



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...

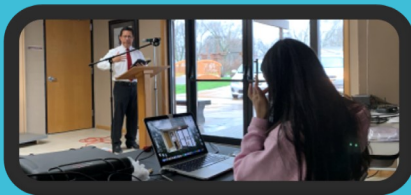
Spring, 2020

Mario Lara, Minister

Lifebridge/InHim Happenings...

GREETINGS.

In these trying times when family's are facing job losses, health problems, and losing loved ones we can truly experience the faith, grace, and love of Jesus gives us a true hope. These moments we can experience God.



TAPINGS.

Due to Covid-19 we have closed the doors of our church. We no longer hold services at the church because of the new law, and also to prevent further contamination. However, we found a different way to overcome this problem. On March 22nd we began our first Facebook live stream service. We use the **Lifebridge Church of Christ** Facebook page and begin streaming at 6:00 pm. We have had viewers from not only our church but from other congregations, and from people that were members of our church and had to move

away too. We also had people from Colima and Coahuila Mexico, Texas, California, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Indiana.

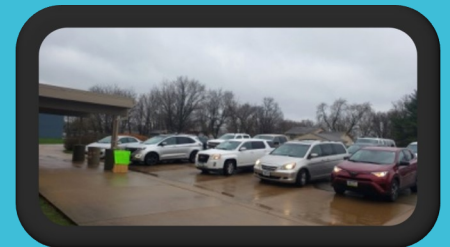


During the weekdays we hold our small groups on Zoom. We have a group on Mondays at 6:30pm, a group on Tuesdays with the Marshalltown group, and another on Wednesdays at 10:30am. There is also a Zoom group for all the college students that meet at 7:00pm with Alberto Lara.



EASTER.

On Easter Sunday at 5:00pm we held a different kind of service. Everyone was in their cars in the parking lot, at **Fort Des Moines Church of Christ**, and we broadcasted the service over the radio and



over Facebook live. Pastor Mike Damasus helped us figure out the details on how exactly to broadcast the service over the radio on 92.3FM and thankfully everything went smoothly. Although the weather was not the best because of the rain and snow, we persevered and found out a way to make everything work out by staying in the lobby of the church and broadcasting from there. I believe that the 60 people that attended that service will never forget the experience of worshipping God from the parking lot in their cars while it was snowing and hailing outside. It was truly an experience blessed by God.

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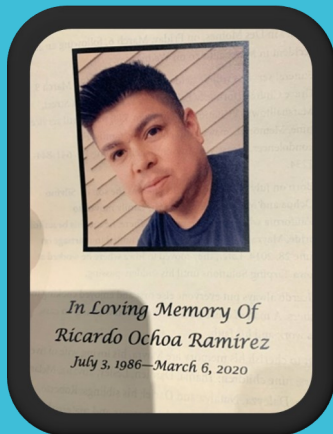
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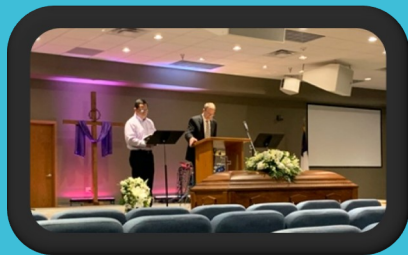


A LOSS.

In the month of January 2020, the family altar of Marshalltown experienced a loss of one of their members, **Ricardo Ochoa**. He passed away in an automobile accident on his way home from work. He left behind his wife and 9 kids. Ricardo was a good father and was looking for God.



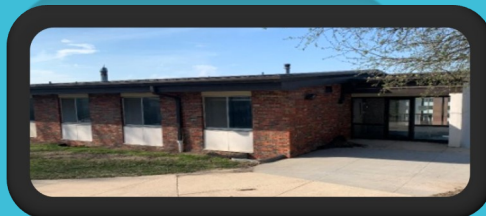
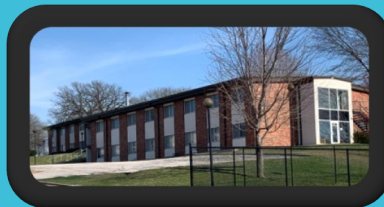
Mario had the opportunity to translate the sermon at his funeral to Spanish and am thankful to **New Hope Christian Church** for helping the Ochoa family in these tough times.



POTENTIAL.

On a different note, we have started a fundraising campaign in 2020 to raise money to buy a building for **Lifebridge Church of Christ**. However, this is not new, we have been planning this for years but never took into account how much Covid - 19 would affect us.

In total, there are around 20 family's that had originally signed up to be a part of this fundraising campaign by donating \$500 this year. Over the years we have raised \$15,000.00 to be able to buy a building and we need about \$100,000.00 more to complete this goal for 2020. We put this into the hands of God and if you feel the need to help us out with prayer or money, please do not hesitate to contact us. The photos below show one of the buildings that we are interested in, located on Fleur Dr. and Bell Ave. in Des Moines, IA. Please pray as this is such an important decision and effort by our church.



A NEW RESOURCE.

Mildred Rivera, a long time member of Lifebridge now living in Nebraska, is in the process of translating into Spanish the personal workbook called "**A Newcomer's Guide to the Bible**" ("La Biblia al Alcance de Todos").



This study book is the first in a series of the Bible studies by mail that **INHIM** offers as part of their ministry. The purpose of translating the workbook into Spanish will give the opportunity for the Spanish speaking participants to work through each lesson and be able to check their knowledge of what they have learned. The plan for the future is to submit this translation for publication.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.

The Bible Course via correspondence. It is another way to sow the word of God into the Hispanic community. Currently, we have 15 students plus 2 that were recently added. In 2020 one of our plans to expand this course is to have an article in the Hispanic newspapers in as many areas of the state as possible. The prices to add the article into the newspaper varies in different locations due to different owners. If you as a church would like to help support this plan, please do not hesitate to contact **Jose Candelario Garcia** via email, icpval@aol.com.

The Lifebridge/InHim
Family Camp will be held at Central Iowa Bible Camp, September 4-6.

Connecting people to each other and to the Lord!