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2005 was a great year of ministry for NLHM! New ministry opportunities were started, and new ministries were envisioned. New Life Bible Church, NLHM's first-established but now independent church in Yakima, has settled into their larger facility and is continuing to grow; attendance is consistently 80+ on Sundays. A new Bible study & church planting ministry in Tri Cities was organized, sponsored by Bethel Church in Richland, WA. As we begin 2006, we are excited about what God will do through this ministry in these next months! We are still waiting God's choice of a bi-lingual ministry team for the new church planting ministry in Toppenish, where a church building and parsonage are available. Thank you for the response for funds to purchase a fuel efficient car for the Garcias to use in the ministry. Approximately 50% of the funds have been provided!



Genesis, daughter of Executive Director Elias Garcia & his wife Arelis, is still waiting in Venezuela for approval of US Immigration documents so she can join the family in Yakima. **Pray for expediency** in this matter. **Pray for Genesis and the family** during this

New Life Bible Church assistant pastor Juan Aguilar and his family have been told they cannot renew their ministry status immigration documents for at least one year. Pastor Juan is now in El Salvador and will not be able to return until next January. Juan's wife, Dena, along with their three children will need to return to El Salvador when the school year ends. Juan & Dena have been key leaders at NLBC, ministering in roles of teaching, music, home visitation, counseling, and church leadership. Juan has also shared in the preaching ministry. Pray for Juan and his family during this transition! The effect of the Aguilar's absence will place a much heavier load on Elias & Arelis as they continue to lead the growing NLBC. Pray for bi-lingual leaders to come along side during the absence of Juan & family.

Al Martinsen represented NLHM while on a ministry trip to Venezuela in December. Many opportunities were available to share the things God has been doing in the Yakima Valley among Hispanics. Our Venezuela partners continue to support our ministry, and they desire to continue and expand our partnership with them. Leaders in Venezuela would like to return to help us with an evangelism outreach week in the future! They also asked for our

Many of the families who have emigrated to the Yakima Valley and TriCities from Mexico have come from one of the least evangelized places in the world (less than .3% are evangelical believers). These places are centered in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. The area has been called "the circle of silence", for the lack of true believers and evangelical ministry, although they are steeped in religious tradition. Missions leaders from several supporting churches of NLHM feel called, and are interested in starting short term missions ministries to this area. These churches have asked NLHM to assist them with this development of their short-term ministry opportunities. In January 2006, Elias Garcia took an exploratory trip to this "circle of silence" to visit with missionaries and pastors. National missionary-evangelist Misael (at right) uses gospel art in Arandas, Jalisco to share the gospel in parks, civic arenas, and other public settings. Elias will be leading a group of church leaders from Yakima and TriCities back to this area in March, so the leaders can personally see and evaluate what God may call their churches to do. Please pray for this new outreach to our neighbors to the



Praises:

Spiritual and numerical growth at New Life Bible Church
New ministry opportunities before us!
God's financial provision this past year.

Other Prayer Requests:

Bethel Church in Richland, as the new ministry is shaped
International short-term ministry development
Continued training for Elias Garcia at Dallas Seminary

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