



NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

Dear Friends,

February 2007

What difference does a job make in the life of a family or a young adult?

In December, we finalized a grant to expand our jobs development program. For the last year, Manny Esparza has been helping many in our community find jobs. He has been a gift to us all with his extensive experience in the fast food industry as an owner and a regional manager as well as his love for the Lord and people.



Manny selling tamales at the Parents Christmas Store on December 9th

This past year, he helped one of our high-school graduates, Monica, find a part-time job at U-Haul. After her initial interview, U-Haul was so impressed that they hired her for a better job than for the one she was seeking. Then U-Haul and Manny put her in contact with ASU. Today, she is still employed at U-Haul and is attending ASU on a scholarship to the nursing program.

Jobs Program	
Month	# counseled
October	12
November	8
December	6
*On average, 1/2 of those counseled get a job through his leads.	

Manny has literally visited dozens of employers in Phoenix, asking them to take a chance on our friends who have little experience and education. He even began a catering business, *Mi Nana's Tamales*, which utilizes the skills of women from Neighborhood Ministries. They sold 2,400 tamales this year. If you didn't order your Christmas tamales from us, you missed the best ever!

With this grant, we plan on not only helping people find jobs, but offering more job preparation classes that will provide interview training, resume writing skills, helping people fill in online applications, and providing clothing assistance for people going to interviews (If you would like to donate professional clothing for young adults, please contact Manny.)

Also, our 4th annual **Neighborhood Ministries Golf Classic** is coming up next month on Monday, March 12, at FireRock Country Club in Fountain Hills. Please call 602-252-5225 or visit our website at www.nmgolfclassic.org to sign up or for more information.



NM Golf Classic 2006

Thank you for all you do with us to live out the Jesus life in our city!

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