

IN MISSION & MINISTRY
**United
 Methodists
 at Work
 Rebuilding
 Lives & Communities**



In Topeka, Amistad y Fe (Fellowship and Faith) rebuilds lives and communities through spiritual enrichment and providing for basic physical needs. In addition to skills classes and the food pantry, a weekly worship service is offered in Spanish to Hispanic/Latinos in the Topeka area.

Javier Rios, director, said the ministry's goal is to present the message of Jesus Christ the Savior. "It's not just giving food," he said. "Any agency can do that. But we present them an option, a spiritual option, not just for food, the physical food, but the spiritual food. It's not just a food agency; it's an outreach program, getting people inside of the gospel – inside of the church. This is our main goal. Invite them to know Jesus and worship with us together."

Rios is a missionary through the General Board of Global Ministries. His position is funded through a partnership between Global Ministries, the Conference and Amistad y Fe.



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 that Works**

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Amistad y Fe reaches out to low-income families in Topeka and the surrounding area, serving not only Hispanics but people of all races and ethnicities. Regular programs include daily English as a Second Language classes and weekly kids' club, sewing classes, Spanish classes for English speakers, and a computer lab that teaches Word, PowerPoint, Excel and how to use the Internet. They also provide Bibles in either



Spanish or English *Amistad y Fe* to those who request them. Special programs include a community health fair, Christmas dinner party and toy giveaway, vacation Bible school, and soccer camps.



"There are people in need," Rios said. "They have struggles with family finances. There is a great opportunity for us to help them in that kind of need. We are a United Methodist ministry. This is our flag. This is our tag name. And everybody knows we are a United Methodist ministry."

Amistad y Fe was created in 2007 when two Topeka District ministries were combined – Fellowship Inc. and Puerta de Fe. Throughout its history, the ministry has offered the food pantry, school supplies, camp scholarships and other outreach ministries serving the Latino/Hispanic community as well as African-Americans, Native Americans and others in need.

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Partial funding for Amistad y Fe comes from the conference's mission and ministry funds.

With your help, Amistad y Fe is rebuilding lives in the Topeka community. ■

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