

Beth-El

Farmworker Ministry, Inc.



Can it be June already?

The first half of this year seems to have flown by so quickly! Even now mission teams and youth groups from around the state and country are arriving at Beth-El. For many of these individuals this is their first time here, and for nearly all it will be the first time to work side by side with our farm working community.



As a photographer I employ different lenses to frame and capture an image-- in much the same way, our mission partners are invited to view our world from a different perspective—to put on a new lens and sample life at ground level.

As a culture we tend to paint in broad strokes. We typecast by ethnicity or job type, but at ground level things look different. Perhaps your back might strain at the rigorous labor (even though what we do for a moment is fleeting compared to a lifetime in the fields). Perhaps you'll discover that even though customs or language might be a hindrance, a smile is universal. Perhaps this summer you might learn that even though your life may be very different (broadly speaking) the basic desires of caring for your family and children are quite similar to those at ground level.

All summer long Beth-El will welcome mission teams into our community. We will travel to the farms, help out in the community, do some minor home repairs for some of our families in need, pack rice and beans, and discover that while life looks a lot different at ground level the common thread of our humanity binds and holds us fast. Thanks be to God!

Dios le bendiga



Kathleen Dain
Executive Director

Immediate Needs

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry has an immediate need for the following items:

- **Bath Towels**
- **Lice Shampoo**
- **Personal Hygiene Products**
- **Deodorant**
- **Mosquito repellent**
- **Baby Formula (Enfamil preferred)**
- **Baby Wipes**
- **Sun Block**
- **Socks**
- **Flashlights**
- **Ponchos**
- **Water Shoes**
- **Personal Water Bottle**
- **Hats – baseball caps**
- **Musical instruments (all kinds)**
- **Canned Goods**

Help Send a Child to Camp



Beth-El still needs your help to make a child's dream of summer camp come true. We have only received funding for half of our kids and may need to reduce the number we send to camp in the future. Please help by making your donation to Beth-El/Cedarkirk kids today!

Happy Summer Days

The school year is coming to an end and soon Beth-El will be full of children for Vacation Bible School and the youth program.



I enjoy seeing the smiling faces as they enter the building each morning.

It is pleasant to hear the laughter, singing, and playing throughout the hallways.

The children and youth of the congregation and community look forward to coming into Beth-El this time of year. For many of them it is the most excitement they will have all summer. So you can imagine their happiness when they go to Cedarkirk for *pool day* and shopping at Walmart for *back to school shoes*. I get to go shopping with the VBS children and as some of them pick out their shoes and put them in the shopping cart they thank me, give me a smile and at times even give me a hug.

It is rewarding to know we share the word of God and at the same time help these children and their families throughout the summer.

Rosalva Serrano

Executive Administrative Assistant



Meet Operations Manager, Javier Izaguirre. Javier knows first hand the struggles our farmworkers face. He has been with Beth-El for over 17 years. Javier and his wife, Laura, will share more about the mission and the life of farmworkers at this summer's Triennium.

PRESBYTERIAN
YOUTH
Triennium



*...into the world
and make disciples*

As Covenant Partners with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is excited to be one of the exhibitor's in this year's Youth Triennium, July 19th through 22nd at Purdue University.

The theme for this year is, "Go" as we take our faith into the world around us. Stop by and learn how your church or youth group can send a mission team to Beth-El.

We hope to see you there!

Back to School Supplies Wish List

Every year Beth-El Ministries distributes about 500 backpacks to area children returning to school.

Needed supplies include:

- **Back Pack**
- **Set of Four 3 prong folders with pockets (red, yellow, green, blue)**
- **Three ring binder with pockets**
- **Washable markers**
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Coloring pencils**
- **Tissue packs**
- **Erasers of any type**
- **Highlighters**
- **Three hole dividers**
- **Five subject notebooks**
- **Pencil bags**
- **Pencils**
- **Pens**
- **Loose leaf paper**



I would like to become more involved at Beth-El Mission as a Volunteer:

- Community Dinner
- Food Pantry
- Lead VBS
- Organize a Workgroup
- Organize a Food Drive
- Organize a Clothing Drive

I would like to donate \$_____

- Summer Camp Scholarships
 - Back to School Program
 - VBS Supplies
 - College Scholarships
 - Music Lessons for Youth
 - Food Pantry
 - Mission's Greatest Need
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Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is planning its 40th anniversary celebration for the weekend of November 5th-6th. In preparation, we are seeking individuals willing to donate their air miles to help support national representatives who will be traveling to Beth-El to speak at the event.



Support Beth-El Mission with your online contribution today.



Beth-El kindly requests your presence at our 40th anniversary celebration the weekend of November 5th and 6th.

Please Note!

Our email addresses are changing from .info to .org
Please update your address book accordingly.

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Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is open Monday through Thursday from 8a.m. to 5p.m., or by special appointment.

We are closed from noon until 1p.m. for lunch.

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