

Fall Newsletter

THE GOMEZ FAMILY



VIDEO UPDATE COMING...

1st week of November

Words can only say so much... We want to show you the best we can what we are doing together. I will be sending a DVD and a link to the video. I think it will be a great way for you to get to know us better, and the area and people we are working with.

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Family

As stated in our previous newsletter, Elgin had its annual camp. This is a family camp, where we have many visitors come and join. We were able to have some of the families that we were studying with come to this event. It was a great time to fellowship and strengthen relationships. We were able to have 3 baptisms that week, and one before that week, what a great blessing! Please pray as these new babes in Christ. Remember that God gives the growth, and that we are doing this together!

New Members

*Edwin Calderon

*Citlali Barboza

*Daniel Novoa

*Elias Claudio

Doing what we were sent to do...

Keeping the main thing, the main thing! We know we have to be patient, and we have to water and plant. God is the one who will give the growth! We have been blessed to have a lot of doors open! There are many people that we are working with, and we are trying to give each the time and quality needed. All of these people are searching for God, they see that there is something missing in their lives. Some of these people have addictions, marital problems, health problems, sick family members, or are going through a rough time in their lives. Whatever the situation is we are showing them that Jesus is the answer to what they are going through.

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

- Sandra
- Maria & Stephany
- Pedro
- Roberto
- Pedro
- Andres
- Rafael
- Joel & Vero and their son Joey
- Gabriel & Domi and their 5 year old son
- Evelyn Moreno
- Ruben Rodas
- Jessie Calderon
- Eduardo Estrada
- Emmanuel Barboza
- Victor Shulo
- Rogelio & Ana Barboza and their 2 kids
- Miguel & Diana and their 2 kids
- Trino & Nicole and their baby
- Hernesto and Ana Barboza and their 3 kids
- Jose and Juanita and their 2 kids
- Jose-luis and Trinidad Barboza

Evangelism Team

It is important for us to equip others to do the most important thing.... save souls! We have been teaching and equipping the members on practical evangelistic methods and challenged them to make it their top priority. After couple of months, I received a total of **72 contacts** (family members, friends) that people wanted to share the gospel to. Each of these contacts has a unique background and each one will receive a unique “action plan” to find a way to bring the gospel to them. We will be working on this during this fall/winter. It’s exciting when others are also passionate about what is important to God.

Community Outreach with a purpose!



Everything we do, must be with a purpose!

We had a community outreach day, and we invited the community to come out take what they needed (mostly clothing items). We were able to have a prayer room, where we invited them to pray with us about what they were going through. **IT WAS GREAT!** Had many people open up, and many great conversations. Now we have good contacts to follow up with!





Making Disciples

It does not stop at baptism, it's only the beginning. Please pray as we study with Sandra Cervantes (different Sandra than the one we are having evangelistic studies with), Luis Sosa, and Edwin Calderon. We know it is extremely important for them to start their Christian on the right step.

Finally Moved In...

Since we have been busy, it has been extremely hard for us to get settled into our new home. We were able to get our home in the first week of August, and we have been working on it, a little bit at a time. This month in October we were finally able to get our Internet working and finally get everything in order. This is a great blessing because we have been able to open up our home this month in October.



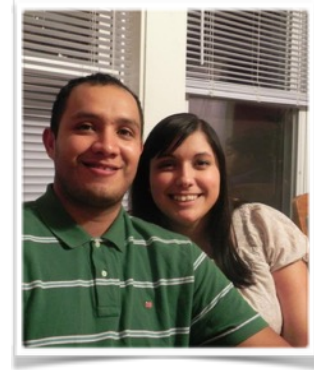
Starting Phase 3-Chicago (Grand Ave Church of Christ)



Church Building in Grand Ave



Laurencio & Carmen



Edwin & Rocio

These are the two families that we will be working with in Chicago. Please pray as we start to work with the congregation in "downtown" Chicago. La Iglesia de Cristo en Gand ave, is one of the congregations that we are working with. As we evaluate and talk to the members there, we realize that there is a lot of work to be done. There are about 14 members in this congregation. We will have more information as the weeks go by, as we continue to revamp and define our specific plan for this location.

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 you would not grow weary in doing good and growing His Kingdom! We can't do this without you!
 - For us moving into our home, it has been a blessing and a great tool!
- For the people we are studying with and building relationships with (see list above)
- Marriages of the congregation in Elgin,IL
- For the Congregation in Grand Ave (Downtown Chicago), as we work with Laurencio and Edwin. For the leadership and unity as we move forward.
- For the new born Christians (Edwin, Citlali, Daniel, Elias)
- We would love to hear from you at any time! Call us, text us, or email us!
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Reporting

Now that we have Internet in our home, we will be able to give more frequent updates (Weekly, Monthly, and Quarterly). Thank you for your patience.

What's coming up Next?

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:

- Develop & Train Evangelism & Discipleship Team's
- Aurora will have to be put on pause for now, we will continue working with Elgin & Chicago and evaluate when will be a proper time to start working with the Congregation in Aurora. The reason we are doing this is because a lot more is needed in the Congregation in Chicago. More will be explained in the video.
- Develop 72 individual "evangelism plans" for the contacts we received so they can be reached out this fall & winter.
- Developing Male Leadership in the Congregation in Chicago, leadership development is vital!
- Continue to work with Marriage couples that are struggling, and also members that are struggling spiritually. Please keep them in your prayers.



We were able to host the Thomas family (one of our supporters) in the month of August. What a blessing!



Finally settled in! Mi casa, es tu casa! Or in English "Our home, is your home" Come visit!



Stuck in traffic as I go to Chicago to meet with Laurencio to talk about church growth.



Barbara trying to figure out what bed would be more "comfy" for our dog Bear =)



My sisters Graduation.



Able to spend the night (4 hours) with the youth at the Home of Randy & Denise! Thank you for having us!



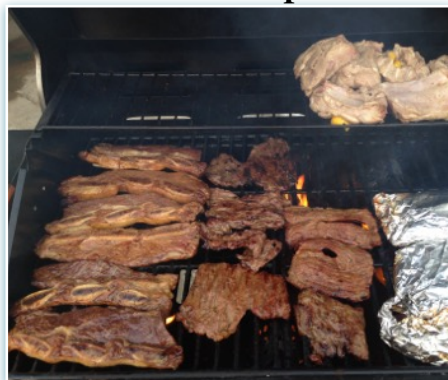
Making Quesadillas for everyone at Camp



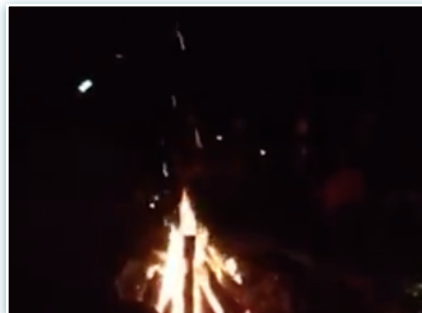
The boys helping me fill the holes on the wall and paint our home.



Some great Christian ladies!



Hosting Families and cooking for them.



Having a devotional at our house in October. The focus was to encourage others, and share our struggles in our Christian walk. Together we are one. Teaching them that God has given us each other.



"Lady's Day"- a day to motivate and learn of what God wants from a Christian woman.