

THE BETH-EL FARMWORKER

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Feeding the Mind, Body, and Spirit - Because YOU Care!

body

FOR NO MORE TOOTHACHES; WE GIVE THANKS!

You know it's impossible to live, let alone work in the Florida heat, with a throbbing toothache. However, many of our patrons at our free dental clinic cannot afford to miss work due to dental issues. Bringing free dental health to farmworkers does not only bring relief but it's also lifesaving.

After an 8-month hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our dental team of professional volunteers committed to reopening the Free Dental Clinic on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

Dental professionals performed extractions on 11 courageous patients. Many of them seeing a dentist for the first time in their lives.

Francisco, a farmworker, endured four extractions. When he came out relieved, he shared with others about having a painless experience. **"Now I know I can head back to work without concern. God bless you for doing this!"** he said gratefully.



Your donation of \$230 will offer one farm worker dental care.



In 2019 our Free Dental Clinic offered \$24,030 in services to 105 patients.

The team effort required careful planning to meet the CDC safety guidelines. Patrons were invited to sign up by phone, trained volunteers started the registration by phone, and patients were scheduled by appointment. A limited number of patients were scheduled to come the day of the clinic, wearing masks, gloves, and observing social distancing. New dates have been scheduled for Nov. 7 and Dec. 12.

THANKS TO YOU - AVEDA SCHOLARS COMPLETE TRAINING AND MOVE ON TO NEW CAREERS

mind



Left - Lizseth and Yami when they started their journey at Aveda.

"My education has impacted my life by letting me explore more about my favorite career, cosmetology. I learned that cosmetology is so much more than just hair and makeup. I learned that it has to do a lot with customer service and science.

Lizseth Gallardo



Reports show that only 63% of families have access to the internet through their smart phone and 65% do not own a computer, laptop, or tablet. This makes students' virtual education challenging. You can support a scholar by providing internet service and devices.

This experience has impacted my life because it has given me the skills to work in a salon and pursue my career of being a cosmetologist. I plan to one day open my very own salon for all hair types and I plan to never stop learning about things in the beauty industry because it's always changing." - Lizseth



Yamilet Serrano

"I'm improving my communication skills and letting myself try new things. I've learned that I am capable of doing things that I never expected and have become more responsible. I enjoy giving back by helping others feel good about themselves. It's an opportunity for the clients to talk to someone. While I am doing someone's hair, I'm also their friend; a person they can lean on. I want to continue my education and get a business degree. I want to open my own salon and eventually expand my business to do other beauty related things. I am currently working at a salon as an assistant, learning what it takes to run a salon on a daily basis." - Yami

spirit

JUNTOS PERO NO REVUELTOS*

By Rev. Tamara Leonard-Lara, Pastor

Since September we've gathered for outdoor worship to praise God. One day, a community member said we were "*juntos pero no revueltos*". Cristobal, a leader here, came to worship with his family and brought a trailer pulling a piano, complete with a power source ensured we had music for worship! Below is the photo taken the Sunday he brought a keyboard. Our community continues to take special care due to the local infection rate, pre-existing health conditions, multi-generational households, and other factors.

Wimauma has about 8,000 inhabitants and over 1,000 confirmed Covid-19 cases. In spite of challenges, members of Nuevo Camino continue serving our neighbors and our faith community by volunteering to bag rice and beans, distribute food bags, lead virtual Bible study, and assist with worship.



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

- Phillipians 4: 4-7



Our brief service takes place in the early morning shade beside the building. We greet each other with a wave. We thank God for health after illness, a return to work after months of unemployment, two new church babies due in November, and one due in May. We give thanks for all the ways in which our friends and supporters walk with us. We share prayer requests for children and grandchildren at school and for those who are sick or have lost loved ones.

**Juntos pero no revueltos -
Together but not mixed up.*



Happy
Thanksgiving
Day



A VIRTUAL BINGO EVENT WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Joy & Exchange

TO BENEFIT:

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WHEN? **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16,
2020 AT 7 PM**

WHY? **FAMILY FUN GAME NIGHT WHILE
SUPPORTING A CAUSE AND WIN
PRIZES!**

**PARTICIPATE!
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PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Wipes
Napkins

GIFT CARDS

(\$20 or more)
Wal-Mart
Publix
WaWa
Gas Cards

HOLIDAY FOOD

Turkeys
Pork Leg (Pernil)
MASECA (Corn Flour Mix)
Funds to Purchase Fresh Produce

BABY ITEMS

Diapers Sizes
4 and 5
Baby Wipes

FARMWORKER GEAR

Long-Sleeve Shirts
Beanies / Caps
Bandanas
Head Covering
Fannie Packs
Working Gloves
Sweaters with Hoodies
Socks

Winter Wish List

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