

June 2, 2020

Here is an update on Hispanic ministry at Santa Trinidad.

First of all, we think of all of our friends at Holy Trinity and pray that all are doing well at this difficult time.

Although our last in-person service was a Quinceañera on March 14th, we have continued to stay in touch with the members of the Hispanic congregation. Many of our people do not have internet at their homes, but they do have phones, so we have kept in touch by using snail mail and texting.

We began by sending bulletins beginning with those for March 22nd. Editorial Avance Luterano publishes "Plegaria y Palabra," a bulletin that we use weekly for our services. It has the confession, prayers, and Bible readings in Spanish for each Sunday. We had 24 printed copies for each Sunday to the end of June, so we make some extra copies to have enough for our mailings.

We do a mailing for services for two weeks at a time. We send to forty families and Sunday School lessons for 27 children to use each week. Garry also prepares a short reflection which we send out on Sunday morning via text to 43 families. During Holy Week, he sent a reflection for each day of the week. Now we text it once a week on Sunday morning, and we include prayer requests, as well.

Many of our members reply each Sunday by text or phone call. It's the best we can do at the moment. We also had an offer from Fountain of Life (FOL) for food and had 11 families go there to get food from their Food Bank pantry. We received another call from FOL today and will let our people know if there is a need, they are welcome to go back for food this month.

In May, we had one baby boy born to one of our members, and news that another is expecting in about 4 months. All went well with the birth, and they allowed husband and wife to be together which doesn't always happen these days, but it made it easier for all.

So far, our Santa Trinidad families are doing okay in regard to working. Many are still employed in nursing homes, El Rio Center, construction/painting jobs, house and office cleaning jobs. Some work in factories. They are the essential workers:-)

Thankfully, Garry will finish his radiation treatments on Wednesday this week. He has done amazingly well. Now we pray, as we wait 6 weeks to see how his PSA is, and go from there.

We continue our prayers for the safety of all of our Holy Trinity/Santa Trinidad families. God bless and keep you safe and healthy.

Rev. Garry McClure and Marilyn