



!AMIGOS EN CRISTO!

News from IDW Hispanic Ministry in Denison & Storm Lake
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HELPING GRACE PUT ON A NEW ROOF:



Sandra, Emilia & Irma are busy making tacos in the kitchen at Grace in Storm Lake. It was a rainy day but they worked hard preparing hundreds of tacos to sell to raise money for the new roof at Grace. We partnered with the English group on the day when they had a Garage Sale. We had good crowds, but most importantly we worked together for a good cause. In fact, the Hispanics kept selling tacos all day. They sold them after the Saturday night worship service too. The Hispanic congregation is pleased with the arrangements that we have at Grace, sharing the church for our weekly ministry which includes Sunday worship and Wednesday evening Family Bible Class.

NEW LEADERS MEET IN STORM LAKE:



From right: **Humberto Diaz (Elder), Danny Duque (President), Lissette Duque (Treasurer), Caty Ibarra (Representative for Women), Reynaldo Ibarra (Elder)**. This special and talented group was installed last month. We have begun meeting monthly to guide our congregation in the future. I am encouraged by their comments, concerns, and dedication. They have all been members for a number of years and are all involved in the community. Our greatest need is to find ways to reach out to the Hispanic community so that we can make more friends to invite to worship and Bible Study. God bless our new leaders!

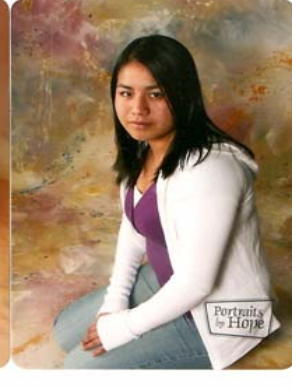
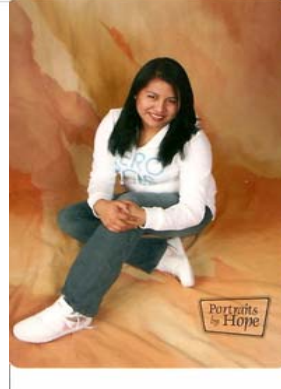
Visiting at Trinity in Creston



On June 7 Paula and I traveled to Trinity Lutheran Church in Creston where I preached for the worship service, shared the work of our Hispanic ministry in the Bible Class, and enjoyed the fellowship of a 'potluck' with the congregation. At the left we are pictured with Pastor Jonathan Watt on the far right and next to him Carla Roghair and Cindy Nelson, two members of the Mission Board. The congregation is very mission minded. This year they are focusing on our District missions. They were very friendly and most of the worshippers stayed for our Bible Class and had many positive questions.



GRADUATION BLESSINGS: This year in our two congregations in Denison and Storm Lake we had three high school graduates: **Arminda Hernandez** (below left) came to the U.S. from Mexico only three years ago and is now speaking English well and planning to go to college. She was confirmed in our congregation in Storm Lake. She plans to attend a community college in Storm Lake and study nursing. **Claudia Perez** (center) came to the U.S. from Mexico four years ago and is now 17. She plans to study at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs to prepare for pre-medicine with the hope of one day being a doctor. Her sister **Alma** (right) is 20 years old and came to Denison three years ago. Both girls have worked hard to graduate together. Alma has been accepted into the Job Corp program in Denison and plans to study nursing as well. They and their families are all regular worshippers in our congregation and we are so proud of them. They have achieved so much. They all work very hard at their school work, at home and also at weekend jobs. Their families are very proud of them as this is the reason that they have sacrificed so much to come to this country, so that their children could receive a better education and future. We are the recipients of this immigration blessing.



CHAPLAINCY AT THE TYSON BEEF PLANT IN DENISON:

In May I achieved a milestone in my work at Tyson. I completed five years there as Chaplain. At the right is a picture with John Carreras our Human Resource Director with office secretary, Irma Ardon. John is new in Denison but has worked at a number of Tyson plants and has already been a great blessing to the plant. Irma is a member of our Hispanic congregation and a real blessing. She transferred from the Storm Lake Tyson plant. It is a blessing to work with such great people who support this special pastoral work.



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PLEASE PRAY: + In Thanksgiving for a special Sunday at Trinity, Creston. + For Jonathan, Victor and Cali, new contacts in Storm Lake. + For plans to begin a new session of English classes in Carroll with a new leader, and for outreach there. + For High School graduates Alma and Claudia as they prepare for their District loway trip to Los Angeles. + For our annual Garage Sale and outreach in Denison. + For our regional meeting with Hispanic missionaries and District leaders from 3 different Districts. In thanksgiving for the many individuals, congregations and Circuits of the Iowa District West who are so supportive of this ministry as they see the need to reach out to their own communities.