



!AMIGOS EN CRISTO!

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HISPANIC INSTITUTE IN DENSON

In the picture below Isidro, Maru and Miriam are studying in a special on-line course for congregational leadership. John (at right) was visiting that night. The classes are given from El Paso, Texas at the Hispanic Lutheran Mission Institute that trains leadership for congregations and the Church at-large. We are working with the Nebraska District to share this technology to prepare workers for the future. At present the course is simultaneously received in Grand Island, Lexington, and Norfolk, Nebraska together with our group. The course is "Evangelism in a Hispanic Context." Isidro is the President and Maru is the Treasurer of our congregation. We pray that others will be involved in these classes so we might better prepare our leaders for the future.

ENGLISH CLASSES IN CARROLL

We have a new teacher and new students in Carroll as we meet three times a week at St. Paul's Lutheran to help local Hispanics learn English. Our goal is that they would learn to speak, read and write in English. Mary Seel is our new teacher. She has recently moved to Carroll and works for the Social Security Office. She is also bilingual and comfortable in explaining words and meanings in Spanish when needed. Our secondary goal is to make friends with the students so that we can gain their trust and be able to we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and invite them to a weekly Bible Class. Please pray for Mary, the students and this outreach.



From left: Isidro Baltazar, Maru Rizo, John Redlin and Miriam Ramos



Leaders Darin (left) and John (right) with Juan, Kevin, Frankie and Elvin

BOYS DAY TOGETHER

Pictured are Darin Johnson and John Redlin with four boys of our congregation. We thought it would be a good idea to take them out for some summer fun. So Darin and John took them for a morning swim at the Denison Aquatic Center. Many of the boys in our congregation are the sons of single moms and don't see good male role models in their lives, at home or even in school. Also many Hispanic males don't see the need to be strong spiritual leaders in their homes. We would like to provide a monthly program for the boys to encourage them in their lives.



A SPECIAL YOUNG MAN:

Have you notice the young man in most of my pictures this month? John Redlin is my nephew from Cary, North Carolina. John just graduated from high school and is very fluent in Spanish. He enjoys speaking the language, listening to Hispanic music, and conversing with Hispanics about their lives, their countries, and their faith. So John spent a week with me in Manning, Denison, and Storm Lake and enjoyed visiting with the folks from our congregations. John will attend North Carolina State in Raleigh this fall and hopes to use his Spanish in his future vocation. God bless John!



SUMMER BIBLE CLASS AT STORM LAKE

At left is a picture of one of our weekly family Bible Study groups which meets each Wednesday to study God's Word. We met at Grace all summer long since we didn't have a Sunday School program (I have to leave after the service for worship in Denison.). We need to take advantage of this gathering to study together. This summer we have been seeing Christian movies that teach about marriage, family and faith.

CHAPLAINCY AT THE TYSON BEEF PLANT IN DENISON:

What's it like working in a meat plant in the summer? In one word, HOT, if you work on the 'kill' floor. When the temperatures rise outside and we enjoy the hot summer days for swimming and picnicking and more, in the plant, except in the coolers, it's pretty hot! The plant is not air conditioned but there are fans in every work site. The plant emphasizes safety in all areas of the work place and that includes addressing the danger of being overheated. Cool water is always available to keep workers hydrated. The plant has two nurses on site in case a worker is overheated. Thankfully most of the workers do just fine. Just as we need to warn workers to drink lots of water to live and to stay cool, I also seek to tell them of Jesus, the "Living and Eternal Water."



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**Ministry
Prayers**

PLEASE PRAY: + For a new session of English classes in Carroll with a new leader, Mary and her volunteers, and for outreach there. + For our annual Family Hispanic Retreat at Camp Okoboji in August and for good participation from Denison, Storm Lake, and Sioux City. + For our weekly leadership class through the Hispanic Institute and for the formation of an evangelism group as a result of the class. + For the new school year at Zion, Denison, and for our Hispanic children who are enrolled. + For our new Lutheran Hour Spanish radio from Storm Lake "Para el Camino." + In thanksgiving for the many individuals and congregations of IDW who are so supportive of this ministry as they see the need to reach out to their own communities.