



**THE AGUILAR FAMILY**  
*Reaching the Hispanics of USA*

Winter 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Feliz Navidad! On December 8th we celebrated our 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia. Looking back over the years, we remember many trials and heartaches but also much rejoicing and blessings.

After our special services, we enjoyed a delicious banquet and time of testimonies. Jacinto asked our people to tell how they first came to visit our church. Their stories were a great blessing and encouragement.

Juan and Ana Navarro from Mexico: Our son Frank attended VBS many years ago on the church bus. The bus workers kept inviting us to come to church. Finally, on Frank's birthday we attended a service. We saw how happy Frank was with the attention he received for his birthday and decided to continue coming to church. We accepted Christ and graduated from the Bible institute. Now we work on the bus route that originally brought our family to church!

Salvador from Mexico: I moved here from California and my former pastor looked on the internet to find a church for me to attend in West Columbia. He contacted Jacinto who sent two young men to visit me. When they knocked on my door, I looked out the window and was afraid to open the door. They kept knocking, but I did not answer. Then one of them turned around, and I saw his Bible. I hurried to open the door and soon began attending church!

Ivania from Guatemala: I was praying that God would lead our family to a Spanish speaking church. One day the traffic was backed up, and I had to take a different route. As I was driving down Platt Springs Road, I saw the sign Iglesia Bautista de Gracia. I was very excited and told my husband. We have now been attending this church for more than one year.

Rafael and Vera from Peru: When we moved to the United States, we began looking for a church. We could only find English speaking churches. One day we came to Grace Baptist Church. As we were headed toward the English services, Cinthia (one of our faithful members) spoke to us in the lobby and showed us where the Spanish services were held. This church has become like family to us.

Delia from Panama: I prayed that God would show me where I could attend a Spanish speaking church. One day I saw a bus drive by from Grace Baptist Church with Spanish information painted on the side of the bus. Someone knocked on my door from Grace. When they saw me, they apologized for bothering me thinking that I did not speak Spanish. They were going to leave, but I said, "No, wait! I do speak Spanish! I have been looking for a church to attend!" Delia and her husband Jorge are the only couple that were already attending GBC when we arrived in 2003. Delia has been a faithful Sunday school teacher for many years.

Eveling from Guatemala: My husband and I were attending another church but were not happy there. I knew Aidee (faithful church member) from our children's school activities. Aidee kept inviting me over

and over to visit this church. Finally, we attended. We have completed a ten week discipleship course and joined the church.

Yahaira from Mexico: One Saturday I saw the Spanish sign outside the church. I found people decorating the gym and asked for information. Rebecca told me the hours of services. I came the next day. Everyone was dressed in typical Hispanic costumes to celebrate *Día de la Hispanidad* (Hispanic Heritage Sunday). I didn't realize it was a special Sunday and wondered if these strange people always dressed like that! I wasn't sure what was happening! Then I realized it was a special Sunday! We joined the church and our four children have been saved. I am now teaching a children's Sunday school class and helping in children's church.

Hugo from Guatemala: Pastor Jacinto met me on door to door visitation. I did not make a decision that day, but I kept the gospel tract. About one month later, I called Jacinto and asked him to tell me how to be saved. I accepted Christ and have been a member for over eight years now.

Carlos and Aidee from Mexico: Years ago, Rebecca knocked on Aidee's door and gave her a gospel tract. Carlos and Aidee were having marriage problems and wanted to attend church but lost the tract. They hoped someone would visit them again. Sometime later, Aidee was sweeping the sidewalk in front of their apartment. Rebecca again invited her to church. Aidee came the next day with her two children on the bus. A few weeks later, Rebecca had the joy of leading her to Christ. Carlos also began attending church, and one month later was saved. Both have been faithfully serving in church as Sunday school teachers for many years.

We thank God for leading us to Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia. We thank Him with full hearts for His never-failing grace and faithfulness in our lives and ministry. We also thank God for your faithful prayers and support through the years. May you all enjoy a blessed, joy-filled Christmas season!

Happy in the service of the King,



Jacinto Aguilar



Fear thou not; for I am with thee;  
be not dismayed; for  
*I am thy God;*  
I will strengthen thee; yea,  
I will help thee; yea,  
I will uphold thee with the right  
hand of my righteousness.  
----- Isaiah 41:10 -----

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