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Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

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



Songs and Salsa 2017

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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Songs and Salsa

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

The Old Church at Sonnenberg Village



JOHN SCHMID

6:00 PM

Opening with
SALEM MUSIC TEAM

Followed by
JOHN SCHMID

Tortilla Chips
served with a variety
of flavorful
Salsas and Dips!



SALEM MUSIC TEAM

Free Will Offering Benefits

OPEN ARMS HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Sonnenberg Village is located at
13515 Hackett Road
on the outskirts of Kidron, Ohio

Watch for signs on Kidron Road directing to the concert

Tío-Tía

After a successful trial period in the spring and summer, Open Arms is officially starting the Tío-Tía program. When Hispanic parents become aware of the program and request homework assistance for their child, Open Arms steps in to find a volunteer to walk with them through the school year. Volunteers typically spend up to an hour a week with the child reading stories, helping with math, or simply understanding homework assignments. As the program grows, please be alert for opportunities to serve. If you would like us to add your name to the list of potential volunteers, please send a note to Haroldo Nunes (haroldo_nunes@yahoo.com.br).

Reaching Out and Loving Those in Need

Luis is a hard working man from Guatemala, that has visited the ER three times this year. The last time that I took him to the doctor in June, she advised me to transport him directly to the emergency room. That afternoon, Raul helped taking him and he had been hospitalized for three weeks in the Aultman Hospital in Canton.

I'm glad that God, the doctors, and nurses could save his life. One month later Luis was able to come back to work, after three months of illness. We are thankful for our relationship with farmers in the area, who we work with to facilitate translation, counseling, and other needs. They appreciate Open Arms' presence, helping their business to communicate with their most valuable employees.

Now the biggest problem for Luis, his wife and three kids is the huge bills that he owes to the different doctors and other places. Open Arms gave \$1,500.00 to pay some, but we need to work together as a community to help him and his family in this time of crises.

By helping Luis in this difficult time, he feels the need to have a closer relationship with the Lord. I'm trying to bring him to church, but a lot of times, transportation is a issue, because my wife and I are taking already two different cars to church every Sunday, transporting other families.

We praise the Lord for the prayers and financial help of those who support the Open Arms Hispanic Ministry.



Let Your Light Shine

I, Raul, have been going, for a number of summers, to watch Hispanics play soccer at the Wayne College soccer field in Orrville on Sunday afternoons. There is usually much drinking of liquor, rough playing, swearing and sometimes fighting. One year two players got into a fight during the game that did not end on the field. Later several team members beat up one player of the opposing team so badly that he was taken to the hospital. I was called to the hospital to translate for the beaten up player.

This year Hispanic soccer players of the Salem Mennonite church of Wooster joined the soccer competition. They invited a Christian man to organize a tournament. The teams in the tournament represented: Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and Salem with Anglo and Hispanic players. The rules were: no drinking on the field, no fighting, no swearing, and no unnecessary roughness. This year the atmosphere was very different from other years. People knew there was a church team playing and church people watching. Someone said, "How different the tournament is this year". Yes, thanks to the presence of a Christian team. Salem was able to win the first place tournament trophy, beating a team that had been unbeatable during the tournament.



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Thanks for your prayers and support!