

HISPANIC OUTREACH IN SIOUXLAND

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I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

Some in Latin America look to the hills and mountains for help from the spirits that they believe live in the mountains. On the mountains various rituals and sacrifices are performed in order to communicate with the spirits and win the spirits' favor so that one's wish is granted. Sadly all of this is a deception of Satan and his forces who want to distract us from worshipping the One who made the mountains, the earth, and all of the spiritual forces. In this deception one will not hear of forgiveness in Jesus Christ nor the gifts and eternal life that He gives. All is based on one's works and performance of rituals and ceremonies so as to merit favor from the spirits. Ultimately these spirits have no concern for the eternal well being of the worshippers; instead they work to lead them to eternal destruction. But the true God, the Triune God, watches over us in body and soul and for that reason the news of Jesus Christ is very good news compared to the deceit and lies of the evil one. He made the sacrifice. He won the victory. He died and rose in order to freely give us life through faith in Him. "The Lord will keep you from all harm- he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:7-8

We are thankful for the time during the summer break to visit almost all of the ESL students. For many learning English is a struggle, but a great need. We hope as we teach English, our teaching of the Gospel will fill an even greater need.

Many Hispanics are concerned about the immigration process, racism, and their future in this country. We pray that a just and clear solution can be worked out for all. We also hope that they become citizens of the heavenly Fatherland where no visa is necessary and citizenship comes by faith in Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to God that one of our confirmation students finished her course and was confirmed on the last Sunday in July. We pray that others in her family will also be led to join her. We are thankful that her husband and son faithfully attend our Spanish worship on Sundays.

Please pray for our fall session of ESL which begins at the end of August. Also pray that our Hispanic retreat will help all to grow in their faith and love for God. Please ask God to bless the different presentations which will be given in the coming weeks regarding the Hispanic outreach in Siouxland.



On Rosalina's confirmation day she was accompanied by Ralph and Lillian Schroeder and Sharon Weber who have worked and visited with Rosalina and her family during the past two years. Her husband Ramon and son David also celebrated with her.