

Amigos en Cristo Ministries



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Julie's Corner

Amigos Education Program Flourishes

Fall is upon us and the students in Juarez, Mexico are eagerly returning to school. With your support, we can pay for 58 students to attend 7 schools in Juarez and provide a Christian education for 4 honor students in El Paso, Texas. Further, we are providing education to students who attend our "Open School" GED program. The staff is feeding our students breakfast and lunch and providing a safe place for 100 kids to come after school for tutoring, bible lessons and fun activities from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. And this doesn't include weekend events.

What a blessing it was to add ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for all our students last year. To communicate in English in Mexico offers our students opportunities for college and better jobs after high school.

Last August, God sent us Don Tucker to live here and teach 12 ESL



Art Caban and Don Tucker

classes, 4 days a week to the students in the open school and after school programs at both community centers.

It is such a joy to hear the children speak English. They are so proud of themselves and eager to communicate with us who do not know Spanish. I am thankful for their young minds successfully learning English, as my "old brain" isn't too keen on learning a new language.

Unfortunately, Don had shoulder surgery at the end of August and is

in physical therapy until January in the USA. But, God has been faithful to provide. Art Caban, a Cherry Hills Church member and Spanish speaking AeC supporter, has stepped up to fill in for Donald while he is on medical leave. Our prayer is that we will have two Spanish speaking Americans in Juarez in 2020 teaching the students, staff and parents English.

This ministry could not exist without your continued donations, prayers and support. I am honored and humbled that I get to be a part of the work God is doing in Juarez. Won't you join me and providing a monthly donation to the ministry? A monthly donation of \$50 helps us continue providing quality staff, education, nutritious meals, transportation and English classes for all of the 100 children we serve in this ministry.

- Julie Zara

Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders

We are teaching tomorrow's leaders in Mexico and in the world.

I am daily impressed by the dedication and earnestness of all the teachers on staff at Amigos en Cristo. They are a blessing to the children they teach as to the rest of us, the other teachers, influenced by their intelligence and their caring attitudes.

The journey begins: a new adventure into learning how to manage life. A new adventure into learning to live a life of honoring God and each other.

A new adventure in loving and caring beyond ourselves.

Amigos en Cristo is a mission with a purpose. I am so privileged to have this opportunity to be a part of that purpose: Living a life with God at the center of all things. Living a life that considers others above ourselves; a life where we look to honor those around us. In short . . . a life that puts godly love above all else.

-Art Caban

Reminder
Amigos en Cristo
Banquet
Thursday, Oct. 24
Cherry Hills Church
Springfield, IL

RSVP to
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AeC Doing God's Work in Mexico in September



The Frank Amorosi Fine Arts Center before (at left) painting and after



A child from Juarez talks to Ashley Quick.



Eager attendees enjoy the AeC and Cornerstone Church Women's Conference.



Luis Vargas, AeC staff (left) and Dave Hampton (right)