

Iglesia de Cristo

A report on the work of the Hispanic church of Christ in Warren County, TN — Issue 19, January - March 2004

Letter from the Hispanic congregation

Dear brethren in faith,

May the love and peace of Christ be in your hearts. We are grateful to God for giving us the opportunity of writing to you to say hello and tell you how much we love you in Christian love.

I clearly remember that day on August 23, 1999 when we arrived to McMinnville. We immediately fell in love with this town because it reminds us so much of our home town in Mexico. We began to meet some Hispanic people, we started some friendships and my family helped me out a lot, handing out invitations, brochures, then the Hispanic congregation started to meet here in McMinnville.

By the time we started to meet there were already five denominational churches in the area, now there are seven. Like many other places denominational churches start working first. In the Church of Christ the Word of God is preached and taught correctly (1 Peter 4:11). Therefore, the growth has not ceased. We have been verbally attacked many times but we continue strong in faith remembering that the cowardly and the faithless shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven. (Rev. 21:8)

We would like to thank you brethren who made all of this possible, who thought about the future of the Lord's church in this place. May God bless you all greatly. We encourage you in the name of the Lord to not be discouraged, to have faith in the work, to believe that the Church of Christ will be victorious. Some have fallen back, others have not wanted to support the Hispanic work, but you who still support and are faithful in benevolence towards the Lord we encourage you keep being strong. For your reward is in heaven. (Mt 5:12) The church has its needs, we realize that you have many expenses, but remember that even a cup of

cold water has its reward in heaven. (Mt. 10:42) The Word of God keeps growing for the Glory of God, the brethren in Cookeville will begin a Hispanic work in the month of July. Brethren, thank you for everything,

Your brethren in Christ,
The Hispanic congregation

Hispanic "House to House"

The first issue of the Hispanic "House to House" has arrived! This tool, like the English edition is a great tool for teaching the Gospel and opening doors to study the Bible with those wanting to know more of the Gospel. Thanks to all the good brethren making this possible!



Two more converts this past quarter

Pedro Vazquez and Irene Lopez were baptized into Christ on February 29, 2004. This brings the total to 74 precious souls that have been baptized into Christ.



Hispanic Work 1st Quarter 2004

Income from Churches:

Berea Church.....	300.00
Bluff Springs Church.....	300.00
Bonner Church.....	300.00
Bybee Branch Church.....	8,383.96
Centertown Church.....	300.00
Dibrell Church.....	600.00
Earleyville Church.....	1,000.00
East End Church.....	750.00
Mt. Leo Church.....	900.00
Smartt Church.....	250.00
Summitville Church.....	600.00
Unity Church.....	300.00
Viola Church.....	300.00
Whitson Chapel Church.....	300.00
Total Churches.....	14,583.96

Income from Individuals:

Ben Ed Paul.....	500.00
Anonymous.....	500.00
Steve & Carol Boyd.....	500.00
Total Individuals.....	1,500.00

Total Income from Churches and Individuals.....	16,083.96
Interest.....	2.87
Total Income.....	16,086.83

Expenses

Bank Charges.....	8.00
Garibaldi Salary.....	9,978.67
Medical Insurance.....	1,345.50
New Building.....	2,533.96
Total Expenses.....	13,866.13

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2004).....	\$ 628.10
Income.....	+16,086.83
Expenses.....	-13,866.13
Ending Balance (March 31, 2004).....	\$ 2,848.80

The amount in the account has grown this past quarter. The primary reason for this is that several congregations gave a "one-time" amount for the Hispanic "House to House" paper for the whole year. These funds will be used over the year.

The balance owed on the new building at this date is: \$94,614.37. For those who may be able to help, would you please consider a "one-time" donation to help pay down the amount owed for the building?