

THE AGUILAR FAMILY

Reaching the Hispanic population of South Carolina

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Dear Friends,

We trust all of you enjoyed a joy-filled holiday season and are experiencing God's blessing and guidance in this new year. As we look back at 2022, we are thankful for every indication of God's blessings on our family and ministry.

In October our church celebrated the *Día de Hispanidad* (Hispanic Heritage Day). There was a contest to see which family



could dress the most typically like their country of origin. We had great participation, and the competition was fierce. One teen even brought a live goat! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this activity.

Ten first-time visitors attended and heard the gospel.

In November we had our annual missions conference featuring Hispanic missionaries going to Romania, Honduras, Mexico, and Thailand. Our hearts were challenged to be more active in



reaching others for Christ, and our missionary giving increased. Five people accepted Christ as Savior during the conference!

A group of 11 women from our church attended a Hispanic



Ladies' Conference in Asheboro, North Carolina. We enjoyed fellowshiping with other Hispanic ladies from like-minded churches. The conference theme was

on friendship, and our hearts were blessed and challenged to have correct friendships with God, family, and others.

Jose and Yrvin from Venezuela prayed for God to guide them to a new church and found our church by searching on the internet. They began coming several months ago and have brought many new visitors to our church. Three adults they invited have been baptized as well as their teenage son.



Rebecca had the joy of leading a first-time teenage visitor, Harley, to Christ after a Sunday morning service. Harley has already returned to Mexico. Please pray that she will find a good church and continue to grow spiritually.

Julie directed our children's Christmas drama again this year. Several visitors came and heard a clear presentation of the gospel. Our church also participated in Christmas at Grace—a community outreach directed by Grace Baptist Church. Hispanics from the community attended, and a

family of seven accepted Christ during the activity. Our people prepared tacos and sold them to raise money to help a sister church in Mexico purchase needed property on which to construct their church building.

In December we completed 19 years of service at Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia by the grace of God. We say with Samuel, "Ebenezer—Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We are so thankful for all the Lord has done in our lives and ministry during the past 19 years. We are also very thankful for your part in our ministry through your faithful prayers and support. May God richly bless you in 2023!



Happy in the service of the King,

Handwritten signature of Jacinto Aguilar.

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