



Reaching Hispanics: ~ Our Neighbors ~

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HE WRITES THE STORY

For years I (Wanda) have kept a journal. I record memories, blessings, and lessons and this all helps us focus on what God is doing in our lives. When we look back over my records, we stand amazed to see God "writing the story" of our lives. Several times lately I have commented, "Only God could write the story like that!" Let us share with you some of His story in our lives.

March 16: We just received news that one of our Hispanic "spiritual children" led a friends of hers (in Bolivia) to the Lord via skype. Now this means we have "spiritual grandchildren"! It's so exciting to see God's work continuing.

March 17: Today the council of our mission agency, Baptist Church Planters approved Herb to be the Hispanic Coordinator for BCP. We are humbled and eager to do our best in this task. We never could have written the story this way. Only He chooses and leads!

April 20: Today we graduated from language school here in Costa Rica. The past four months have been great - challenging at times (learning a lan-

guage is not easy) but very rewarding. We both learned a lot and have a much better idea of what we need to do to continue our learning of Spanish. We pray that we will stay faithful in our studies and practice in the days ahead. We desire to be able to communicate the gospel in English or Spanish. (Who would have thought in the writing of "our story" that we would be learning Spanish these days?)

May 7: Today our son, Benjamin, graduated from Bob Jones University, the third generation in our family to graduate from BJU. This is the end of one chapter and the beginning of another in his life. We are so grateful for the Lord's leading in his life.

May 23: This afternoon we were discussing our need to have an increase in our support. So, we prayed together specifically about our need. Then Herb checked our email and we received notice from one of our supporting churches that they had just increased our support by \$100 a month. When Herb told me the good news I replied, "Well, that was a quick answer!" Then I teasingly added, "Let's pray again!" Seriously, we are so grateful for our faithful supporters - our partners in the ministry.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Where's your home base?

We always pause for a moment before we answer this question. It's not an easy answer. Let us explain.

This year we are traveling on deputation, seeking partners who will join our team in reaching Hispanics through their finances and prayers. So, our home happens to be wherever we are on the deputation trail.

Our address is our home church, Skyline Baptist Church, Front Royal, VA, so that's a home base too.

Eventually, we plan to base out of a particular place (perhaps Lorain, OH), where we will assist a Hispanic (bilingual) church plant and travel much of the year on a national level too.

Our Purpose:

PLANTING

Hispanic (bilingual) Baptist churches

PARTNERING

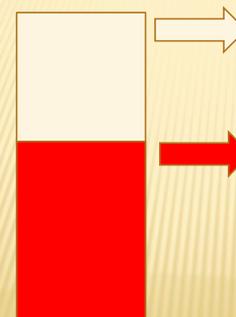
with established churches to develop Hispanic ministries

PREPARING future Hispanic church leaders

Their Own Neighbors

One of our supporting churches sees the need of reaching Hispanics in their own area and is preparing to begin an ESL (English Second Language) ministry. They are gathering information, making lesson plans, praying for team members and eagerly planning to invite the church family to participate. The Lord used the presentation of our ministry about a year ago to start this process. This is why we do what we do!

Support Status



OUR GOAL:
\$3,000 per month

OUR TOTAL TO DATE:
\$1,600 per month



From Wanda's Kitchen Window

Do you ever find yourself repeating the same phrase? No, not because of increasing age but because of the preciousness of the thought. Lately, I have been reflecting upon several spiritual reminders. May I share them with you?

"This is God's next best step in his life and we are grateful." Recently we rejoiced as our son, Benjamin received the "Evangelism Award" from Bob Jones University (given to the young man demonstrating a heart for evangelism) with a gift of \$2,500 and a lifetime membership to the Alumni Association. Then we saw God provide for Ben a job, a place to live, a great church to minister in and the ability to continue his two ministry teams (The Master's Men and Team IMPACT). We wiped away tears of gratefulness!

"Dios es fiel siempre." (Sorry, practicing my Spanish!) That means "God is faithful always!" It's so true, no matter what my circumstances might be, God does not change. He is still faithful . . . always!

"All the fitness He requireth, Is to feel your need of Him." This phrase from the hymn, "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" caught my attention this past week. What a great reminder. My fitness for this ministry doesn't come from me . . . completely Him!

"Only God could write the story like that." I know I am repeating the phrase from the first article of this newsletter but this phrase repeatedly penetrates my thinking. Especially as we look back over our lives, we have to marvel at His goodness. In the midst of it all, I am glad He is writing and leading!



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Cultural Corner

Have you ever said, "Well, I wish they would learn to speak English" ? Consider these thoughts . . .

- 1) It is not easy to learn another language, especially as an adult. We know that from experience. After over 300 hours of classroom teaching, we are considered about "half way there" in our learning of Spanish.
- 2) Many Hispanics want to learn English but factors such as time and money hinder the process.
- 3) Some Hispanic adults want their children to remember Spanish so when they call Grandma in their home country, they can communicate with Grandma in her only language - Spanish.
- 4) Learning a new language can be one of the most humiliating experiences anyone can have. (Again, we know this from our own challenge of learning Spanish!) As a student one cannot even utter the simplest of sentences. Lots of encouragement is needed!
- 5) One of the best ways for a church to minister to Hispanics is to offer an ESL (English Second Language) class. Providing ESL classes with free childcare is even better. Teaching English, using Scripturally-based lessons and seeking to evangelize, can bring amazing results.

Deputation Schedule

June 5-6	Beacon Baptist, Burlington, NC
June 12	Skyline Baptist, Front Royal, VA (a.m.) Tabernaculo Biblico Bautista, Winchester, VA (p.m.)
June 15-17	National Church Planting Conf., Mentor, OH
June 19	Allegany Baptist, Allegany, NY
June 26 (am)	High Country Baptist, Colorado Springs, CO
June 26 (pm)	Grace Bible Church, Colorado Springs, CO
July 2-7	BCP Office, Grafton, OH
July 10-15	Biblical Baptist, Meshoppen, PA (VBS)
July 24	Orviston Bible, Orviston, PA
July 31	Faith Baptist, Bradford, PA

Praises and Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord for . . .

- Finishing over 300 hours of classroom time learning Spanish in Costa Rica. We loved staying with our hostess, Maria, making great friends with fellow missionaries in language school and experiencing Spanish "up close and personal" for four months.
- Others catching the burden with us . . . prayer partners, possible Hispanic workers and churches wanting to minister to Hispanics in their own area.
- His peace in the midst of trials. There's nothing like HIS peace!

Please pray for . . .

- us to wholeheartedly exalt Him and His work. Pray that we are consumed with HIM alone!
- His provision in His time. Remember Hudson Taylor's quote, "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." We are trusting HIM!
- David Whitcher (former Hispanic Coordinator for Baptist Church Planters) who resigned from his administrative duties with BCP due to carbon monoxide poisoning. David recently had a pacemaker put in to help him deal with heart difficulties resulting from the poison.