

Newsletter



From the Director's Desk



100K Miles

That is the milestone we reached just this week with the Misión Peniel cargo van. It was brought to my attention in two separate conversations, though to some it might seem like a small figure, and to others a large one. Yet, more than the distance covered, what we value most is what we have been able to accomplish along the way. This cargo van has been with us for seven years, serving to transport literally tons of materials—such as non-perishable food, fresh produce, clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, furniture, bicycles, and much more. This vehicle has enabled us to provide aid following natural disasters, during the pandemic, amidst specific community crises, and in the face of unexpected situations no one could have ever imagined. In this instance, one hundred thousand miles represent an immeasurable number of situations and lives touched by help, hope, love, and empathy—exactly when they were needed most.

And although it is merely a cargo van, you know, we have all traveled in it throughout this journey. You have been present in every one of these experiences through your care and support.

Ultimately, I believe it is not about the distance we have traveled, but about the attention we have paid along the way. Moving forward without losing sight of those who may be far away—or perhaps right beside us—whom we recognize as our neighbors, worthy of respect and solidarity, especially when they are victims of injustice.

A vehicle is just that: a tool. But your heart, your hands, your willingness to serve, and your generosity are what enable us to travel another hundred thousand miles—and far beyond.

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:12-14

Pastor Miguel Estrada

In this newsletter you can expect:

Message from the Director

Volunteer's Corner

Why I decided to support the Misión Peniel ministry?

My name is Cheryl Duey and I live in Connecticut but have been spending winters in southwest Florida ever since I retired, 14 years ago. I'm a fully bilingual Spanish speaker so I've found many opportunities to assist Latino communities who have arrived in the area. For example, I've worked with kindergartners who arrive without any English exposure, translated at a clinic for uninsured, employed patients, helped people get their citizenship via Literacy Volunteers and mentored a young high school student at Immokalee High School. My church, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, introduced me to Misión Peniel and I visited.

I first heard about Mision Peniel from a guest speaker at my Church. Shortly after, a friend and I visited. I was determined to do **something** for the migrant farm workers of Immokalee. These are the people who pick the food we eat and they are the poorest people in our country. Many of them took long, dangerous journeys to get here, leaving their homes and families. Why? Fear of violence, corrupt local governments, extreme weather and poverty; basically - survival.

After listening to Pastor Miguel Estrada deliver an impassioned sermon at our church, shortly before I was scheduled to come home to Connecticut for nine months, I decided to channel my interest in Venetian glass beads into jewelry making and selling the pieces to raise funds for this beautiful community of hard workers who bring us our food. Pastor Estrada and his wife, Marifrans, with no staff other than local volunteers, have been bearing witness to the needs of these workers for the past 20 years. They deliver food, clothing, backpacks filled with school supplies for the children and basic care to seniors who can no longer work and receive no government support.

My parents were missionaries in Ecuador where my brothers and I grew up and the Estrada's service resonates in a very powerful way. Today, their work is more challenging than ever, given the very real threat that faces their community and has divided their



families. Please consider supporting Misión Peniel in any way you can.

Cheryl Duey



A Heartfelt THANK YOU!



Thanks to your incredible generosity, our recent backpack drive was a success. Because of you, we were able to collect and fill more than 400 backpacks with essential school supplies.

Whether you donated items, gave your time to help sort supplies, helped fill the backpacks with school supplies, or spread the word, you are making a direct difference in our community.

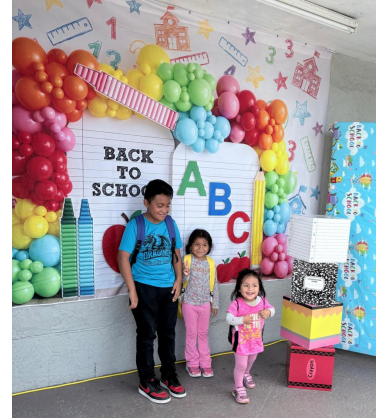


Every pencil, notebook, and filled backpack represents a stress-free start to the school year for the families we serve every week at Misión Peniel.

Thank you for ensuring our kids head back to class with the tools and confidence they need to succeed!

People like you are the reason this work is possible.

We are incredibly grateful for your partnership.



Watch the video



July-August

Donation Need List

JULY AND AUGUST 2026

Donation Need List



- Shampoo, Conditioner, bodywash (regular size)
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste-Toothbrushes
- razors, shaving cream
- Soap
- Hand towels
- Towels, used or new
- Socks
- Canned meat (please not tuna fish)
- Cooking Oil (16 oz. Bottles)
- Canned Vegetables
- Diapers # 6
- Baby wipes



Your Generosity Makes the Difference

Misión Peniel is a non-profit organization that provides social services and pastoral care to the farmworkers community in Immokalee, FL. Thank you for considering financial support to keep us moving forward.

Support to Families

Thanks to your donations we can continue support to families/individuals affected by the immigration crackdown; with the payment of basic services bills, rent, medical attention and travel arrangements.

Pan de Vida

Pan de Vida is a program that serving homebound elderly and disabled farmworkers in Immokalee. Each week, about 22 clients receive three nutritious hot meals, often accompanied by fresh vegetables, hygiene items, blankets, clothes, birthday gifts, or seasonal extras. For many, the person who knocks on their door is their only human contact that week.

Donate Now

Donations may be sent to:

**Misión Peniel, Inc
PO Box 1204
Immokalee, Florida 34143**

**Make checks payable to
Misión Peniel**

Or Online at:

<https://www.misionpeniel.com/>

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