



# !AMIGOS EN CRISTO!

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**TYSON CHAPLAINS CONFERENCE:** As part of my work as a Chaplain at the Tyson beef plant in Denison I am invited to attend the Tyson annual Chaplain's Conference held at the national headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas. This September we met for parts of three busy days and listened to a great variety of presentations, from how the company functions to providing pastoral care for the many social problems that affect the diverse workforce of Tyson's more than 100,000 employees. This huge international company definitely considers itself "faith-based" and has been a leading advocate for sharing ones faith in the work place. Tyson has approximately 125 Chaplains in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. All are ordained clergy in their denominations. Eighty-two chaplains from a wide variety of church groups were in attendance at our conference. (Can you find me?) Most chaplains are part-time like me, working about 10-20 hours a week. This year we met with our new Corporate Head Chaplain, Rick McKinnie. He was formerly a military and Veterans Hospital Chaplain, and so he brings a new perspective to our work. I drove our company car from Denison and picked up Manuel Cruz and Phil Fernandez (at left). Manuel works in two plants in Council Bluffs and Phil works in the plant in Omaha. We spent our days listening and learning.

(Photo at left used with permission from Tyson.)



## HISPANIC CHILDREN LEARN GOD'S WORD AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Once again this year many of the children of our Hispanic congregation in Denison are enrolled at Zion Lutheran School. This year we have 10 children from our church attending the school (some are pictured here). They are from 5 different families that we have been able to provide assistance to. We are also inviting the other Hispanic children and families to worship with us as well. We ask for your prayers for them. If you would like to contribute to our tuition scholarship fund please contact me.





### LWML RETREAT AT MISSION CENTRAL

In September I had the privilege of speaking about my work among Hispanics at the LWML Retreat at Mission Central in rural Mapleton. I also spoke about my work as Chaplain at Tyson beef plant in Denison. It was a full house, with so many sisters interested in the missions of our District and the Synod. As usual Gary did a great job making all the arrangements for such a big group. I am always thankful for an opportunity to speak to an LWML (or any) group.



**NEW CITIZENS AT DENISON & STORM LAKE:** Lisette Duque from Storm Lake (below left) and Luis and Mayra Perez (brother and sister, below with teachers Mike Segebart, Darin Johnson and me) from Denison became citizens last month. They are a part of the ongoing effort of our ministry to assist Hispanics interested in becoming U.S. American citizens. The class studies the 100 English questions that are required by the U.S. government to approve those who apply for citizenship.



Each Sunday, following our Sunday School classes at Zion, Denison we invite anyone from the community to study without cost or conditions. Below is a picture of the latest group studying in preparation for their exam, usually in Omaha at the Immigration office. As many Hispanics are weak in speaking English they are very eager to receive help with the questions and the answers pronounced correctly in English. The class is led by two very talented teachers, Mike and Darin who have been such a blessing to our congregation. Currently we have one former student, Alejandro studying to become a member with his wife Faviola. Our prayer is that this outreach effort will result in folks also asking for help with their "heavenly citizenship."



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**PLEASE PRAY:** + For our new adult Confirmation class in Denison with Marta, Alejandro & Faviola. + For new outreach in Des Moines that will begin at the end of October. + In thanksgiving for the generous tuition support for our Hispanic children to attend year at Zion, Denison, and for our Hispanic children (and their families) who are enrolled. + For our new Lutheran Hour Spanish radio from Storm Lake "Para el Camino" that it might reach Hispanics in both Denison and Storm Lake. + For our annual "Unity & Thanksgiving Service" that brings together our two churches in Odebolt in November. + For the many individuals and congregations of Iowa District West who are so supportive of this ministry as they see the need to reach out to their own communities .