

Esperanza En Jesucristo Ministries Inc

Offering help, healing, and hope to Johnson County's Hispanic Community

Ofreciendo amparo, ayuda y esperanza a todo Hispano / Latino del condado de Johnson.

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Hope Report / Reporte de Esperanza

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

. . . a time to embrace . . . at time to love . . . a time to plant . . . a time to dance. . .

Dear Friend,

Welcome to our Fall newsletter. We are excited for what God has done in these last few months. God has blessed us this fall with a new location!

We are now located at 622 N Madison Ave, Suite 6 in Greenwood, IN 46142

We are in a wonderful location at Greenwood Professional Park. Curt Pearman is our gracious landlord. He has been a blessing to our ministry and community. The neighbors have also been very welcoming and gracious.

Please save the date of: November 18th at Noon

Come and help us celebrate our grand opening -- Ribbon Cutting ceremony with the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

We will have cookies and cider and you can learn about us and how we can work together. We look forward to seeing you on that day or sometime soon!

You can help us to inspire a change, growth and success to a child.

With your help of \$25.00 a month you can change a child's life!

You can help us provide: Classes and tutoring groups to teach; Bible studies for parents and children, English, study skills, Christian Character, reading, and so much more for the entire family.

Our hope is to radically impact families so the children can succeed!

Medical Clinic Update

We have been busy teaching about flu season survival. We have worked closely with Johnson County and State health departments to provide urgent information about the flu. We continue to offer a medical clinic in our new facility, with our partners. We are looking for more physicians that would like to volunteer to provide services to uninsured clients.

Early Literacy Program

Jodi is leading a wonderful program through the Cape Grant and Franklin College. This program is held at the club house of Westminster. She has 13 families learning to read and play together. We have had moms, dads and grandparents eager to learn how to help their children learn some basic literacy skills.

Education

We are busy with many programs helping children stay current on school work. Our teacher Jill Hamilton is working with the Greenwood Middle School students to provide support for students that are struggling with school. She spends her afternoons at the school teaching. We are also providing homework club at school this year.

We have decided to focus our ministry work with students on building Christian Character this school year. So we have 2 groups for that purpose, the Youth Group and the Palabra Club. Both of these groups meet once a week to study the word of God and explore how it applies to everyday challenges.

Family Development

No child can flourish without a healthy environment. So we have also decided to focus on family health. This happens in many fun ways.

* We have Poder Familia where the family gets together at the Gathering Place to play and learn about healthy habits and Christian principles of family.

* We have Mujeres de Fe, women's group that meets twice a week to learn about scripture and learn some parenting skills while making crafts.

* We will be starting a mental health support group called Bienvenido. This is a program developed by Northeastern Center. It is designed to help participants understand about good mental health as an immigrant family.

Cultural Diversity

Margarita has been traveling all over the State of Indiana presenting seminars on Cultural Diversity for various agencies, health departments and providers. She is becoming known as an expert in the area and offers many practical solutions, strategies and ideas on how to help providers serve clients of a different cultures.

Interpretive services have been provided for various providers in the county. We now have 2 individuals that are trained and certified to provide medical interpretation. We are also continuing to grow our translator /interpreter pool if you are interested in partnering with us, please contact us. The demand for this service continues to grow in our county. If your agency or business needs interpretive services, translations or cultural diversity coaching please contact us -- we can help you.

Margarita Hart - serving His people as executive director of Esperanza Ministries.

In August we had quite a bit of illness in our staff and then we moved. It has been a hard last few months but we are now refreshed and in our new space. We look forward to the future, our children are excited about their own future with the help they are receiving from us.

We are still needing your help. We are blessed with wonderful partners, volunteers and board members. We need funding. Please pray about it and help is with a one time donation or a monthly commitment, whatever you can do will bless us.

What the Lord has taught me personally in these last few months is that we must live by promises, His promises -- not explanations. I don't need to understand the why and how of things. As I read in Ecclesiastes I am reminded that only what is from and for God has meaning or value in life. So I set out to do what has eternal impact, for us here it is presenting God by what we do, using few words and many hugs. You as a donor or volunteer help us do this and we are eternally grateful to you.

- with loving kindness - Margarita Hart

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