

### **Migrant Ministry Report to the 230th Annual Convention**

Rev. Ellen Rutherford, The Hispanic Commission, and Rev. Pedro Guzman have been working together this year to support the migrant workers in Vineland and Bridgestone. We visited ten farms where the migrants are working and in many cases living as well. This year was particularly hard for the workers because they had to work overtime during the evenings. We visited them twice a week, from June to September.

We supported the migrants with different services: immigration information, guidance about the social services that they can receive in their areas and provided transportation through the diocesan van. We also provided them with pastoral care including mass, bible study and spiritual guidance.

We received the support from an organization called "CATA" ( Coalition de trabajadores agrícolas) which is working on collaborative action supporting justice and empowering the workers for a better future.

Expenses for 2013:

Travel expenses: \$ 250

Stipends: \$ 700

Auto: \$ 250

Total: \$1200

Rev. Pedro Guzman, Chair