



# Reaching Hispanics: ~ Our Neighbors ~

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## REVIEW and VIEW

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Where are your household belongings?

We are grateful for some storage space in our home church and in the homes of several families in Front Royal, VA. We have most of our furniture in one room of one home. We were surprised how much actually fit in it but we have a son who has worked for UPS and knows how to pack. We are so grateful for these families who are willing to be part of our new ministry in such a practical way!

### Our Purpose:

**PLANTING** a Hispanic Baptist church in Lorain, OH

**PARTNERING** with established churches to develop Hispanic ministries

**PREPARING** future Hispanic church leaders

**In Review:** One year ago, September 2009, we officially announced in our newsletter about our upcoming new ministry. Since then God has . . .

- Provided many opportunities for us to share about this new ministry from Florida to Maine to Colorado.
- Allowed us to share what should be our "Biblical attitude" toward Hispanics here in the United States. Sadly, many Christians base their thinking on the news media rather than the Scriptures.
- Brought together a team of 7 who plan to participate in starting a bilingual Baptist church in Lorain, OH. David and Melissa Witcher, Ralph and Rita Palmer, and Kelly Mascarenas and the two of us are eager to see a work established to reach Hispanics.
- Given us \$1,010 in promised monthly support.
- Helped us to begin learning Spanish. "Habla espanol?" "Un poco."
- Provided a truck and trailer (debt free) for our deputation travels.

**Our View:** Looking ahead we desire to:

- Fall 2010: Continue our deputation travels. We praise the Lord for a busy fall schedule.
- Jan.-April 2011: Further our language training either at the Spanish Language Institute in Costa Rica or at Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, TX. This training would take place January through April 2011. We are praying that the Lord will provide the necessary funds for this time of study and are grateful that we already have over half of what we need.
- May 2011: Attend the graduation of our son, Benjamin from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC.
- June 2011: Begin assisting the Hispanic work in Lorain, OH. We would love to be able to participate in the beginning of this new Baptist church.
- Summer and Fall 2011: Continue in deputation meetings and assist existing churches in reaching Hispanics in their own areas. We review and rejoice; we view the coming year and trust!

*For further updates, photos, stories and tools for reaching Hispanics, please visit our website: [herbandwanda.com](http://herbandwanda.com).*

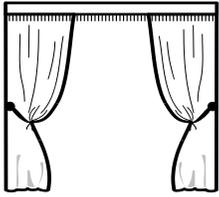
### A Pastor's View

"I thank God for His infinitely wise and gracious plans for His children. He sent you to us because you need support for your ministry and we needed your ministry among us to stimulate us to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24). It was a blessing indeed to

see God's people stirred to talk about doing something for the Lord that previously had not entered their minds. We are at least thinking that maybe we can have some impact with Hispanics. We have several who can speak Spanish with varying levels of proficiency and some like

myself who are still able to learn new tricks. Only God knows what we will do but the seeds were planted by your visit and we ask that you pray for us that whatever we do, we will be surrendered to His will." (Pastor Bob Dennis, Immanuel Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, VA)





## From Wanda's Kitchen Window

For years I have kept a record of how God makes Himself "known" to our family. This record, "Our Emmanuel (God-with-us) Book" has some of these recent excerpts:

July 30: We spent the night at a campground and during our evening walk, Herb began to talk to a neighboring couple. He witnessed to them and gave them a tract and prayer card. The next morning the couple handed Herb \$100.00. We thanked them for their graciousness to us. We remarked as we left the campground that we actually made money by stopping overnight – it cost \$29.00 for us to spend the night but we were given \$100.00. It amazes us how God creatively cares for our needs, in ways we can never anticipate.

August 18: In June our fresh water tank was leaking, so on July 7 we stopped at a RV repair shop to have them diagnose the problem. They stated they could order a new tank and we set the appointment for the tank to be replaced on July 28. When we returned on the 28th, the tank was not in the shop. The shop expected the tank to be in within the week and said they would call us when it came. On August 16 we called the shop and were told the tank was still not in but they would check on it and call us back. (We are still waiting for that call!) On August 18 Herb investigated further and discovered that the hose going into the fresh water tank was split and the tank was fine. So, after spending \$25.00 in materials he was able to replace the hose and the job was completed. That saved us from spending \$500 for a tank we didn't need. He is "with us" in some unreal ways!

## Demographic Profile

### Population Projection:

102.6 million - the projected Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2050.

According to this projection, Hispanics would constitute 24 % of the nation's total population on that date.



## Prayer Answered

Doctors diagnosed David Whitcher (our co-worker and Hispanic coordinator for Baptist Church Planters) with Carbon Monoxide poisoning. While David was recuperating from mono this winter, a leaking furnace pipe was sending CO into their home. When technicians tested the CO levels, their comments were "someone's been watching out for you". David is receiving daily doses of 95% oxygen for 4 months and hopefully, should fully recuperate. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

## Deputation Schedule

Sept. 5	Hampton St. Baptist, Auburn, MA
Sept. 12	First Baptist, Schenevus, NY
Sept. 13-15	PARBC Conf., Dexter Baptist, Wellsboro, PA
Sept. 17-19	First Baptist, Boothwyn, PA
Sept. 23-24	KCEA Conference, Lancaster, PA
Sept. 26	Fellowship Baptist, Dalton, PA
Oct. 2-3	Hedstrom Baptist, Cheektowaga, NY
Oct. 7-8	NRBFC Conf., Bible Baptist, Lincoln, ME
Oct. 10-13	Immanuel Baptist, Lima, OH
Oct. 17	Bible Baptist, Griffin, GA
Oct. 18-21	Missions Conf., Bob Jones, Greenville, SC
Oct. 24	Draper Valley Baptist, Draper, VA
Nov. 7	Skyline Baptist, Front Royal, VA
Nov. 14	Calvary Baptist, Lancaster, OH
Nov. 16	West Moriah's Pastor's Mtg., Columbus, OH
Nov. 17-21	Faith Baptist, Toms River, NJ
Nov. 23-29	Thanksgiving with Ben and his cousin!



Us with our son, Ben, a senior in college.

### **Sending Church:**

Skyline Baptist Church  
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### **Mission Agency:**

Baptist Church Planters  
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(440-748-1677) [www.bcpusa.org](http://www.bcpusa.org)

## Praises and Prayer Requests

### **Praise the Lord for . . .**

- David Whitcher's diagnosis and physical improvement already.
- His continued and amazing provision and protection as we travel on deputation.
- People becoming better informed about the Hispanic mission field. The need is great and it is our responsibility as Christians to see them through "Biblical" eyes!

### **Please pray for . . .**

- Wisdom to minister with a sensitive heart in each church while on deputation.
- Provision of needed monthly support (presently have about \$1,010 in promised support).
- Continued full recovery of David Whitcher (see above).
- Provision of funds for language school. We are praying for \$6,500 total for one semester for both of us (including housing). We have \$3,650 already saved toward this project!
- Our Lorain, OH Team: The Whitchers (David and Melissa) and the Palmers (Ralph and Rita) are in Lorain seeking to make contacts; Kelly Mascarenas is on deputation.