

Newsletter



November 2025



Small and fragile is not bad after all

One of the many challenges Misión Peniel has faced this year has been the transition to becoming an independent organization from those who administratively cared for us for the past 19 years. It hasn't been easy; it's like when we decide to leave our parents' home and live on our own. Sooner rather than later, we realize we didn't consider a long list of what it meant to take responsibility. Today, I want to address the financial aspect.

"How are you going to survive?" "What fundraising plans do you have?" "How many committed donors are on your list?" "Do you have contingency plans and resources to respond to a financial crisis?" "How many major donors do you have? Because it seems to me that you are a very small organization."

These are some of the questions and comments I've heard lately from many people. I consider all honest and genuinely concerned about the well-being of Misión Peniel and the community we serve. These are issues that have been the subject of our constant concern, conversation, prayer, and work.

In reflecting on the last of the cited comments, we recall a particular biblical text,

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV)

If there's one lesson that has been reminded to us in many ways throughout the years, it's this: never underestimate what is small, fragile, or seemingly insignificant. Because it is precisely in this recognized and accepted reality that the most amazing and incredible miracles of generosity and abundance occur.

Of course, it's valid to have dreams of expansion and growth, and we certainly do. That doesn't contradict the cited text at all. The invitation is not to try to reach the point of depending solely on our own strength, with the temptation to then boast that we achieved it through our own means. In doing so, we tend to ignore grace, love, and, fundamentally, the presence of God, which in the end is the only thing we truly need to move forward.

2025 has certainly brought with it many challenges beyond the financial. The smallness, weakness, and vulnerability of the agricultural worker community need no further explanation. But it is there, where we continue to invite you to join us to continue to witness how the power of Christ continues to manifest itself in the midst of our fragility and smallness.

Each one of you is a sign of His presence and care for us. Peace,

Pastor Miguel Estrada

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We're excited to share some great news!



We're excited to announce we've received a \$4,000 grant from the FPC of Fernandina Beach. This funding is crucial for continued serving a the farmworker community in Immokalee. We are incredibly grateful for their support.



We have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Kendel H. Kennedy Foundation, INC. We are so grateful for their trust in our work. This funding will be used to continue serving our Pan de Vida program.



Volunteer Spotlight

This time we want to recognize **Tom Mortenson!**

Tom helps us keep track of the statistics of the people we serve every Friday, an average of 1,500 people (including Hispanic, Haitian, and White American; women, men, and kids). Also, he always encourages people he knows from his church or friends to donate diapers, and every week he comes with boxes and bags of diapers and wipes for the babies and children we serve.

The heart he has for our community is truly amazing!





Thank You For Volunteering!



We appreciate and recognize the impact our volunteers make by serving others with your unique gifts and talents.



Thank you for volunteering and being an essential part of our mission and community.





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Donation Need List

Any items you can provide to meet our ongoing needs are greatly appreciated. This is our Need List for November and December.



Misión Peniel

DONATION NEED LIST

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- Blankets
- Sheets
- Kids Gloves
- Towels
- Adult Jackets/Hoodie Sweaters
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ALWAYS NEED

- Rice
- Dry Pinto beans
- Canned meat (no tuna fish please)
- Baby Wipes, Diapers Size 2, 3, 6

Want To Join Us To Support?

If you want to help those who need our aid, you can donate food or supplies, give financially, or keep us in your prayers — you help sustain a vital ministry of compassion.

Visit our website <https://www.misionpeniel.com/> to learn more about how you can help!

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