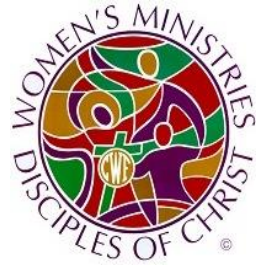


Our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Family

The Moreno Family Awaits DAPA/DACA Relief



The Morenos, members of the Disciples of Christ congregation Iglesia Alas de Salvacion, suffered through two years of uncertainty when their 18 year old son, brought to the US by his parent's at age 6, was incarcerated. Diagnosed while in custody with severe mental illness, he was deported

several months ago with a mental illness and no support to Mexico, a country he barely knows. Treatment for mental illness in Mexico is not easy to find and is seen as taboo.

This young man, who should have qualified for the DACA program while in detention, is now separated from his parents and two siblings. His older sister has received her permission to work and temporary legal status through the DACA program.

His parents will also be eligible for the DAPA program when approved, since their youngest son (now 11) was born in the US. Presently both parents work every day--always looking over their shoulder, and praying that they will make it home to their children at night.

How can the photo above seem to be a such a portrait of celebration when the family is separated by country lines, with little or no hope of being together again?

For more information, and to share other stories and see how you can help, contact: Refugee & Immigration Ministries (Disciples Home Missions) Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Director. 202-957-7826, ssstanley@dhm.dsiciples.org