



## Yakima Valley Outreach

Most people think of mission trips as going to a foreign country outside of our U.S. borders. Think again! July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> the missionaries are coming to *us*! Teams from Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, and Texas are going to minister to our own Yakima Valley with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These teams of about 70 people have been preparing for months by raising support (the Mexican teams are busy selling pizzas to help raise money), getting their visas lined up, and most importantly, preparing their hearts to share Christ with others. Spanish and English speakers will be doing community projects and then evangelistic outreach to Tieton, Toppenish, and Yakima throughout the week. The beauty of this mission trip is that because NLHM short term mission trips have been so effective, those who have been ministered to now want to give back and minister to *others*! The arrival of these teams also serves as valuable follow-up after the Luis Palau Festival. The very ones reached during this mission trip may be the seeds of new churches in the valley!

Please be praying for the teams, as they are sacrificing of their time, energy and money. It is all too easy for the enemy to start spreading seeds of doubt and discouragement. Pray for them to be spiritually strong, to preach the Word, and for prepared hearts in the valley to hear it. Pray that the Lord will guide you as to how you can support them, whether through prayer, finances, hosting them in your home or helping with transportation. So, mark your calendars and join us for the kick-off of the evangelistic team's arrival at the Railroad Park in Toppenish the evening of July 31<sup>st</sup>, with a Festival of Life/Festival de Vida. This is a great time to reach out and celebrate the eternal life God gives with the assistance of some talented musicians, singers, and preachers. Believe me; you won't want to miss out on what the Lord is going to do! Are you ready?

## Financial Policy

Funds given to NLHM are used solely for the continuation of the ministries as the Lord directs in accordance with Biblical principles.

Financial statements are available upon request to the public.

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## Upcoming Events

**June 19**  
Madison House Block Party!  
IBVN & West Side Partnership

**July 11-16**  
Affinity Events of CityFest  
Business & Civic Luncheon  
Ladies Luncheon

**July 17-18**  
CityFest at the Fairgrounds!  
Saturday – Spanish program

**July 29-Aug. 9**  
Reverse Mission Trip!  
"Yakima Valley Outreach"  
Festival of Life/Festival de Vida

## Our Needs

- **Prayer**
  - Prayer Supporters
  - Prayer Walkers
- **Personnel**
  - Missionary couples and/or individuals.
  - Interns, mid and/or short term missionaries.
  - Volunteers
- **Partnerships**
  - Like minded churches, ministries and individuals.
- **Provision**
  - Individual financial supporters
  - Church and Christian Business Support.

## Financial Report

January to April 2010

**General Fund**  
(Including Garcia's support)  
Contributions: \$13,311  
Expenses: \$16,478  
Balance: \$ -3,164

**Aguilar's Support**  
Contributions: \$8,600  
Expenses: \$11,200  
Balance: \$ - 2,600

**Sali's Support**  
Contributions: \$8,038  
Expenses: \$6,216  
Balance: \$1,822

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## To Know the Answer is not Enough

In a world where economic distress, terrorist threats, rampant crime and extreme polarization over politics and immigration flood the news with unanswered questions, we as Christians know the answer to all these issues--Christ! But is it enough to simply *know* the answer? Are we, as the carriers of the Good News, addressing these issues from a Biblical perspective? The truth is, most of us respond in the way our culture does before we even think about our ultimate rule of faith and practice--the Bible. In my ministry, for example, I am constantly questioned about immigration and its implications to our ministry. Often times, I find myself in the position where the answer I give does not satisfy either side of the issue, even among believers. My question, then, is if we all know that the answer is the Gospel and we have the mandate to preach it, why can't we agree even amongst ourselves? Maybe we are allowing the issues of society to divide us in such a way that even when we have the answer, we don't do anything with it. Instead, we pick sides, ignoring the only side we should take--the Gospel's side.

Now, the next question is as divisive as the issue itself, but we must ask it anyways. What is the Gospel's side? If we all claim to know the ultimate answer is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is critical for us to know what position aligns itself the best with the answer we claim to have. Furthermore, we need to understand the best strategy to provide that answer to the world. It is not my goal to convince either side of right and wrong, but to make a plea to all believers to join together and show the world the power of the Gospel to transform lives eternally (Rom. 1:16). To me, the Gospel's side is the side of hope, love and a clear understanding of the far reaching affects of sin in our lives. Hope, because it is precisely what people are looking for in all the issues that we face today. True hope only comes through the Gospel. Love, because we are all unworthy of God's love (Rom. 5:8), but many times we try to pick and choose who is or is not worthy of our love and/or God's love. Lastly, the Gospel's side is that of a clear understanding of sin. Often times, we seem to put levels or categories to different sins, forgetting that sin is sin no matter what. It is as offensive to God when you break the speed limit by one mile as it is when you kill someone or break any other law. Sin is the issue here and the solution is the saving power of the Gospel.

We, as believers, have the mandate to spread the Gospel. I understand that each one of us has different positions as to how to participate in this effort. Some are goers, others givers and we all should be prayers. It is when each one of us does our best in these areas, that we will see the solution applied to the ultimate issue of sin. We cannot expect lost people to behave as saved ones, and if we do, we are deceiving them about their eternal destiny.

This summer we will have many great opportunities to come together and show the Yakima Valley the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and what it can do in their lives. So, pray, give and come and join us in making a difference in people's lives. I would like to thank you in advance because I am sure God is at work in your life, as He is in mine. God bless you!

In Him,  
**Elias Garcia**, General Director





### Barnes STM Report: A Family Affair!

Our group of eight from Yakima was united with Christians from Guadalajara, Atotonilco, Arrandas, and Jiquilpan, (cities of Jalisco and Michoacán in Central Mexico), under one Lord and Savior with the mission of presenting the truth of the Gospel to every household in the city of Jiquilpan. With much admiration, we watched as the Mexican Christians testified about the gospel in the Plaza and showed Christian movies each night. During the day, teens from the Mexican churches led Vacation Bible School for the neighborhood children.

The city was divided into six sections and we were divided into teams and sent out door to door to share our testimonies and walk through the Bible, discussing God's plan of salvation. Many doors did not open, or the people were too busy to talk. However, some who did open their doors and invited us in, *did* listen to our testimonies, read in their *own* Bibles and invited Jesus into their *own* hearts. What a privilege to be present as our Good Shepherd called a young father caring for his two little boys, a babysitter as she watched three rambunctious boys, a baker who gave generously from his goods, two men as they prepared to work on cars, and a woman and her husband who had been praying for someone to come tell them more about the truth. I cannot speak highly enough of the courage, boldness, and passion to share the Gospel that is manifest in those we worked with from the Mexican churches.

One of the things that made this mission trip special for our family was that we chose to bring our two older children along. After learning about modeling godly behavior in a Bible study we were involved in, we felt a mission trip was the perfect fit to allow the kids to watch us put our faith into practice. It was encouraging and freeing to have the kids, since they helped to burst open doors of communication with the people with their child-like questions and natural curiosity. Whether it was playing UNO in the streets with teens from the church or helping pass out tracts, the kids benefitted greatly from their hands on, missionary experience. Our son Jon even explained to a man on the plane on the way back home, "I didn't want to leave Mexico. I needed to tell people about Jesus." Mission accomplished!

### Growing Healthy Churches Training

In May, I had the opportunity to attend the Growing Healthy Churches Training at Saddleback Church. Pastor Juan Aguilar, six other Pastors from the valley, and I, flew to Orange County, CA, in order to go to Lake Forest where Saddleback is located. The training is part of a process that lasts 3 years, with meetings every 6 months, and it reaches out to different Hispanic pastors/leaders from around the country and Mexico. For this training, 350 Hispanic pastors responded to Pastor Rick Warren's invitation, and this event was no cost to them. The training's ultimate goal is to prepare pastors/leaders to grow healthy churches.

Pastor Rick Warren stressed that we are living in a changing society that has given rise to a new generation. The message is still the same, but the delivery must be adequate for our changing audience. Even though we are still in need of sound biblical preaching and teaching, we need to challenge ourselves to review how it is expressed to a generation that thinks and learns in a different way than we do. We don't change the message, but we should strive to make it more practical and applicable, but without sacrificing the doctrinal principles and foundations of the faith and the truth of the Gospel.

A strategy to help reach this generation of unbelievers for Christ is to give them a clear path to maturity within the church if and when they become believers. The church can help new believers grow by giving them a good and realistic expectation about the Christian Life. They can benefit from knowing that growing in Jesus is a life-long, discipleship *process*, not an overnight sensation. It is through this interaction, or rubbing shoulders with those spiritual mentors within the church, that these new believers can follow Christ wholeheartedly and impact their own generation for Christ.



### From the Field

**Tieton, WA – Aguilar's:** It is a privilege for us to greet you and wish you great blessings in Christ Jesus. We want to thank you for your prayers and financial support for our ministry here in Tieton. We have about 17 people attending regularly, and we are doing evangelistic discipleship Bible studies during the week.

**Praise:** Some of you were praying for Vanessa and her kids that went to Mexico for her immigration papers interview. Praise God! She is back in Tieton and her paperwork is in order.

#### Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom to know how to bring the Gospel message effectively to Tieton
- For a powerful Christian testimony in the community
- For God to do a great work in the hearts of the people we are reaching
- For the families that meet with us—that they can grow in their commitment to God
- For the Verduzco family to have a renewed desire for the Lord. They have recently stopped having Bible Studies after participating in them for a long time.

**Arandas, Mexico – Sali's:** Our most recent partnering event here in Los Altos was the annual Iglesias Hermanas holy week evangelistic campaign. The group Yakima sent down was truly ready to work! The Barnes family also made it clear that this event is a great match for young families who want to introduce their children to out-of-country missions. The new door-to-door questionnaire Elias brought with him made the evangelistic efforts more focused, helping to identify contacts who were truly interested in hearing more about the Gospel.

In addition to being the "go-to" guy for many local events and outreaches, Judah has been praising the Lord for plenty of computer programming work during our down times. As part-time missionaries, we are thankful for the many ways God provides for our needs and, through us, for the needs of our neighbors and church.

Alyssa continues to help in the Sunday school and has added leading worship and a weekly one-on-one Bible study to her schedule. She has even been put in charge of many tasks in the upcoming VBS and would certainly appreciate your prayers! We all continue to grow in our understanding of Mexican language and culture and in our appreciation for God's work here in Los Altos.

Pray for the Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida summer VBS program in July—that God would be glorified and that the kids and their parents would hear, understand, and accept the good news through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for our upcoming border trip to renew visas and permits.

Pray for health challenges among the missionaries here in



### Fiesta Dinner

In April, West Side Church had its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fiesta Fundraiser! There were more than 200 people in attendance from West Side, Tieton Drive Bible Chapel and New Life Bible Church. The event featured some fabulous authentic Mexican food prepared by Nate Montgomery and many helpers. The guests feasted on carne en su jugo, arroz, frijoles (meat soup, rice, beans) tortillas, and tres leches cake (three milk cake) for dessert! The auditorium was brightly decorated in Mexican colors with a sombrero on every table, which definitely put everyone in fun, festive mood! The program featured Elias Garcia, six people from West Side and one from New Life Bible Church, sharing about their experiences helping with the most recent evangelistic short term mission trip to central Mexico. Steve Montgomery, one of the main missionary contacts NLHM works with in this area of Mexico, gave us all a video greeting and spoke of the effectiveness of short term mission trips in bringing people to the Lord.

These annual Fiesta dinners not only serve to raise funds for future projects in Mexico, but it gives the congregation at West Side a chance to partner with NLHM in a powerful way. People realize that they really can get involved and make a difference in world missions. Whether it's going on a short term mission team yourself, or by supporting a team from the home field financially or with prayer, everyone can be a part of God's plan to reach others with the Gospel. What a blessing that God is using West Side, along with other churches here in the valley, to play an important role in furthering the Gospel in the Circle of Silence in Central Mexico!

