

Making Hispanic Ministry The Priority!



Greetings from CHM Director David Byrne

For a pastor who is giving every ounce of energy and time to planting a church, it is helpful when that church body takes time to say “gracias” to both pastor and to God for that sacrifice.



Praying God’s blessing for Runy, Noemi and their sons.

Recently that is what the new church in San Antonio did for their pastors Runy and Noemí in a surprise event on Sunday morning.

I was privileged to speak on the “Good Shepherd/Pastor” and special musical



Runy José, Pastor Runy, Noemi, and Saul

guests from Houston shared. Runy was a little embarrassed about having invited friends and co-workers to the special service when it

turned out to be about honoring him as pastor, but he appreciated his flock for their thoughtfulness. **“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”**

(I Tim. 5:17 – NIV)

Gathering Hispanic Leadership

Pastors and leaders gathered once again this year from EFC-ER at their well-named “World Outreach Center” in Canton, Ohio. The purpose of the annual gathering with the superintendents is for fellowship, for sharing information and vision, and for fostering good communication between the Yearly Meeting leadership and the growing Hispanic ministries. This kind of interaction serves as an excellent model for those “Anglo” organizations and denominations that are serious about incorporating Hispanic churches as equal partners in the ministry. Real and deliberate efforts must be made in order to bridge the cultural gap. Thanks to EFC-ER and general superintendent Dr. John Williams for your continued efforts!



News and Prayer:

👉 Northwest Yearly Meeting recently reorganized their Hispanic Ministry outreach and will no longer be supporting a Hispanic Ministry coordinator. Our thanks go to Pastor Angel Díaz for his years of service in that position and for the new works formed under his leadership. Our prayers are with NWYM as they continue their work to move across cultural barriers to fulfill their calling to the world around them.

👉 Baltimore Iglesia Evangélica Amigos is ministering through a group of elders after the loss of their Pastor Hermógenes Méndez. Pray as they continue to seek God’s guidance and minister in His name.

CHM Board:

Thomas Hoke	Dora Gutierrez Kerr
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Ready to Start a Church

It takes a great deal of planning, work and resources to start a church and the Oklahoma City Friends Church has been working at it for several years now. After almost a decade of prayer and consideration, the OKC Church decided that it was time to take the step of faith to begin the Hispanic church that will share their facility located in a predominantly Hispanic community. In the summer of 2011 Filiberto Dominguez did an internship with the church to make initial contacts. Since then, the church and the Dominguez family along with the Central Oklahoma Churches have anxiously awaited the start-up date that is now targeted for the end of this year. The wait right now is to:

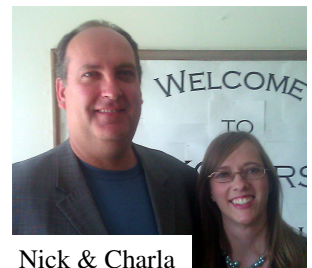
1. Identify 20 more people who will commit themselves as prayer supporters.
2. Obtain INS approval for a religious worker’s visa for Filiberto and his family.
3. Find 13 more churches or individuals to pledge \$100 per month for support and ministry expenses.



Filiberto Dominguez and Family

So much work has already been done under the leadership of OKC Pastor Nick Shaffer and the “Partner Team” that has been formed for this new work. We thank God for the lives that will be touched.

To get involved, contact Pastor Nick (405-632-8210 or nshaffer2@cox.net). You can also find their church web page at IglesiaAmigosOKC.org.



Nick & Charla

If you would like to “meet” Filiberto and his family, a two minute video is available on YouTube. Do a search for “OKC Friends Church” or look on Facebook for “Oklahoma City Friends Church.”

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