

# HISPANIC OUTREACH IN SIOUXLAND



We give thanks for the people who came to study English during the fall courses. Between Sioux City and South Sioux City we had over 70 people attend at least once. During December we tried to visit as many of the families as possible and share with them some Christmas tracts and children's books donated by one of the local congregations. We also held two bilingual birthday parties for Jesus with the students and their families in which we sang Christmas songs, heard the Christmas story, colored pictures and mobiles, and played games. We hope to offer a special bilingual Biblical event every month besides the Bible studies which we offer after class.



Celebrating Jesus' Birth in Sioux City



Father and daughters making a Christmas craft



Celebrating Jesus' Birth in South Sioux

On January 13 we began a new session at St. Paul in Sioux City and on January 14 at Hope in South Sioux. As we teach the students English, we also teach the Word of God. Please pray that God would bless this sowing of His Word for a future harvest for His church.

One couple attended our ESL classes for several months this fall. We tried to share a Bible verse or story in every class. In December the wife related to us that formerly her husband did not like to read from the Bible, but in the class he had become interested and now they read the Bible in their home. They asked for a copy of the "100 Bible Stories" from CPH which is in English and Spanish. I remember in Venezuela, there were those who said that if you read the Bible you would go crazy. This was somewhat of the opinion at Luther's time which said that only the priests should read the Bible, and then they would teach what is necessary to the people. Luther did not agree. He translated the Bible into the language of the people and promoted public education for all so that all could read the Bible and learn God's Word. May God help us to teach His life giving Word so that all can come to hear His message of salvation.

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