

HISPANIC MISSIONS



THE
BEGINNING
OF A NEW
CHURCH

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THE ENCOUNTER BAPTIST CHURCH VERSAILLES, KY

After lots of planning, prayer and hard work, we are excited for y'all to know that the Encounter Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista el Encuentro) of Versailles has opened her doors.

This has not been a very easy path for us. Not only having come to a decision to leave Peru behind, for now, but then coming to the decision to stay in the state of Kentucky has presented it's difficulties. Even until this day, we are faced with opposition from American brethren about our ministry. We have been questioned about where we do ministry, to whom we are ministering and how we operate in the ministry. We have never really experienced this much in the past 20 years while in Peru, but we are learning that home mission work is definitely different than foreign mission work and many people oppose things that they have never done or have never seen done before.

Our home church, Faith Baptist Church, has allowed us to use a space in what was once their sanctuary and then ladies Sunday School classroom. We were able to remodel it some and make it accommodating as a temporary space for a new Spanish-speaking church. We are eternally grateful for this accommodation and for the expenditures made by Faith Baptist Church, which has made the space inviting and special.

Once our space was ready, we knew it was time to fill that space. As many missionaries will share, the normal attendance for a new work consists of the missionary and his family. We were ready and content with knowing that, but had been asking God if he would give us people to minister to. The first service we had a total attendance of 8. The second service our total was 15 and the third service was 17. We are so excited to see what God is already doing. We have also started having Wednesday night prayer meeting. How blessed we are to know that God would see fit to give us people to show the love of Christ to! We are praying that the work continues to grow, that souls would be saved, that lives would be changed and that we could be a light in the Spanish-speaking community.

Please continue to pray for us as the Lord uses us here in Versailles!

EXPANDING OUR OUTREACH

One thing we must never do is have a small vision for reaching others for Christ. We truly believe that the Great Commission was given to us and that we are responsible for reaching the world with the Gospel. We cannot physically be in all of the world, but thanks to technological advances, we



Todd, Rosalinda, Amadea & Takoda Marks

don't have to be physically present to reach others. We are looking to expand our outreach by adding some small video cameras to our sanctuary to be able to live stream our services and reach more people with the Gospel in Spanish. Would you **pray** for this and if you would like to help financially with it, that would be a blessing as well.

A PLACE TO LIVE

We have been blessed this summer to move into a house. It is so amazing how the Lord works in our favors. A couple at our home church had taken on the large task of remodeling a home of a family member that passed away so that we might have a place to live. They did not have to do this for us, but chose to. We are so grateful to God for their generosity and care for us. We are currently renting the house and could not be happier to own it. We had started out with no furniture, just our clothes and personal belongings packed into boxes and plastic totes. We now have been able to furnish our home with the exception of our bedroom. We were sleeping on air mattresses on the floor for an extended period of time, but recently were blessed to have somebody buy us a normal mattress. We couldn't be more grateful. God gives us more than we deserve!

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank each of the churches and individuals that continue to support us in prayer and through finances. We could not do ministry and/or live without each one of you. We especially want to thank Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Paducah, KY for voting to support us and for giving toward furnishing our home. A special thank you to the couple that came from Paducah to help us build the platform and install all of the wood in our sanctuary. Thank you Faith Baptist Church of Versailles, KY for everything you have invested in our ministry as well as you who so kindly gave us housewarming gifts. Also, a special thank you to the men from Faith Baptist Church that came to our house and did all the electrical work and plumbing work free of charge. Thank you Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Granite Bay, CA for voting to support us, for having us out to VBS and for the special offering during that time. Thank you Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Grayson, KY for voting to support our ministry financially, we are honored to be your missionaries as well.

We are just overwhelmed at the kindness of God's people and churches.

Just a reminder that we are now asking that all support checks be sent to:

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH,
P.O. BOX 422
VERSAILLES, KY 40383**

PLEASE make all checks out to FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH with MARKS FAMILY in the memo.

OUR FAMILY

The school year has begun. Our children and Rosalinda have been excited to start the homeschool program once again. Amadea is now in the 6th grade and Takoda in the 4th. It is neat to watch them learn and grow. They are both wearing corrective lenses and are adjusting to Kentucky life. Pray for them!