

# June Newsletter

**THE GOMEZ FAMILY**



**ARRIVED SAFELY**  
AFTER A LONG DRIVE,  
WE ARRIVED SAFELY TO  
ELGIN, IL



**LET'S EVANGELIZE**  
WE ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING  
WITH 13 PEOPLE! WE ALSO  
HAVE MANY MORE CONTACTS!



**A BIG THANKS**  
WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU  
WHO ARE SUPPORTING US. WE  
CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

# NEWSLETTER



## Mission Sunday Send-off @ Matador

We were able to be sent-off by all of you, and by our sponsoring congregation in Matador, TX. The Lord has heard our prayers and seen our heart! He has blessed us with mission minded partners, so that together, we could do His work in the Chicago land area! We are forever grateful for your generous hearts and evangelistic minds.

**#EvangelismMode**

Keeping the main thing,  
the main thing! Building  
relationships and telling  
them about the love of  
Christ! Let's save Souls!

# Evangelism, Evangelism, Evangelism...

Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2). The laborers have arrived, and we are excited to get to work! Wow! As you know, we had planned to take the first 2 months to transition, finish coordinating, and settle into our home! But, God had better plans for us (like always)! We are currently in our third week with studying with these 13 individuals and we are excited to see how God will give growth.

Please pray for the people who we are studying with...

- Sandra
- Rogelio & Ana Barboza and their 2 kids
- Miguel & Diana and their 2 kids
- Trino & Nicole and their newborn baby
- Hernesto and Ana Barboza and their 3 kids
- Jose and Juanita and their 2 kids
- Jose-luis and Trinidad Barboza

There is a great opportunity for the Kingdom to grow here in the Chicagoland area! These families and individuals are eager to learn and grow, I love to see it in their eyes when we are studying! Please pray for these families as we continue to study with them!

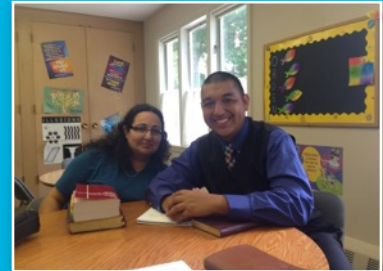


**We are seeking and saving the lost, that's what we are called to do!**

**1.9 Million Hispanics**

**This is only the beginning...**

## Currently Studying with 13 people! Praise God



Meet Sandra! Sandra is a truth seeker. She truly is interested in seeking what God wants for her life!



Going out to eat after our bible study with the Barboza family. It's always good to keep on building relationships!



Teaching the congregation on the importance of Evangelism! Keeping the main thing, the main thing!

On the second week, after teaching on the importance of evangelism, Efrain Barboza pulled me aside and asked me to give a bible study to his entire family! He has 8 brothers and 2 sisters in his family, they are all married, and with kids. On Saturday 20th, he invited all his siblings for dinner and a bible study! The Barboza family is great family, but in need of God, and a relationship with Him. We had a second study the following Sunday in the evening. What is truly exciting, is that the men usually go play soccer every Sunday afternoon (Men and soccer is serious business). But this time around, they decided to get together and study God's Word! Isn't that amazing? That just gives me goosebumps! After the study we all went out to eat, and fellowship more! We always want to build relationship and trust!

We also met Sandra later in the month, a real truth seeker. She decided to turn her life around, and become more devoted to God. With the background of Catholicism, she is looking for a better understanding of God and being a Christian, what a great opportunity! We had two bible studies with her, and we will continue to study with her throughout the month of July. We ask a special prayer for her, since she will be gone to Mexico for the first 2 weeks of July. Please pray that her heart will remain open to hear God's word when she returns!

Please continue praying for these people!

## Future victims...

I mean, people that we are working on starting bible studies with... yeah...that's it!

There are some people in our radar that we want to begin studying the bible with. Please pray so that God will open the door for this to happen. Please pray for:

- Edwin Calderon
- Roberto
- Laura Tornero
- Emmanuel Barboza
- Erick
- Jessie Calderon
- Emmanuel Barboza
- Ruben Rodas
- Steve
- Gabriela Barboza
- Gilberto Martinez
- Eduardo Estrada

## Moving & Transition...

We arrived to Elgin, IL safe and sound. God took care of us during the trip, and everyone welcomed us with loving arms. We haven't even unpacked and opportunities for evangelistic studies are knocking at our door. Isn't that amazing?

**As of right now, we won't be able to move into our home until the beginning of August.**

We are extremely excited and eager to settle into our home! Please pray for us, this is a bit of a struggle for us! Also, please pray for us as we finish raising our one time funding for our start up cost, any bit helps! If you know anyone, please pass on our information!

## Prayer Request

We know that many of you are praying for us, and we are grateful for your prayers. There are many things that we are praying for and also going through. We would love if you could partner with us in prayer on these following things:

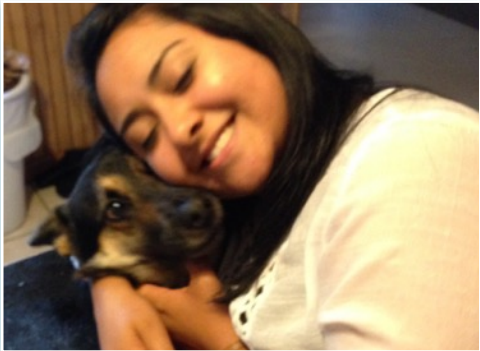
- Thanksgiving:
  - For our supporters and partners in our work! Pray for strong hearts-That we would not grow weary in doing good and growing His Kingdom! We can't do this without you!
  - Evangelistic heart of Efrain Barboza
  - For the blessings we have received in finding a home!
- For the people we are studying with and their families: (Sandra, Rogelio, Ana Barboza, Miguel & Diana, Trino, Nicole, Hernesto, Ana Barboza, Jose, Juanita, Jose-luis and Trinidad Barboza, Eduardo Estrada)
- Pray as we continue to raise our one time support!
- Praying for our upcoming trip to New Mexico
- As we meet with the ministers of Elgin, Aurora and Chicago and discuss on detail the work to come.
- The Wedding of Heidi & Juan (loving and active couple in the congregation).
- As we continue to meet and study with new people!

## Announcements

- In the month of July we will be taking a big group of teens to New Mexico. Everyone is tied up with other events, therefore, we offered to take these kids to a National Youth Rally. We have seen that these types of events motivate the kids in a spiritual and social way, therefore we will be taking approximately 20 teens. The event is in Albuquerque, NM and is Wednesday the 15th through Friday the 17th.
- In the first week of August, we will be having our annual camp, which the Elgin CoC hosts. This year there is a big number of people that will be coming locally, from different parts of the United States and Mexico. There is a great opportunity to meet many people, and open the door to begin sharing with them the good news. Also, some dear friends and supporters will be coming during this time and we will be hosting them, please pray that all goes well.
- Once settle in our home, God willing first week of August, we plan to start our journey. Pray as we start working on evangelism and growth with the churches in Aurora, Chicago, and Elgin, IL.
- We would love to hear from you at any time! Call us, text us, or email us!
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**One of our last Texas meals! Thank you Randy & Denise! I will miss you Dr. Pepper!**



**Reunited with our Dog Bear**



**After a hard days work!**



**My Partner in Crime!**



**We met with Jerry Tallman and his wife to discuss evangelistic methods! What a blessing!**



**Hosting & spending time with some families that were traveling**



**Following and Catching up! Great potential in this couple!**



## **VBS**

We are plugging ourselves in, and worked hard during the VBS (Monday-Friday 8am- 4pm). The theme: Superheroes! Ivan took the role of batman and had all the kids falling in love with him. Leading the event all week he tiered his voice out, but the result was worth it! Of course always taking the opportunity to meet new contacts, Barbara had blessing to create better relationship with 3 moms that were visiting who brought their kids all week! Please keep in your prayer for Ana Barboza (1 boy and girl) Jazmin Gonzales (2 girls) and Cecilia Diaz (3 boys).

#MISSION MODE



**With the Newly Married Couple! Love them very much!**



**Visiting the Springhill, IL on our way to Chicago!**



**Last day in Lubbock, TX**

