

Hispanic Ministry: Growing in Grace, Love, Power and Knowledge

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Iglesia Cristiana Sin Fronteras (Without Frontiers Christian Church) is a new Hispanic Church Start in King, NC. Their first worship service, led by Pastor Daniel Sostaita, was on November 4, 2007. This church receives financial support from CBFNC.

After living in the same region for over eleven years, I have witnessed how over time this community has transitioned from a slim-to-none population of Hispanics to having a thriving Hispanic community. Throughout this period of time, God revealed to me that He wanted me to serve Him in this ever-growing area that is known as King.

I received two serious proposals to commence a Hispanic ministry in Florida and Kernersville. After vigorous prayer and fasting, I denied these opportunities due to the fact that peace did not settle within my heart.

When the possibility of initiating a church in King arose, I prayed and fasted and, slowly but surely, God led me through every step of the journey.

After investigating the Hispanic family in King, we discovered that 70% of the Hispanic inhabitants of King are young couples between the ages of 20-30 with young children in the elementary-school stages. The majority of the remaining 30% are single men with families in their homeland with the sole purpose of providing money for their estranged relatives. The bridge that unites these two groups are their inability to make ends meet due to their poor wages, as well as their fear of a dark future due to their incapability of fixing their legal status. Their intellectual knowledge and biblical knowledge levels are extremely low, but these are instruments that God uses to surpass their fears, to conquer their limitations and make them believe that they as well as their children have a light at the end of the tunnel in Christ Jesus.

My vision is very extensive and simple at the same time. It is based on one Biblical verse which has impacted me on a very grand level. Ephesians 4:13 states, “until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” My vision is not only that all people accept Christ into their lives but also that they grow in grace, love, power, knowledge and that they be able to reach “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” as well as live a abundant life as stated in John 10:10.

My strategy to develop this vision is based on Christ’s spirit-led ministry. Jesus lived a life of prayer and resolved the needs of all those who approached Him. This is why the multitudes seeked Him by day and night. Our focus is to resolve the problems of all those who approach us, show them the love of Christ and transform their lives to the glory of God.

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The Hispanic community has a unique trait which is that they all speak the same language and yet are represented by 24 distinct cultures, countries, dialects and traditions. To resolve this issue, God showed me the Apostle Paul’s ministry in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

Sin Fronteras’ objective is to focus on the music, food, traditions and language of each individual, city and country. By doing this, we unite each country into one family which is a family that transcends time, place, language, and culture.

This is the family that loves unconditionally, accepts without any requirements and only asks that you accept Jesus into your life, love your neighbor as yourself, and love God with your heart, soul and mind.

My family is the support God has placed in my heart. They know when I am happy, but also know how hard this journey has been.

The ministry is a great passion, but there is also a great price to pay. There are various roles which my family plays within the ministry: my wife accompanies me to visit Hispanic families throughout the community and she also leads our praise and worship service; my eldest daughter, Barbara, prepares PowerPoint presentations, assists in sermon illustrations, prepares bulletins, teaches children’s Sunday School classes, and also helps organize events for the church; my middle daughter, Daniela, helps with the offerings and organizing the church before members arrive; my mother, Tina, is limited to what she can do because of her walking problems, but she is a vital help in answering telephone calls throughout the day; and my youngest daughter, Victoria, is Barbara’s assistant in Sunday School. As you can see, Sin Fronteras is a group effort.