

## Report from Javier Cuarezma.



*Time has flown by and the calendar shows it is almost the end for 2011, but thanks to God our Hispanic Ministry in SW Detroit has reached more souls for Christ and we have continued our growth, numerically and in the spirit in our congregation. Year after year we have had the privilege to reach out our community and contribute generously by providing clothing and care to those whom are less fortunate and in need of assistance. This has given our congregation a reputation of being a group of people*

*who cares about the need of others. We have reached many homes in need and during back-to-school season we have joined forces with our brothers from the Unity Event for Christ and given out more than 300 backpacks full with school supplies, clothing and non-perishable food items to assist in their needs.*



*We also feel quite privileged in regards of the work that has been done in preaching the Gospel and serving for Christ's cause. Our Biblical Classes have helped our members to grow spiritually in the knowledge of the Bible and mature in their Christian lives. Every Sunday, our congregation is divided in four groups whom receive lessons of instruction. Thanks be to our Lord for the effort put forth by several of our members who contribute in teaching every Wednesday and Sunday, as we continue our growth as people of God. Some names to mention are: Abraham Hernandez – young people class, Rebecca Howard – children, Isabel Cuarezma – women, Gary Howard, Oscar Duran & Javier Cuarezma – rotating in Men's Class. And along with these, many other whom help with the congregational work as workers in Christ.*



*Recently, we had the opportunity to host our lectures for end of year. From Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>, our brother in Christ Jorge Norori, was our guest speaker. Brother Norori is an Elder and Evangelist in the church in Nicaragua. He is 52 years of age and has 30 years working full time in Evangelistic outreach. The congregation in Nicaragua where he serves has a membership of approximate 500. He is also a teacher at the School of Preaching in Managua City. Brother Norori brought to us three lessons titled "Faith", "Hope", and "Life".*



*On Friday, we had an attendance of 23 people, 3 of whom were visitors. Saturday, we had 32, of whom 8 were visitors and on Sunday we had 35, with 8 visitors. We had a wonderful worship service followed by a wonderful fellowship meal. Later on that afternoon, Brother Norori delivered to us the last lesson of the series. Brother Norori is scheduled to travel back to Nicaragua on December 14<sup>th</sup> after visiting some Churches of Christ in the Columbus Ohio area.*



*My wife and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Brothers and Sisters from the Church of Christ in Trenton, Michigan, whom for 7 years contributed financially and helped with the supervision of our ministry. We do not have words to express our thanks for the financial support which made it possible to establish the Hispanic Ministry in South West Detroit. May God bless the Trenton Church richly.*



*At this time, we are actively looking for a Church in the Michigan area who could join us in our efforts to continue the work in the Spanish speaking community in Detroit, as a sponsorship Church. We want to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, all the churches of Christ that for the past seven years join Trenton in contributing financially to our Ministry: Plymouth, Sunset, Lincoln-Park, Northwest, Livonia, Redford, in Michigan, along with Hawn-Freeway from Dallas, TX and the family Stowe from the Church in Anna Ohio. We also would like to thanks our brethren from the Vinewood Church of Christ whom have allowed us to use part of their building for our meetings.*

*Our future plans are to continue cementing the Hispanic Ministry in the next 7 years, by striving to have a congregation with a membership around the 100 members, capable to self-support all the activities related to its own ministry. Please keep us in your prayers and keep the Ministry of the Church of Christ in Mexicantown Detroit as well.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Javier & Isabel Cuarezma*

