

HISPANIC OUTREACH IN SIOUXLAND

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Most of my Hispanic students learning English have a difficult time saying the “th” sound. Thus when they try to say “three,” it sounds like “tree.” We practice and practice saying this sound at the beginning of words and at the end of words and helping them to hear the difference and speak it. Another “th” word that is difficult for all of us is the word “truth.” Not because of the “th” sound, but because of our sinful human nature. Speaking the truth at all times is difficult no matter what your cultural background may be. In Venezuela there was a news investigation program called, “La Verdad Verdadera,” which could be translated as “The Truthful Truth.” The program claimed to get at the real truth about the politics in the country. So if one has to speak of a “true truth,” then does that mean there is a “false truth?” Or does this show how common it is for humans to not tell the truth? For some it is a way of life, and they end up only deceiving themselves by being entrapped in one of Satan’s devices. He is the father of lies and only in His conqueror, Jesus Christ, can we have truth and be truthful. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” All people need to hear His Word of truth about their sins and lies, but also about His forgiveness and life. The truth has been obscured in many parts of Latin America. May God help us to teach others not only how to say “truth,” but also how to know it in Jesus Christ and His Word.

We finished another eight week session of ESL and are thankful that over 90 people attended during this time. We also are thankful for the many members who help as tutors and helpers with the children. We have many Hispanic contacts with whom we can visit and develop relationships so that they can hear more about the truth in their Savior Jesus Christ. We hope to invite them and their children to the different VBS programs in the next month and to attend our continuing Bible study on Saturdays and worship on Sundays.

During the last month I was able to preach for the Hispanic congregation in Storm Lake, participate in the Hispanic fair in Sioux City (celebrating Cinco de Mayo), attend both the IDW Pastors Conference and the IDW Missionaries Conference, meet with the Personal Missions Subcommittee, give a presentation for the Le Mars Circuit of the LWML, and preach at St. Paul in Sioux City. We hope that many would see the great need for proclaiming the truth to all who live under sin’s deception.

Please pray for our continued contact and sharing with the English students, for our two students in confirmation, for our proclamation of the truth, for the VBS programs, for all

members to share their faith with their Hispanic neighbors, for the necessary resources to continue this ministry, and for open eyes to see new opportunities for sharing the truth.

May our Ascended Lord be with us always,

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“Cinco de Mayo” Fair
in Sioux City
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Teachers and
students at St. Paul

