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Juan and Hannah Fernandez are dedicated to reaching Hispanic immigrants in the Metro East area through personal evangelism, discipleship, and community outreach. Their ministry includes:

- Daily prayer walks in work areas such as roofing sites, construction zones, restaurants, and RV parks where many Hispanic workers live.
- Producing online devotionals & short videos to engage and inform Hispanic immigrants about their outreach efforts.
- Building relationships through local soccer leagues and gym visits to expand their evangelistic network.



Ministry Goals

- Develop a prayer team to intercede for evangelistic efforts.
- Establish three discipleship groups in Florissant, Chesterfield, and Granite City.
- Form a Core Team of three families to assist in ministry.
- Connect with businesses that employ Hispanic workers to offer devotional support.

People They Serve

- Hispanic men (ages 18-65), first-generation immigrants who primarily speak Spanish.
- Many arrive in debt to transporters and struggle with substance addiction as they cope with the challenges of starting over in the U.S.
- They are driven by the American dream, constantly moving from town to town in search of work and better opportunities.

Challenges

- Limited time to minister due to workers' demanding schedules.
- Building trust among a transient community unfamiliar with BMA or Baptist beliefs.
- Strong superstitions and reliance on spiritual guidance from non-Christian sources.

Religious Landscape

- Strong Catholic influence, with packed churches on Sundays (80-120 per mass).
- 3-4 Protestant charismatic groups meet weekly for worship.
- Many immigrants lack biblical knowledge but are open to spiritual discussions.

Prayer Requests

- Strength and endurance to remain steadfast in ministry.
- Godly friendships and community for their family and children.
- Completion of their garage project to create a space for ministry outreach.
- Opportunities to connect with more families and establish a strong support network.