

A Message from Alice.....

Quincenaras Celebrations!



Several months ago I received invitations for the **quincenaras celebrations** of two 15 year old Hispanic girls. “Quince” is fifteen in Spanish and this is the traditional “coming of age” event for the Hispanic girl. There are two parts to the celebration. One is religious with a ceremony at the church. Then comes the dinner and dancing. The girl wears a beautiful ball gown with a full skirt. She is preceded down the aisle by attendants and followed by her parents and grandparents. It is very family-oriented. The young lady receives many mementos of the day –a doll dressed in her ball gown, a necklace, the first dance with her father...all closely dictated by tradition. Last Saturday I attended one ceremony is Redding and the other 2 hours later in Anderson. I saw both these young ladies born 15 years ago as part of the SEACM outreach to the pregnant Hispanic community. SEACM helped adjust status, renew green cards and help fill out citizenship forms for a myriad of extended family members. It was an honor for SEACM to be included in such important life milestones.

Our Mission: The mission of the Southeast Asian Christian Ministry (SEACM) is to welcome refugees and immigrants of all nationalities, and assist them in becoming healthy, productive members of our community

“THE ENVELOPE PLEASE.....”

The envelope that is enclosed may be used for a donation to SEACM, as well as an opportunity to **purchase tickets for the SEACM Fundraising dinner on October 11.** If you choose to purchase tickets, please complete the information below and include this paper with your check. As always, we thank you for your support of SEACM.

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SEACM Dinner.....October 11, 2016 (Please use the envelope enclosed to send your donation)

NAME OF GUESTS: (Please list all guests)

- 1. _____ 5. _____
- 2. _____ 6. _____
- 3. _____ 7. _____
- 4. _____ 8. _____

_____ I would like to purchase _____ tickets for the SEACM dinner. Amount enclosed: \$ _____

_____ I would like to purchase a table for 8 people. Amount enclosed: \$400.00. Guests are listed above.