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After arriving to the area from Venezuela I received a report from my doctor there that they discovered what they thought was cancer in my ribs. Being new to this area I was scared and not sure where I could go, or whether I could afford to be seen. I remained hopeful and kept my faith.

I didn't think I would find a place like Center for Healing & Hope. Here I found doctors, friends, people with a big heart. I am greeted with a smile. They give us all the help they can give both for immigrant services and one's health. I'm thankful every day for the person that gave me the brochure for Center for Healing & Hope.



Belkys speaks with volunteer interpreter Allen Peachey

Center for Healing & Hope was able to refer me to a cancer center for further imaging and a second opinion. The staff and volunteer providers at the clinic showed genuine concern for my wellbeing, and called me frequently with updates as soon as they heard something. After further testing and follow up I learned that it was not, in fact, cancer.



Left to right: Allen; Clinic Nurse Manager Ruth Hartzler; Belkys

This place has been a light in my life, thank God. For many people, coming to the doctor is a scary day. For me, it is now my favorite day. On a scale of 1 to 10, I rate them a 20!