

Iowa Nebraska Hispanic Mission Newsletter

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Labor Day Family Camp breaks all records



The most recent Hispanic Family Camp took place at Central Iowa Bible Camp on Labor Day weekend, with a record attendance of 109, and a baptism! The camp again focused on Christian family values and practices with speaker Francisco Martinez from a Hispanic Church of Christ in Memphis, TN. Families attended from Gering, Scottsbluff, and Omaha, Nebraska, as well as from Marshalltown, Des Moines, and Ankeny, Iowa. With the help of volunteers from many churches including Connections Christian Church (Clive, IA), Calvary Christian Church (Bellevue, NE), and Woodland Hills Christian Church (Pleasant Hill, IA), we were able to teach classes for all ages. We also had free time and sports on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and a bonfire on Saturday night.

Please continue to pray for this camp and for us because this camp is a blessing to us personally and is continuously growing.

The next Hispanic family camp will be held Memorial Day weekend (May 27-29, 2016) near Des Moines. Please call (515) 344-4151 or email inhimtv@gmail.com if you know a Spanish speaking family who may be interested in attending, or if your church could volunteer a few hours at Central Iowa Bible Camp in May (kitchen, teaching children, nursery work). – Mario and Maria



If you or your church wishes to contribute to INHiM, please make checks out to Lifebridge Christian Church *, and send to: Lifebridge Christian Church Treasurer, 6390 NE Rising Sun Drive, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327. *Please include in the check memo line the word "INHiM". **All donations will be placed into the Lifebridge general fund unless specified.** We thank you for your interest in the spiritual needs of Spanish-speaking people. INHiM is a ministry of Lifebridge Christian Church.

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Family Altar group taking Christ to their community

Justin and Brenda (Lara) Jewell graduated from Nebraska Christian College in 2004 and 2005, respectively. They are long-time members of Calvary Christian Church in Bellevue, NE. The Jewell and Sarabia families first attended Hispanic family camp in 2008. The same year, they formed a small group through their church, Calvary Christian Church.

In 2010, the small group became a Spanish Bible study held weekly during Sunday school hour. In 2013, two new families (Smith and Paroquin) joined the small group. In 2015, the small group started

to use the INHiM recorded teachings, and two more families joined. The Family Altar (small group) today averages 20-22 people. Calvary Christian Church provides a room with a large screen to watch the INHiM online teaching.

This Family Altar (small group) is also interested in service and plans to go to a nursing home to sing Christmas carols in December. The group also re-

cently donated food to a family whose wife and mother died in an accident. Group member Mrs. Sarabia uses INHiM materials to evangelize her family members in Mexico. INHiM is thrilled to hear reports of God reaching other nations through the recorded teaching of Mario and the mission of INHiM. -by Carla Bowers

INHiM visits and impacts Pepperdine University

Mario Lara, founder of Iowa Nebraska Hispanic Mission (INHiM) and pastor of Life Bridge Church of Christ in Des Moines, IA, was invited to speak on the topic of "Our Family: The Temple of God" at the 76th Pepperdine Annual Bible Lecture, held at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California,

May 2015. Mario welcomed the opportunity to introduce the Family Altar (small group) concept, as well as INHiM and its recorded teaching and materials to a group of non-instrumental believers.

"Apart from giving my workshop, I also met a lot of good people and had a great experience. It was of great blessing being there," Mario said. -by Carla Bowers



Mario Lara

You may now donate to INHiM online! We would appreciate your support to reach the rapidly growing Spanish speaking population in Iowa, Nebraska, and around the world! <http://www.inhim.tv/>



“The group stopped at Mount Rushmore, South Dakota, on the way to the Hispanic National Christian Convention in July, 2015.”

INHiM travels to Hispanic National Convention

Mario Lara has been leading a group travelling to the Hispanic National Christian Convention since 2011. In July 2015, 45 Spanish speakers travelled from Des Moines to Oregon to attend.

The next convention will be held in Dallas, Texas, July 19-21, 2016. More details are available in both English and Spanish at <http://convencionnc.org/>. Life Bridge Church of Christ plans to charter a bus to travel to the convention again this summer.

If you know a Spanish speaking family who may be interested in this event of over 700 Spanish-speaking Christians, please call (515) 344-4151 or email inhimtv@gmail.com for details. The convention will be held in St Louis, MO, in 2017, and in Omaha, NE, in 2019.

—by Carla Bowers

Biblical teaching in Spanish available for small groups at inhim.tv

Iowa Nebraska Hispanic Mission (INHiM) was formed in 2013 to see sound Biblical teaching made available to the quickly growing Spanish speaking population of Iowa and Nebraska.

Our first decision and project was to record the Spanish teaching/preaching of Mario Lara, making it available for private family internet viewing, or for use by small group leaders. The recorded teaching communicates the Bible in the heart language of many who are unable to fully understand in their second language of English. INHiM also promotes the formation of Family Altars (small groups), independently or within established brotherhood churches.

Two years after INHiM's formation, the recording teachings are used in several ways. Several Family Altar groups, led by Mario Lara, meet in Des Moines and Marshalltown, Iowa. Candelario Garcia, a man originally from Mexico and disciple by Mario Lara at Life Bridge Church of Christ, now leads a Family Altar group in Mexico by phone. The group gathers to listen to the recorded teachings at in-him.tv, then Candelario leads the group discussion by phone. And Mario's nephew and niece lead a Family Alter at their home church of Calvary Christian Church in Bellevue, NE.