

# Making Hispanic Ministry The Priority!



## Greetings from CHM Director David Byrne



‘...when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.’ (Gal. 4:4-5)

Each day is a gift from God. In a recent systematic theology class in Mexico City we talked about time. It is interesting to me that there is no biblical example of a time when God changed something that was already in the past. God’s blessings and help come in the present and He has been faithful in 2009. We may not be able to go back to do things better, but we can thank Him for the many good things He has done and the opportunities He has given to honor Him. I thank Him for coming at just the right time to bring His salvation to the world in Jesus Christ. I also thank Him for His presence with us in “making Hispanic ministry the priority” in 2009. May He grant us wisdom and grace in carrying out His call in the days to come. Joy to the world!

## Pastoral Counseling



One of the changes we made at our 2009 North American Hispanic Friends Conference held in Kingston, NY this year was a special intensive “Instituto ALMA” class held the two days before the conference. Dr. Luis Gavin taught

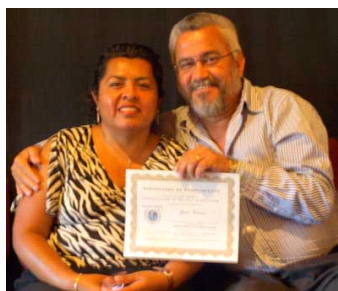
the class on Pastoral Counseling that focused on giving church leaders the tools they need for ministering to families and individuals in crisis and for avoiding those crisis situations. Institute Director Jerry Clarkson will be putting together the videos and notes from that class to offer it over the internet so that pastors throughout the Americas can better care for their church congregations. We are praying with Dr. Gavin that his ministry will be extended through these

classes. If your church would be interested in sponsoring an “Instituto ALMA” class on pastoral counseling (in Spanish), contact our office so we can coordinate with Dr. Gavin to present this important class in your area.



## Recognizing Leaders

During the EFC-ER conferences we took a few moments to recognize some of the leaders who took online classes in the Instituto ALMA program recently. A whole group from Blue Island and a couple of other pastors including Pastor Jaime and Flor Herrera (right) and Daniel Morales from Toronto were recognized.



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We are very thankful for what Jerry Clarkson has accomplished while working to direct and teach in the Instituto ALMA this year. Here, Angel

Diaz from Newberg, Oregon is presenting at our conference in New York while Jerry is busy at work. Jerry has been responsible for the integration of class materials and videos on the internet to make classes even more accessible across the American continents. Check out his handiwork at [InstitutoALMA.org](http://InstitutoALMA.org)!



## Mexican Teachers

It was a privilege to be called on to teach Systematic Theology to a group of teachers who are part of the churches in Mexico City established by EFM. Originally headed by Socorro “Coco” Horta, the Mexico City Bible Institute is led by Elizabeth Gomez (Ramirez), the wife of Pastor Ernesto Ramirez who is Superintendent of the churches. They appear on the left of the group picture. The course was only open to students who serve in a teaching role in the churches with the expectation that they will take the training they receive during the sessions to share it with other students in the program. Their enthusiasm for learning and for ministry was clear and refreshing.

## News and Prayer:

👉 Praise God for the North American conference held in Kingston, New York and for the Friends there who warmly received the group. We appreciate their hard work and hospitality!

👉 Pray for CHM’s financial support. Programs and salaries will be drastically cut unless we have strong giving at the end of 2009 and new commitments for the coming year. Pray that God will provide.

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