

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

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



Thank You

Philemon 1:4-7, 'I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 'because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 'I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 'Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Paul and Timothy sent these words to Philemon, their "dear friend and fellow worker". Open Arms Hispanic Ministry would also like to extend these words to you too, our dear friends and fellow workers. We thank God for each of you and your faith in the Lord Jesus. Your love and support has also given us joy and encouragement and we pray that your partnership with us may also deepen our shared understanding of Christ and his body.

We are grateful for the financial support through this past year that helped us reach our end-of-year financial goals. Gifts come from faithful Amigos who regularly support us, from many people who attend our events and hear about our ministry, and also from unexpected places. All these ways of support remind us continually that God is faithful and that we do not do this ministry alone. Thank you for any way that you have supported us financially in the past year!

We are also grateful for the way that God continues to use the ministry to grow his church, change lives, and draw people to himself. Please continue to pray that God's love will flow through us to the Hispanics in Wayne, Holmes and surrounding counties. As we have experienced before in this ministry, His love doesn't stop there! It often extends through those lives to others here and around the world!

Thirdly, we are grateful for the time we were able to spend together recently at our board retreat, seeking the Lord's direction for Open Arms Hispanic Ministry. It was a time that indeed refreshed our hearts. We considered the needs of those we served and looked for new approaches to meeting those needs. We thought through how the different parts of the ministry are structured and connected and how those connections might be made stronger. Pray that the seeds of vision that were planted in our time together develop into the fruit of our ministry.

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.

Pastor Haroldo Nunes



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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Open Arms Fundraiser Banquet

Each year Open Arms Ministry sponsors a fundraiser banquet. This get-together gives the Open Arms committee members an opportunity to meet, face to face, those persons who are helping to support the ministry with their donations. The faithful contributions and commitments of our donors bring stability to our ministry.

The annual banquet will take place on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**, at the **Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.** There will be no charge. A reservation must be made by March 9, if you wish to join us.

Please contact Karen Steiner at her email address: steinco5@aol.com or phone

number: **330-682-2892** to make a reservation. We hope you can join us to celebrate what God is doing through Open Arms Ministry in our communities.



Testimony from Last Year's Banquet

Hispanic Retreat Bears Fruit

Hispanic family retreats are held at Camp Luz each year. These retreats have been held for 12 years by several Spanish Mennonite churches and outreaches in Ohio. This year again as the Word was preached and an invitation was given, God's spirit moved men, women and youth who made first-time commitments or renewals of their commitment to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

In August 2015, Iglesia Cristiana Hispana of Hilliard, Ohio, a participating church in our Hispanic Retreats baptized nine persons, including 2 couples. Many of these commitments are the result of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Hispanic Retreat held at Camp Luz.

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