



SPECIAL NEEDS OF INHIM:

- Volunteers... to help with video recording/production on Wednesday mornings.
- Monthly support!
- A building of our own.
- Contemplate a trip to Israel with Mario and Maria in October 2020.



Newsletter...

Fall, 2019

Mario Lara, Minister

2019 Hispanic Christian Convention...

In 1984, the **Hispanic National Christian Convention** was born in the city of San Antonio, TX. In the following years the convention was held in the states of Texas and California. Not until the year of 2001, the convention was taken to the city of Longmont, CO; and thereafter, to the city of Gering, NE. This change was due to the emerging of new Hispanic Christian churches in the United States.

In 2019, the Hispanic National Christian Convention was held in **Pleasant Hill, IA**. There was an attendance of approximately **500 people** from **13 different states in the USA** and from **Mexico**.



Iglesia de Cristo Puente de Vida church (Lifebridge) sponsored the convention and their work efforts was crucial since the church members participated in different work groups demonstrating that they can accomplish more as a church. During the event, the activities were divided in work groups, including 9 work groups locally and the national convention provided 5 work groups.

For example, the kitchen work group cooked **2,200 dishes** during the time of the event (lunch and dinner); the coordinators were **Maricela Tristán, Roberto Macedo, and Rubén Her-**

nández. This was the busiest area during the convention where a variety of meals were offered; the menu included beef BBQ, "tacos al pastor", pulled pork with its side dishes, and other delicious meals. The people were very happy with the free meals offered.

The workgroups in charge of serving the meals included voluntaries from English speaking churches across Iowa, the purpose was to foster an interaction between the Latino and American cultures. It was a good opportunity to exchange cultural knowledge and language skills.

Maria Lara and Clara Ibarra were the persons in charge of the Nursery work group and did an excellent job. The persons involved were volunteers from the American Christian churches where there was no language barriers; only the baby universal language which consist of crying, being fed, giggling or sleeping, depending on their needs. (over)

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Convention cont...

Rosa Macedo and Rosa Sandoval were the coordinators of the ushers. We had to purchase radios to be able to keep good communication among the team members.

Guadalupe and Gregorio Hernández were the coordinators of the cleaning crew; their tasks was very critical in keeping the building and surroundings clean. The work group involved in setting the chairs and tables in the facilities for food service during the event was supervised by **Cesar Tristán**; the last day of the convention the areas had to be prepared for Rising Sun church Sunday service.

The T-shirt sale workgroup, in charge of **Mildred Rivera and Gladys Ramos**, sold 300 pens and 148/150 t-shirts as keepsakes of the 2019 convention in Des Moines.



We also had a security workgroup that provided public safety during

the event. At the same time we had two nurses, **Nita Garrett and Joyce Brown**, in case of an emergency.

The tourism workgroup was coordinated by **Zaira Hernández** where assistance was provided in reference to the different touristic areas in the state. In addition, this



workgroup was in charge of making the hotel arrangements for the convention.



The day after the convention, **Mario & Maria** spend time in preparing the church for the wedding of their children, **Alberto and Kylie**, which took place on Saturday.

The convention was very rewarding because there were several **decisions and baptisms** and it gave Mario the opportunity to serve in Christ's

kingdom. Some called him "chief" but he clarified, "that the chief is in heaven and

we are His servants." Also, he wants to express his gratitude for all your prayers and support during this event.

Mario and Maria had the opportunity to travel to the following states to promote the convention, such as CA, IN, NE, OR, TN, and TX; while in TX they had the opportunity to cross the border to Mexico to promote the convention in Piedras Negras.

During our travel they learned many things and got to know many



brothers in the faith and had the occasion to promote the **INHiM** ministry as well as the trip to **Israel** in October 2020.

Mario is will be the convention's **Executive Director for 2020 & Mildred Rivera** will continue to serve as the book keeper.

The Lifebridge/INHiM Family Camp was held at Central Iowa Bible Camp August 30-Sept. 1.

Connecting people to each other and to the Lord!