

People in the News (Noticias de la Gente)

Jesús Hernandez was restored to faithfulness in late March. Jesús became a member of the church in his native country of Honduras three years ago, but about a year ago fell away and was disciplined by the congregation in Honduras. After arriving in the Little Rock area he visited the church, studied, repented, and was restored to fellowship with the church. He called the brethren in Honduras to tell them of his decision. He told me that his mother was especially happy to receive the news.

Nicolas Ramirez became a member of the church in Aguascalientes, Mexico about 13 years ago where he worked in law enforcement. Nicolas now does construction work in the Little Rock area. He is a big man (in heart also) who always is helping someone.



Members and visitors (Left to Right)::
Julián, María, & Atzin Hernandez,
Nicolas Ramirez, Jesús Hernandez,
Wayne Brewer, Johnnie Bishop, Francisco
Vicente.

World Mission Work

Randy Watson, supported by the 39th Street congregation in Independence, Missouri, has moved to Riga, Latvia to serve as the local preacher (missionary).

The newly established congregation in Los Chiles, Costa Rica is in need of financial support for their preacher.

Fernando Diaz, who has worked with us here at Mabelvale, is returning to the Chicago area (Waukegan, IL) to preach for a Hispanic congregation and is seeking financial support. To date he has about \$300 per month.

For more information about any of these contact Wayne.

Your Support (Su Soporte)

The Hispanic work in this area could not go on without your financial support. Thanks to each one of you for your support, and interest in the Hispanic mission work. If we can be of assistance to you with Hispanic outreach in your area, contact the Mabelvale elders or Wayne Brewer at 501-455-3397, 501-455-2547 or email: waynebrewer74@aol.com

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Mabelvale Hispanic Mission Report

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“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

“Id por todo el mundo y predicad el evangelio a toda criatura” (Marcos 16:15).

What's Happening? (¿Qué Pasa?)

The Hispanic work at Mabelvale continues going forward with worship in Spanish at Mabelvale every Sunday morning at 10:30. In addition to the Sunday morning worship other classes at Mabelvale are as follows: Sunday afternoon 3:00 pm (English), 5:00 pm (Bible); and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Bible).

The weekly attendance is averaging about 10 per Lord's day. New people continue to come to the worship and English classes from Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras, but because Hispanics in this area are very mobile, 3 moved to California, 3 to Mexico, 2 to Texas, and 1 to Kentucky over the past several months. These are similar challenges that Hispanic congregations in many other places face.

Sergio Gonzalez, a construction worker who has been with us since March 2003, has been relocated to the Fort Smith, Arkansas area for the time being.

Our evangelistic effort this year has been through some Friday and Saturday door-to-door work, which resulted in three Bible studies being set up. The Spanish version of House to House/Heart to Heart has been mailed out and we are seeing results from that. A Gospel Meeting is being planned for June. Jim & Judy O'Connor from Oak Grove,

Missouri were with us in April. Jim preached and his lesson was translated by Wayne.



A group photo taken after Sunday morning worship at the Mabelvale Church of Christ sign with the Spanish information. From Left to Right: Jesús Hernandez, Francisco Vicente, Wayne Brewer, Julián, María, & little Julián Hernandez, Nicola Ramirez, Johnnie Bishop, and Atzin Hernandez.



Some members of the Sunday afternoon English Class. This is a helpful service that we provide and at the same time enables us make contact with and get to know Hispanics. These students will often stay for a Bible study after the English class. Left to Right: Albino, Miguel, Gabino, Samuel, and Wayne.

Hispanics are coming to our country at an unbelievable rate, which is far above the projected Hispanic population numbers for just a couple of years ago. Almost every week I meet someone who has just arrived directly from another country. They come because of deep poverty in their home country. Here they work many hours, barely get by, and to at the same time send a large part of their earnings home to support parents, grandparents, and younger brothers and sisters. They come here not understanding our culture and poorly educated, but with the gospel, their lives can be made better here and for eternity. Most have plans to return home someday, so when they do, they will be taking the gospel. This could not be possible without the Hispanic work at Mabelvale.

At Home with the Lord (Al Hogar con el Señor)

We at Mabelvale said, "good bye" to two of our elders in April. Johnny Boyd, an elder at Mabelvale for almost 42 years, passed from this earth life on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, and Harold Pigue, an elder for the past 16 years, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 24, 2004. These two brethren served the Mabelvale congregation with a deep love for God, truth, and the church. Both were very supportive of mission work and will greatly missed at Mabelvale.