

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

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



Worldwide Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter

Date: September 28-30 at Comfort Suites of Berlin

What is Marriage Encounter?

It is a weekend that begins on Friday evening and continues through Sunday afternoon. A team of trained volunteer couples share from their own life experiences. The purpose is to inspire couples to come to understand their own feeling about various aspects of their marriage. Dialogues give husband and wife a time of personal reflection and exchange. Dialogues are conducted in the privacy of each couple's own room.



There's something special waiting for you.

There is something special about the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Over the past forty years millions of couples have recommended it to their married friends and relatives. Persons have said, "This Marriage Encounter is the best thing we ever did for each other and for our marriage". Couples learn to rekindle the passion in their relationship and learn how to keep their love growing year after year. It will enrich your marriage in ways you never thought were possible. The positive effects are not limited to just the two of you. Your family will also benefit from your growing love as well.



There is a low price of \$150.00 per couple, thanks to sponsors who are helping with costs. A \$50.00 deposit will reserve a place for you. There is a place for a limited number of couples, so do not wait too long.

Contact: Raul Tadeo (330-828-0040) or Haroldo Nunes (330-933-9376) for more information and application forms.

Songs and Salsa - October 7, 2018 - Save the Date!

Once again, Open Arms Hispanic Ministries, is hosting SONGS and SALSA, an evening concert in the **Kidron Park Community Center**, located at 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron, OH 44636. Please mark in your calendar Sunday, October 7th, 2018.

Musical entertainment will feature Honeytown and as always there will be a variety of chips and salsas for our guests to enjoy. The event begins at 6:00 pm.

We encourage you to come and bring a friend to fellowship with us. A free will offering will benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries.



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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15th anniversary of their Hispanic Encounter

The 15th Hispanic Families Encounter took place at Camp Luz, Kidron, Ohio, starting on Friday evening, June 15 and ending Sunday afternoon. The weekend was called the “quinceañera” weekend. This is the Spanish word for Hispanic girls who celebrate their 15th birthday. The retreat brought together Hispanics from the various Mennonite churches of the state of Ohio. These persons represent North, South and Central America, around 10 different nations.

The main topic of this year’s Encounter was “The security of the believer in Jesus Christ” based on the Biblical scripture of Romans 8:37-39. The main speaker of the weekend was Pastor Andrew Bodden who came from Florida where he is a minister for Southeast Mennonite Conference and serves as the district minister for the South Florida area. Andrew has worked in multicultural settings in Central and South America, Mexico, Dominican Republic and the United States.

The Hispanic Mennonites desire to show everyone that they are honest and hardworking people, with a strong sense of community, who have a place in this country. Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is working to support Hispanic families and trying to give them hope through Jesus Christ who can give them life in Him.

The weekend activities included worship services and activities for adults, youth and children. Everyone in the family found something for entertainment.

Everyone looked forward to the Saturday night talent show where they saw a good number of talented Hispanics entertain the group.

For the 6th year in a row, there was a record number of Hispanics, over 140, participating in the weekend Encounter, which is the maximum capacity of Camp Luz. The adults enjoyed using their Spanish, having fun with their children and worshipping the Lord in their mother tongue.



From the Desk of the Director and Pastor of Open Arms

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” **Matthew 4:19 (NIV)**

Dear 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 and I to work and fish for souls for His Kingdom. All the honor and glory will be to His name!

Our work with the Hispanics is keeping Esmirna and myself busy, but we are happy to make a difference in people’s lives. In the last weeks, I was able to meet with the Mayor and the Chief of Police of Orrville, thanking them for the work that they are doing and the good relationship between the Hispanic community and the police department.

We’ve been helping families with hospital bills, taking people to hospital and doctor’s office, dentist, eye doctor, immigration, and lawyers. In addition, we are helping a good number of kids to enroll at different schools. We also will be focusing on the development of the Tio-Tia program, tutoring Hispanic students in the Orrville School system so they don’t get behind.

Currently, I’m working with different organizations trying to minimize the suffering that the Hispanic community is experiencing from ineffective immigration

laws, an outdated immigration system, and the enforcement of laws that the Federal Administration is doing. At the recent raid on the Fresh Mark company, 150 people were detained in Salem; as of today around 30 are still detained. The sad consequence is the separation of entire families, taking away their unity, peace and stability to work, worship and live. In addition, a good number of families are suffering from the separation of their children, though I haven’t heard of many cases like that in our area. We are focusing our efforts on any/all situations where we can support families and give them the hope and love that Jesus Christ offers. We invite you to pray with us for our President and Congress, that workable and humane solutions could be found to reform our present immigration system.

At Salem Mennonite Church of Wooster we are having two Sundays’ sermons preached in Spanish each month, and two in English. We are developing Hispanic leadership, where one Hispanic person is preaching monthly. In addition, we can see personal spiritual growth in families, so they too can help to reach unsaved people for Christ.

We appreciate your prayers and financial support for this ministry. You are giving hope and love to Hispanic sisters and brothers!

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

Blessings,
Pastor Haroldo Nunes