

Immigrant Hope

SAN LEANDRO

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Newsletter

We have been in operation for over four months now and continue to grow. By the end of July, we had almost 40 client meetings. We have eight formal engagements and several other possible engagements pending. Our cases include 2 citizenship applications, two asylees petitioning to become permanent residents, three family petitions, and a fiancé petition. We continue to pray at virtually every meeting and seek opportunities to share our faith.



Our Mission and Services

Immigrant Hope San Leandro is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing our immigrant neighbors with the *HOPE* of the gospel, *HELP* finding a pathway to legal residency, and a *HOME* in a church that cares for their needs.

Our main services are:

- Naturalization and citizenship
- Lawful permanent residency (Green Cards)
- Family-based applications and visas
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) matters

Immigrant Hope Conference

Emily and Shawn attended the annual Immigrant Hope Conference in Fullerton, CA on June 22 and 23, and were able to meet

Prayer Requests

1. Praise! We filed our applications in late July for recognition and accreditation with the Department of Justice. This represents a significant milestone in establishing our legal clinic, and we have worked toward this point for months. Please pray the applications are quickly and favorably reviewed.
2. For God to continue to direct the people to us that we can most help and to give us wisdom on how best to reach those people.
3. That in all of our interactions, we are light for Him and that our clients will be drawn to Him.

with leaders of other Immigrant Hope sites around the country. In addition to networking, we had training on continuing legal education, leadership succession, fundraising, and board engagement. We were also excited to learn that three new sites are in the process of being launched in California - in Santa Ana, Coachella, and Vista. Overall, Immigrant Hope continues to grow and now has 10 established offices and 5 more close to launching. The governing board of Immigrant Hope is thrilled with the progress but also daunted in terms of keeping up with the needs of all the chapters throughout the US. Pray that the small group of people running the show can expand and not burn out. We heard many encouraging stories of God showing up in the different chapters throughout the US and have full confidence that He will continue to bless all chapters with His provision.



Outreach

In late May we had a table at a year-end event put on by the San Leandro Unified School District. There was music, food, and entertainment, and at least a couple hundred people attended. In addition to handing out flyers, we were able to network with the many other non-profit organizations in attendance, and met many local leaders, including several school superintendents and Juan Gonzales, the mayor of San Leandro. It was a great way to get the word out about our organization and we pray it will lead to many opportunities to serve our community.



Help Us Spread The Word

After a busy April and May and a steady June, things slowed down for us in July in terms of new client contacts. If you know of anyone who could use our help, or who serves immigrants and who we should connect with, please let them know about us. And if you have any community outreach or marketing ideas, please feel free to share those with us as well!



When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them . . . Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.
Leviticus 19:33-34

Volunteer Information

We currently have supporting us:

- 3 accredited representatives in training
- 2 caseworkers in training
- 13 translators (for 11 languages)
- 10 volunteers in other areas

We still need...

- Translators for Russian & Cantonese

Office Hours and Contact Info

- Our office hours may vary, but are generally M-Th afternoons.
- Our main contact info is:
(510) 338-4025
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- Our office is located at:
Creekside Community Church
951 MacArthur Blvd.
San Leandro, CA 94577

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