



HE IS MY NEIGHBOR

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Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



Our ministry location at West Belfort is one of the HIMN locations most in need of Christ's love and our Christian service to others. Our migrant brothers often share stories and recount difficult incidents with illness, family matters, low income, a struggle to find work, a struggle to find hope and often retreat to prayer and calling out to the Lord for His help. Seeking hope in what feels at times a hopeless world.

We had a special guest Pastor Guillermo join us at Pastor Jesus' invitation. Pastor Guillermo was visiting the US and is a full time pastor in his home country of Colombia. He gave a strong sermon regarding trust, the trust we place in Christ to help us in this life, and the trust Christ places in us to seek him out, to call upon him in good times and in bad.

Our team of 5 HIMN volunteers gathered our migrant brothers close for individual prayers and lifting them up to the Lord. Their prayers and tears for His hope and promise to ease suffering were repeated over and over in Spanish. Lots of emotion shared but out of respect, no photos taken, as not to interrupt these special and needed moments to connect directly with Christ. There is no sincerity like the sincerity from a person that knows and is living true suffering.



As the group gathered, HIMN volunteers were able to share recent clothing donations to help lift the spirits of our migrant brothers. Pants, jackets, shirts, shoes, gently worn women's and children's items were shared as well. Vicente, a migrant brother, asked if we would leave the remaining box of clothing items behind so that some of the neighborhood women could select from them later that day. We left all clothing items at the West Bellfort location to share what we could.

It is our prayer and request for you all to continue to pray for and lift up our local migrant brothers, especially those on the Southwest side of Houston in the West Bellfort district. We ask for the Holy Spirits ongoing intervention and silent comforts. Many thanks and god bless.

Peace in Christ,



Chris

HIMN Staff Volunteer

April 28, 2018 Bellaire Home Depot Sharing Event



Bellaire Home Depot is our original location and it has gone through lots of changes through the years. One thing that has not changed is the hostility this Home Depot store management displays against us. Pastor Eliezer approached Home Depot management on Friday to request access to their parking lot and this request was declined. Because of this we had to evangelize in the public park behind Home Depot. This is not the ideal location to reach all the migrant workers that scatter around the entire parking lot. Next time we will try to get permission from the Chic-Fil-A store at the front of the parking lot.

Some migrant workers did respond to our raffle tickets for the drawing of 2 prizes, a backpack and a tool set. After personally inviting each migrant workers to come to our event throughout the parking, we were able to gather a crowd of about 25 people.

Bob led us in a prayer to start off the event and the volunteers from FBCC quickly prepared all the food and ready to serve. The volunteers from the Unity Small Group prepared enough food for 40 people and that was more than enough for this event.



Carlos sang worship songs while we waited for the migrant workers to gather; and then Paco preached a passionate sermon. After the sermon, a man came forward to ask questions about the Bible. Another man, Juan Gonzales asked for a Bible for him to read. Several migrant workers indicated to us that since so many religious groups come through this location and preach different gospels, they do not know who to believe. Let us continue to preach the truth and pray for the discernment of these migrant workers so that when they hear the true gospel, they are quick to respond. Jesus' sheep recognize His voice and they



will come home when they hear the call.

Kris led all volunteers with an ending prayer at 9:30.

All praise and glory be His!

