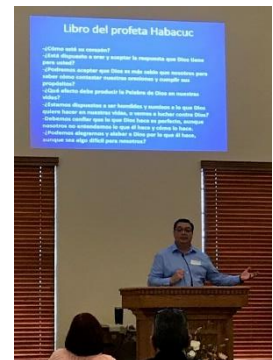


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Many things have changed in this past year but as we stated in our Christmas card, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!”** People still need the Lord, and the pandemic has opened spiritual doors. As folks are reminded of their mortality there is a spiritual openness. This spring we had the opportunity to present the hope that we have in Christ at two unique services.



Normally in January we plan our annual trip to the Hispanic Bible Conference @ America's Keswick. Last year we took over 100 folks for our 35th trip. We knew that it was impossible for us to go safely this year, so we canceled our reservation but made plans to watch the live stream. Grace Fellowship Church offered their sanctuary for the live stream. Then a few weeks later Jack O’Brien, one of the Bible teachers, advised us that the conference was canceled! After much discussion and prayer, Jack and Patricio Paredes agreed to come to us and do a mini-Bible Conference on Habakkuk! Thirty-six people were blessed and challenged as Jack led in music and worship while Patricio did 3 hours of powerful teaching on the book of Habakkuk. Paul Tebo took a video of the conference which we shared with those who had children and could not attend. We got excellent feedback.



A month later, Jack and Patricio returned and led us in a Good Friday Service where the gospel was again clearly preached. We were joined by our dear friend, Pastor Carlos Peralta, from Encuentro Latino Church in Coatesville. He and Iris, his wife of 63 years, accompanied us to the Hispanic Bible Conference for many years and were well known and loved by our group. Iris passed away March 3rd. Many in our group watched her wonderful funeral service in Spanish, online. She left an impact for Christ in both her life and her death. The group was so glad to share their condolences with Pastor Carlos and to hear him share about the Lord’s faithfulness and lead us in prayer.



Using precautions, masks, Plexiglas desk dividers etc., we continue to help our patients like Doravelia and her 17 year old daughter, Maria, who was born weighing 1 pound 2 ounces! Bonnie helps families maneuver through the medical system with all the changes brought on by the pandemic and completing paperwork to continue state insurance or Social Security benefits for our special needs kids.



It has been a very complicated time for our older handicapped youths transitioning out of pediatric care. Please pray for Paola, Eric, Yesenia, Maricarmen and others that we can find the medical help that they need now that they are 21 years old.

God has brought patients from many years ago back to the Spanish Health Ministry. Leticia was a young woman having her first baby 36 years ago when Dona met her. Recently she called for help and, even more importantly, prayer because she had a mild stroke. We thank God that she is making progress. Isela from the ladies' Bible study has been witnessing to her. Dona will be doing a home visit in June and would appreciate prayer.

Laura was born here but her parents returned to Mexico when she was 2 months old before she received care for a congenital eye condition. Her immediate family all passed away and she is alone, so she decided to return to the USA. Her aunt told her about the Spanish Health Ministry so she looked us up. We have been able to assist her with some ID issues and were stunned that she still had the receipt and letter of thanks that the SHM sent her mother 33 years ago! Her mother gave Dona a \$15 donation after she home visited to check Laura as a newborn baby. Laura had no idea what the letter was but both she and Dona got teary eyed when they realized the connection. Plus, it had a date and address where they were living then which was much needed information. Praise God! Since Laura did not receive care for her eye in Mexico she is technically blind in one eye. We are working on what can now be done medically. During various appointments Dona has ministered to Laura, prayed with her and given her Christian literature. Seeds planted 33 years ago are coming to fruition now!



Laura was so grateful for our assistance that she made a generous donation to the Spanish Health Ministry, even though she is just cleaning houses. Through the years the patients have always been grateful and their donations consistently cover 1-2 % of the budget. We get a lot of mushrooms too! This past year we are extremely grateful for the generous support of the churches and individuals like yourself. Despite the pandemic God has supplied above and beyond our expectations. We even had a new COVID fund allowing us to assist our families with rent and utilities. Some were reluctant to receive this help as they feared it was taking away from the SHM budget. We had the privilege of explaining how God provided these funds specifically to help them in their time of need. This has been a clear example of the Lord's provision.

We are deeply grateful for all of you who have supported us not just this past year through the pandemic but for the past 41 years! We thank God for strength and health to continue ministering especially during this time of great change. We appreciate your prayers for our Hispanic families, their special needs kids, our volunteers and staff as we continue serving Christ among the Hispanic community.

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