

Greetings from inner city Houston

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. John 4.35-37

*(Every single one in this picture are non- church people. They came thru ours door for the first time after two years of pandemic. We are serving about 300 families every week, and taking the opportunity to share the gospel. What a blessing for us!



Carlos & Cindy Inglés' Newsletter
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UNEXPECTED MIRACLES IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION

In our food distribution a couple of weeks ago we began to receive all the people inside our buildings after two years of not doing so during the pandemic. For the first time in the history of the church here, the people who come for food are now coming in our main building where the assembly of the church meets on Sundays. If they want to come on a Sunday, it gives them the feeling that they have already been there. Some of those who know me say that I am extroverted and that I like to interact with people. I like to meet new people; ever since I was a child I liked to talk to adults about important things, and so for me it is a reason for joy that we have reopened to people. An average of 300 families come every week, either on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. In order to get to know them better and to better interact with them, each Bible teacher puts people into groups of 15 people. For ten minutes we do a short reflection on a current and interesting topic based on the Scriptures. For example, this week I talked about the key to happiness and how psychologists, psychiatrists, and experts on human behavior have reached the same conclusion as the Bible. I was talking about being grateful as a key to being happy. I taught several groups and I asked some who showed interest if they would give me their name and phone number so I could contact them later. Several approached me for that purpose. A moment ago I finished texting every person who gave me their number. Several have responded. In the last group I served on Tuesday, three people stayed to tell me that they were thankful to God for His mercy. The three who did not know each other had had cancer a couple of years ago. It was very encouraging for me to hear their stories, they were one of those miracles that I was not expecting and they lifted my spirits. Friends, it is worth living grateful for life! Happiness is an attitude and if each person is predisposed to have it, they can live very happily.

***Pray for the evangelistic efforts that we are making,
it is a great joy to share the good news of Jesus!
(The photo is with the three who recovered from cancer.)***



Serving and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus



People who come for food go through a registration process and to speed up the process and have closer contact with people, we divide the groups into 15 people. We give them a lesson from the word of God and then take the name and phone number of whoever is interested to contact them. We have already had several visitors on Sunday through this evangelistic effort.





Our annual garage sale is a great event that is not just about selling things, it is about people, many volunteers who would never meet otherwise, serving together with joy. This is the case of "Juan and Rodrigo", names that have been changed out of respect for them. Both of these men spent 8 years in prison for different crimes. They came to help move many things at the sale, and ended up meeting Lilan who is a retired preacher, as well as others such as a CEO of a bank who was also helping move things. The most important thing is that God manifests himself in this event in unique ways, with many people serving. I had the opportunity to speak with both men who had been in prison, hear their stories and encourage them to seek and give themselves to Christ. Like "Oscar", who has come from Cuba very recently, and was very open to listening to the message, and then he visited us at the church. We continue to sow the seed at every opportunity.

Garage sale 2022 In March we had our annual garage sale!



I want to teach Caleb that in the Kingdom of God there are many ways to serve and evangelize, so as often as I can I want to take him to where I am so that he can learn by example.

News about our family

Caleb and Chelsea are growing rapidly, and learning to read, and are really studying the books of the Old Testament. In fact they almost know the entire list! Caleb is also going to enter a poetry contest at his school. Some of you know that for 13 months we applied and began the process of American citizenship. This process is delayed and they asked to have a detailed record to be able to enter it. Our children, because they were born in this great country, are citizens by birth. Cindy is from Mexico and I am from El Salvador, both foreigners but both of us have also had permanent residence for more than five years which allowed us to apply in this process. The process requires an interview and an individual oral exam, where you have to study 100 questions about civics and United States history. Cindy had her own interview and so did I on the same day at a different time. Thank God, everything went well and now we are citizens of the United States. This reminds me of NT times: Roman citizenship was very difficult to have, and the apostle Paul was Roman by birth and had not done anything to obtain it, but others had to work very hard for it, and either way it was an honor to have it. We chose to be Americans and citizenship is an achievement since millions want to come to this country. Now I am no longer worried about my immigration status. Now I am only focused on evangelizing.

Thank you very much for your constant financial and spiritual support. I wish to continue serving our Lord with joy and devotion. Thank you very much for your prayers, let me know if I can be of better service to you. Carlos Inglés.

