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Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

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



**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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Invite a friend and join us for TACO TUESDAY!

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry Annual Fundraising Dinner



March 20, 2018

6:00 pm

CATERED TACO BAR

PROGRAM with MUSIC and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
FREE-WILL OFFERING to benefit OPEN ARMS

Kidron Park Community Center
4434 Kidron Road Kidron, Ohio 44636



**Please RSVP to
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by March 14, 2018**

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The Open Arms Translator

Recently Raul was visited by a Hispanic young man, Jose (not real name). He was concerned about a medical problem that was giving him much pain and discomfort. He asked Raul to make a doctor's appointment for him. Raul made an appointment for him at the Dunlap Family Practice office in Dalton. We send all our Hispanic patients to this office. They treat their Hispanic patients well and give them quick appointments. Since Jose spoke very little English, Raul needed to do translating for him. After an exam the doctor suggested that he see a gastroenterology doctor. Raul then made an appointment with the specialist, and went to translate. We were given a sheet, in English, with many questions that needed to translate concerning his medical history. After an exam, the doctor decided that he needed to have a colonoscopy.

A date was set for the procedure to be done at the Orrville hospital. Raul needed to pick up Jose early in the morning because the hospital did not want him to drive his own car home. There were more questions that the nurses had to ask as he lay in the hospital bed. The nurses came in and out of the room always asking questions that needed to be translated. Often the nurses would say to, "We are so glad that you are here to help us. What would we do without your translating?" The nurses wanted him to be at Jose's side all the time he was laying in the bed. Finally the anesthesiologist came in to give him the shot that put him to sleep. It was then that a nurse said, "You can take a break now, but we want you back in an hour when he starts waking up." It was close to noon now and Raul had not had breakfast so he was very ready for something to eat.

Raul was at Jose's side when he began to open his eyes. The nurses began to ask him questions. Before long the doctor came in and shared that he had found nothing serious. Special medicine would take care of his problem. Soon it is time to leave the hospital, but, not before the doctor and nurses said, "Raul, thank you so very much for helping us. We truly appreciate your translation help".



Open Arms Helps Those in Need

One day my wife, Esmirna, said to me, "Haroldo, in my Spanish Bible study group Elena told us that her husband is threatening to take the children away from her. We need to help her and her three children. I told Elena that she should report her husband to the sheriff and police department. She needs their help and our help."

Why was Elena afraid of her husband? The husband had been a good man until he began to drink alcohol with his friends. That's when his life began to change and he began to mistreat his wife and children. Raul and Haroldo had helped the husband on a number of occasions, once when he had an accident at work; hot steel fell on part of his body. This accident almost ended his life. He admitted that God spared him to live longer. Both, Raul and Haroldo, helped him with doctor's visits and counseling when he started to drink.

On one occasion he hit his wife and she called the police. When he learned that the police were looking for him, he moved to another state and abandoned his family. Later we learned the immigration authorities had caught up to him and he was returned to Mexico because he was in the states illegally. Recently the husband called Elena and threatened to come to the house and take the children away from her. He had returned to the U.S. Elena again called the authorities and they told her that she needed to move to another location, where he could not find her. Haroldo was able to find a refuge home for the family in another part of Ohio. Work is being done to get her a visa, since she is an illegal immigrant. There are visas available for persons suffering domestic violence.

Elena has been attending Salem Mennonite Church with her family for some years and recently she gave her life to the Lord. What would have happened to this family if Open Arms Hispanic Ministry was not available to help them?

Tío-Tía

The Open Arms Tío-Tía Program is now in its second year, and an interesting year it has been. Teachers at the local school express that the need for homework assistance is great, but we still only work with a handful of students. Several individuals have graciously offered to tutor, but the program has not found students to pair with everyone. We are enormously grateful to those who offer their time, and we will continue to promote the program. However, we understand that inviting a new person into a home is not always easy, and in the times we live in, many Hispanic families are extra cautious. Please pray that the Lord will "open doors" as Open Arms works to build trust in the community.

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