

Hispanic Ministries Report

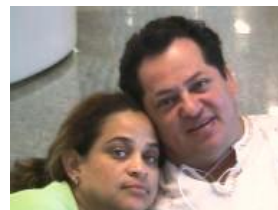
Central Pacific District

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Significant Events

Arrival of Rev. Julio Orozco and his wife Ivania from the Mid Atlantic District to serve as Pastor/Teacher with Rev John Schmidt in Santa Rosa, CA. Mrs. Orozco is a licensed, bilingual family counselor.



Construction and dedication of new building seating almost 500 for *Cristo Salva* congregation, partners with Chico Neighborhood Church. The church is growing, and has seen God work in miraculous healings and conversions.

First Hispanic Family Retreat at Alliance Redwoods with 220 in attendance from 9 Hispanic churches. Speakers were Dr. & Mrs. A. Daniel Villa, with 3 professionally trained therapists available for personal family counseling. A simultaneous youth retreat and children's ministry were held with help of leaders from the Santa Rosa and Occidental churches. Plans are for this to be an annual event.



Church planter and leadership developer is headed for Mexicali, Mexico. Mr. & Mrs. Jose Mendoza met the Lord here in the U.S., and sensed God calling them back to Mexico. Jose completed a pastoral training program here in Chico and Sacramento, made application to the CMA, were examined by the CPD district LO&CC (Spanish Sub committee), and then approved by the Mexico CMA. They plan to begin ministry in early June. .

A Hispanic congregation has formed as a part of the South Hills Church in Henderson, NV. Under the capable and dynamic leadership of Pastor Gilberto Medina, Sunday afternoon services are now held for Spanish speaking people.



In Visalia, CA, Pastor Ron Story and the church leadership have empowered Jorge and Claudia Ramos to hold Sunday services to preach and minister to the Spanish speaking community. Attendance is increasing, and families are being united.



The purchase of a church building in the Mission district of San Francisco, offers us a prime location in a strong Hispanic neighborhood for a multi-cultural ministry. Even before the purchase of the building, God had given Pastor Jesse Reddoch and the leaders of the Richmond Community Church a vision for reaching out into San Francisco to launch a new ministry there.

Instead of trying to start a “stand alone” Hispanic church, we are asking that every church located in a strategic Hispanic area begin to pray that God would raise up or send in a Spanish speaking leader who would be willing and able to begin an evangelistic Bible study. As the group grows in number, a Sunday School class could be added. We are more than willing to come alongside to offer materials and orientation if needed, and assist them in growing their specific ministries and outreach to Latinos.

The opportunities for ministry to the Hispanic community in our district are multiplying. The greatest obstacle we face is the shortage of pastors. Jesus anticipated this need and has told us what to do about it . . . *“What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”* Matthew 9:37, 38 (The Message)

Respectfully submitted,

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