurrently as pastor of Salem Mennonite Church.) His faithful and compassionate work has blessed countless lives. It will be difficult to “fill his shoes.” We as a board desire God’s richest blessings on Haroldo and his family as they follow the Spirit’s leading into new areas of ministry. As much as they will be missed, we are confident that God will continue to guide and bless Open Arms, faithfully supplying our needs as we share God’s love and walk with Hispanics in northeast Ohio. To the Nunes family: We love you. ~ **Dan King, Board Chair**

### Now Hiring!

This is a great opportunity for a new Executive Director to change the world by leaving a legacy of love and Biblical hospitality to hurting and disadvantaged people! We are actively seeking applications for Haroldo’s position. Although the board accepted his resignation with regrets, he is leaving Open Arms in a great position to continue its ministry. During his nearly two decades of service, he helped us grow. Our outreach and the number of people we help has increased many times over. Thanks to his work, we have the resources to hire a replacement and continue helping immigrants at a time when it is sorely needed.

We are looking for Godly leader who can administer Open Arms, marshal the resources needed to help with our clients’ physical needs, minister to their spiritual needs and contribute to fund raising efforts. The successful applicant will be

fluent in English and Spanish. A full job description for this position and information on how to apply can be found at <https://open-arms.us/ed> . Compensation provided commensurate to experience. Please help us in our search by passing this link on to qualified applicants.

The board authorized a search committee composed of Galen Lehman, Gloria Miller and Phil Raber. All three have been long standing supporters of Open Arms. Galen and Gloria are also on the board. You can reach out to them with questions or to nominate a candidate or to apply yourself by emailing “[edsearch@open-arms.us](mailto:edsearch@open-arms.us).”

Full Job Description:

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## Jose's Story | Barb Simonsen, OA Tutor

What do you get when you mix a translator, a tutor, a kind boss, a committed mom and dad, a caring pastor, volunteers, a five-year-old boy, prayer and an Almighty God? You get a miracle! Open Arms Hispanic Ministry (OAHM) became acquainted with a little boy named Jose who, when he turned 5, did not speak in any understandable language even to his parents. Throughout Jose's first year of preschool, he never spoke a word. Concerned OAHM friends knew Jose needed to be in school but kept running into closed doors. With guidance from the OAHM Tutoring Coordinator, Tri-County Preschool agreed to see if they could help Jose. Because his family speaks Quiche and very little Spanish, each step of the way from filling out lots of paper work and getting Jose tested, to helping his parents understand schooling options, was complicated. Thanks to much help from OAHM's translator, Pablo, Jose was evaluated and accepted into their preschool program where he would have a speech therapist as part of his schooling. This was great news but required a 40- minute round trip drive twice each day to take and pick Jose up from school. To assist the family, OAHM made the need for transportation known. Six people volunteered to take turns getting Jose to or from school!

Throughout this process, Jose had begun to say some words. If I (an OAHM tutor) said, "say bus", he would say it along with other

words when asked directly, but never without prompting, and never putting two words or even two syllables together. He never answered even yes or no questions, or had the ability to ask for something he needed. In the last four months while in this preschool, thanks to the help of so many, and by the grace of God, I have had the joyful privilege of watching God work in Jose's life. He now says "goodbye" to his mom when he leaves for school, says the names of many animals and colors, greets his cousins during after-school tutoring and says "goodbye" to them by name without being prompted. Jose counts to five (even to 10 with a little help), and is beginning to put two words together like "yellow bus" or "four frogs". After 5 years of not speaking, this fun, happy, book-loving, people-loving little boy is beginning to talk!

Thanks goes to so many for being the hands and feet of Jesus to this little one and his family. This is community. This is the church. Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes Me." Mark 9:36



## KIDS SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join us for Summer Kids Camp, each Wednesday in June and July, 9AM-2:30PM at Orrville Mennonite Church (1305 W. Market Street, Orrville)

We are in need of volunteers to assist with cooking, transportation, leading gardening and cooking/baking workshops for the kids, a Preschool class leader and other general needs of the program. This is an important and fun time of gathering for the kids who participate in the Open Arms tutoring program, and it wouldn't be possible without the help of our volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please contact Tutoring Coordinator, Kathy Troyer (ktroyeropenarms@gmail.com), or Outreach Coordinator, Pablo Delgado (pablo@open-arms.us)



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