



PLANTING HISPANIC CHURCHES

THE CHACONS

MISSIONARIES TO OHIO

November/December 2023

As we continue to serve the Lord here in Columbus, we are amazed at the things that the Lord is doing. This completes the second year for the church. As we reflect on this year that the Lord has given us, we are blessed to be a part of it. This year we have seen 20 saved and 13 baptized! This alone is enough to rejoice! We have also seen many visitors over the year. God continues to grow the Hispanic population in Columbus.

As we continue to see new people coming in, our goal as missionaries is to reach them with the gospel. We have seen several that have come to the church, and it is the first time they have been inside a church! Others come for a short time, and when their job or jobs are complete then they move to another city where there is more work. Then there are others that come to Columbus and stay. We are seeing that more and more the "Life of the Immigrant Hispanic in the US" is not stable. They do not build roots. They do not move to an area and stay for long periods of time. We do believe that our geographic location does not help with this. In the winter, construction jobs are low, and this causes a high turn over of people living here in the Columbus. But we are excited about the growth in numbers that we have seen over the course of this year. With this, we are starting to test our space capacity in the room we are using now. We ask you to please pray with us as we pray about what God would want us to do regarding our space.

As far as spiritual growth, we have also seen this year. But as you can imagine, with the constant turn over this is a slower process. As well many that have been saved are very new to any "Biblical teaching." I focus on the basic Biblical principles in my sermons. And sometimes, this is a challenge for them to really take hold of. But the Lord continues to show growth. I am working with two men that have been with us since the beginning; they have shown growth in the ability to teach a lesson in Sunday School. Susan has been working with several of the ladies, and they are serving in the nursery. Overall, there is a hunger to learn and glean new things from the Word of God. It is a blessing to see the spiritual growth among them.

Among all of this, one thing rings loud and clear! Spanish churches are needed. The Hispanic world is flooding this country, and many of them are arriving broken and searching. Our goal is to reach them with the gospel while they are in our lives. They need the Lord! Many of them come from countries and areas that have very little gospel witness. They come here with the main purpose to have a better life. The only way they are going to find it is through Christ! Please pray with us for more laborers and more churches.

Prayer requests

- More laborers
- Strength spiritually, mentally and physically for the job that is before us
- Continued growth for the people that are in the church
- More people to be reached for the gospel
- Wisdom on our space issues

I want to thank you for your financial giving to this ministry. We cannot do this without you. Each and every one of you has a part in this ministry although you do not live in Columbus. And we thank you for it. May God bless you as you continually serve Him as we enter a new year full of possibilities!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Anniversary 8/3
Chloe 7/2 - Sofia 3/31
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"FOR SO HATH THE LORD COMMANDED US, SAYING, I HAVE SET THEE TO BE A LIGHT OF THE GENTILES, THAT THOU SHOULDEST BE FOR SALVATION UNTO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" ACTS 13:47