

Making Hispanic Ministry The Priority!



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Greetings from CHM Director David Byrne

With Spanish-speaking churches and ministries springing up all over North America, the impression is that there is an inevitable moving of God in the Hispanic community. I believe that is true, but the reality is also that this movement of God requires an enormous effort and many sacrifices by those leaders who come forward to lead God's congregations.

These are, "persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in [their] body." (II Cor. 4) Ministry is costly and I, for one, deeply admire those who come forward to serve. Most of those leaders (like **José and Sonia Urrutia** in Kingston, NY pictured below in front of their new church building) must



work other jobs to be able to do the ministry they love.

Many pastors have had to make difficult decisions about their family time and have been wounded by their own congregations. I ask you to join me in praying for these dedicated servants, that God's work would be completed in them and through them.

New Ministries & New Vision

Both **Northwest** and **Rocky Mountain** Yearly Meetings have taken impressive steps into Hispanic Ministry. Check out the classy website that NWYM has put together complete with articles, information, and even Spanish-language sermons at: <http://www.amigosevangelicos.com/>

Thanks for your efforts and inspiration!

Andrea Byrne Heading for México

EFM recently named Byrnes' daughter, Andrea along with Candi Foster to join Jeremy and Betty Smuck in church-planting in Aguascalientes in Central Mexico. To get her mother's impression of Andrea's call to missions, see our online version of this newsletter. Just go to www.InstitutoALMA.org/CHM and click on the "Our Latest Newsletter" logo.

Friends Gather for Literature

Some Friends gathered in Tempe, AZ for a few days in April to consider the literature needs of Spanish-speaking churches throughout the Americas. Representatives from churches and organizations (including CHM) found that one of the primary needs for Friends Churches is Children's literature.

Plans are being made to produce new children's books and to translate other books that have been published in English. Our plan is to multiply the Spanish language literature on our www.InstitutoALMA.org/CHM internet site and make it available in several formats that would lend themselves to printing in locations across Latin America for easy distribution.

Already, since the conference, we have put the entire "Diario de Jorge Fox" (George Fox's Journal) on our site in "PDF" and "Palm Reader" formats. Below is a photo of most of the Literature Conference participants. We are excited at how this new emphasis can bless Hispanic churches. Pray with us that it would be so.



News and Prayer:

☞ - Pray for **Alex Baldez** and the new work that is beginning in **Spring Valley**, New York.. Already, nearby churches have been in contact with Alex to help hold services and rent space in a Nazarene Church. Pray that God will anoint Alex and his ministry.

☞ - You should have gotten one of our new EFM **prayer cards** for the **Byrne family** with this newsletter. We hope it helps remind you to pray for them in their work with the Coalition for Hispanic Ministries, and don't forget to especially pray for Andrea as she prepares to go to Aguascalientes with EFM.

☞ - Pray for the **literature project** (above) and for the copy centers throughout Latin America that will be preparing online literature and making it available to the churches.

Making Disciples—Preparing Ministers

The first student to complete a Master of Arts degree totally in Spanish graduated from HGST in May through the partnership with CHM. Leadership training is a key component of our ministry as we work to support the leaders of the present and future Hispanic churches.

