



NCN's Language Ministries Newsletter

An update from your Language Ministries Team Leader

Spring 2009

Upcoming Events

◆ *Ministers and Administrative Professionals Appreciation Luncheon*

⇒ For all Ministers and Administrative Professionals (Secretaries)
Monday, April 27
Parkwood Baptist Church
8726 Braddock Rd, Annandale
RSVP by April 21 to Mary Beth Inman, 703-941-6822 or by email.

◆ *Culto Unido (Hispanic Joint Service)*

⇒ Sunday, July 12
5:30 pm
Columbia @ Crossroads
3245 Glen Carlyn Road
Falls Church, VA 22041

Spring Has Sprung

God continues to bless His churches, as they seek to fulfill Christ's Great Commission. Some new ministries have started, some pastors have been ordained by their congregations, and exciting mission activity is being launched. Thank you for reading this newsletter. I hope you will think of each item as a prayer request. Pray also for your church and its part in the gospel enterprise of Christ.

It is an honor to serve the churches and work together with you. Thanks for your prayers and financial support, especially in these challenging days. Please contact me with any questions or ideas. II Corinthians 11:28.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

Greg

Did You Know?

NorthStar congregations worship in English, Arabic, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Twi (Ghanaian), Liberian, Amharic (Ethiopian), Cambodian, Portuguese (Brazilian), Tagalog (Filipino), Tigrinya (Eritrean). There are 58 "language congregations" in our association family.

What Is Our Lord Up To?

*The Hispanic congregations of NorthStar gathered on April 12 for their Annual Easter **Culto Unido** (Joint Worship) at the Groveton Baptist Church. Hosted by Primera Iglesia Bautista de Groveton (Jim Benson, Pastor) the service was attended by nearly 200 persons from a dozen NorthStar churches and congregations. Primera's Associate Pastor, Hector Urrutia, directed the service, as the Primera praise team lead in music, directed by Josue Parra.

Worship also included an evangelistic drama, a prayer for the pastors, and several special music selections. Pastor Guillermo Mangieri (Iglesia Bautista de Washington DC en Montros Baptist Church—Rockville, Maryland) was the guest preacher, whose sermon from John 20: 19-24 was entitled "Donde Estas?" ("Where Are You?") Following worship, Primera served a wonderful meal, enjoyed by all.

The next quarterly Culto Unido is scheduled for July 12 at Columbia @ Crossroads Campus, 3245 Glen Carlyn Road in Bailey's Crossroads, to be hosted by Comunidad de Columbia en Crossroads (Columbia Baptist Church). These joint worship services are planned and organized by the NorthStar Hispanic Pastors Fellowship, Rev. David Mangieri, president.

* "Retired" Pastor Charlie Chilton is seeking to help start a new Filipino congregation in the Gainesville area. Want to learn how you can help? 540-972-9497.

If you would like to inform churches of language events, please contact NorthStar Church Network: 703-941-6822



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An Association of Baptist Congregations



Starting a Mission Congregation

If your church is prayerfully considering the start of new work, in English or for any other language group, NorthStar can help. We can provide guidance, resources, and suggestions, both in person and in print. Call the NCN office or email Greg Loewer. The Holy Spirit is moving among the churches. What is He saying to you and yours?

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*Ordained to the Gospel Ministry: Hector Mario Urrutia, Primera Iglesia Bautista de Groveton, February 8; Larry Jimenez, The Church at Clarendon, Hispanic congregation, March 29.

NorthStar's Ordination Examination Team is available for churches that desire help in the ordination process. Call NorthStar's Annandale Office, 703-941-6822, and ask for Dorothy Allport.

*Thanks to all the NorthStar churches that provided and served meals for the Hypothermia program at the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter: Jerusalem Korean Baptist Church, Braddock Baptist Church, New Horizon Community Church, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (Alexandria), Columbia Baptist Church, McLean Baptist Church, and Westover Baptist Church (Arlington). Also, the NorthStar staff and Columbia Baptist Church staff each provided and served meals for a whole week.

English Ministry Pastors Needed

Various Korean-American congregations are expanding their ministries and are seeking a part-time Pastor for English Ministries to preach in English worship services and lead discipleship training for youth and young adults. Applicants do not need to speak Korean. For more information, contact Greg Loewer.

Space Needed

Several congregations are needing to relocate. If your church might be interested in exploring a partnership for shared building use, contact Greg Loewer for a list of seeking churches, along with samples of partnership covenants, rental agreements, and suggestions.

Financial Contributions to NorthStar

Thanks to all who give to support NorthStar ministries. This might be the "year of austere," yet your faithful contributions enable NorthStar to provide services to the churches: pastor search committee training, vision casting, crisis counseling, ministry training, administration guidance, new work assistance, mission information, and more.

Each time a donation is received, NorthStar sends back to the church a receipt, a contribution form for the next gift, and a mailing envelope. If your church needs any of these, please call the NorthStar office for assistance. We desire to use your mission dollars in the most effective, God-honoring way for His Kingdom.



NCN Language Ministries Tip:

When drafting a cooperative agreement or covenant between the sponsor/host church and a mission congregation or renting church, it is best to include the major items in the document for approval by both congregations, with the stipulations that minor or season changes can be handled by a leadership team, missions council, deacons, or other such groups. (Examples: adjustment of service time, specific room usage, special event scheduling.)

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