

# HISPANIC MISSIONS

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**COLD MONTHS**

**CELEBRATING TOGETHER**

**WE ARE MOVING!**

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# FEBRUARY FREEZE 🥶

**P**raise the Lord! We are done with all the ice and snow! When we came to Kentucky, people had told us how mild the winters were and that it would be nothing to worry about. One thing I know for sure: people lie! We went weeks with massive sheets



Removing ice from the driveway

of ice on our streets, and there was nothing that really could be done due to the freezing temperatures. We are thankful that our heat stayed on the entire time. Unfortunately, due to the icy conditions, we had to cancel in-person services several times, but I am thankful for the technological skills the Lord has allowed me to acquire, and we were able to have services via the internet. One Wednesday, due to the icy conditions in the church parking lot, we were able to have some of our people attend Bible study in our home. Nothing like having Bible study New Testament style!

After the freeze, we were able to begin having normal services and activities once again.

We had a meal to celebrate God’s love with our people. It was absolutely amazing. We had Jason and Rebecca Reinhardt (former missionaries to Peru) with us. Jason brought the Word of God to us in Spanish and English. One of the men that attends our services on and off did the catering for us. He made us the most amazing meal at an incredible price, but that wasn’t even the highlight. Some of our congregants and members lost family members attended the event as well as some of our beloved neighbors and local acquaintances. They were not only able to hear about God’s love from his Word, but were also able to experience it through the love that our people showed them. Now that is what we call a successful outreach. One family has been attending regularly ever since that event, praise God!



Reinhardts and Marks

# CELEBRATING TOGETHER

**W**e were able to celebrate what we call Passover Sunday this year with some of our family. We were surprised by some of our family because they had a “long weekend”. We do not get to see our family



What a good looking group!

very often nor spend time with them, so this was a great blessing to us. Also, we had our normal services and a meal together. One thing we are sure of, in the Scriptures, God’s people always ate together. I just love when we get to share the table with the family of God. Of course, our ladies are phenomenal cooks, but so are some of our men. We had plenty of food and some of those that were in attendance once again were able to hear the Gospel. We are praying that God would be merciful with the lost and save them from their sinful condition. Unfortunately, that weekend fell on the beginning of spring break and several of our people were not in attendance, but “así es la vida” (that’s life).

## *QUICK TRIP!*

I was blessed to be able to take a 5-day quick trip down to a beautiful place called Texas. This wasn’t a touristic trip or a vacation per se, rather a work trip. I traveled down to the Rio Grande Valley to help my mother-in-law with fixing some things at her residence. Unlike many men, I have a wonderful mother-in-law, I would say the best one in the world. Am I saying that because she might read this letter? No, she really is a joy to be around. I am so grateful for the example that she has been to my wife and to my daughter, truly a godly woman. What a privilege it was for me to travel down and spend some time with her and help her with some things. It was a change of scenery and it was a joy to be able to help a widow in need. This seems to be a yearly event and I’m just wondering if my mother-in-law is breaking things just to have me go and work there, hahaha.

# WE ARE MOVING!

**W**e are so excited to share the news that we have found a building to lease for the Encounter. We have been blessed to be able to use some of the facilities at our sending church, Faith Baptist, during the last two and a half years. We have been praying that we could find a place to either purchase or lease and take the next step towards becoming an independent work. This is not something that we are rushing into and have been patiently waiting on His answer. We are happy to announce that the building that we have found is in the city of Versailles and is only 5 minutes from where we had been meeting. That is great news because the distance will not be a hindrance to any of our people that are currently attending our services. We can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us in this new location. It is not an extremely large building, but it will be adequate for our needs and allow us to do some growing as well. It measures 1,550 sq. ft. and consists of one large area, three rooms, two closets, and two bathrooms. The owner of the building is a brother in the faith and attends another local church here in Versailles. One of the most encouraging texts I recently received was from him. He just wanted me to know that he was praying that God would bless our ministry. How awesome to have a landlord praying for his tenant?!

Of course, as we prepare to move (receiving the keys on June 1st), we will need to purchase some things for our new location. We are looking at purchasing paint, a portable stage, some folding tables, security cameras, a refrigerator, a microwave and stand, a triple burner hot plate, 2 rolling kitchen islands, 25 padded chairs, and a new sign. I am sure we will also need some smaller items like waste baskets, cleaning instruments, etc. If you would pray about these things, that the Lord would supply for all of the needs. If you would like to help us with any of the expenses, please send any checks to our home church, Faith Baptist Church, and please write in the memo, **ENCOUNTER - MOVING**. Thank you for all that you do for our ministry, we appreciate all of you dearly.

