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Elvis and Wendy Garcia are committed to reaching and equipping Hispanic leaders across the United States. Elvis serves as the Ministry Coordinator for Hispanic People in the U.S., and his ministry includes:

- **Leadership Residency:** Meeting monthly with Hispanic leaders to train and develop them.
- **Theological Education:** Teaching at the BMA Theological Seminary in Puerto Rico.
- **Missionary Support:** Evaluating, training, and mentoring Hispanic missionary families.
- **Church Growth & Multiplication:** Supporting over 60 Hispanic churches and 6 Hispanic church associations across the U.S.
- **Evangelism & Discipleship:** Engaging with both first-generation Hispanic immigrants and second-generation Hispanic Americans.



## Ministry Goals

- Train and develop leaders to train others, creating a multiplying effect.
- Strengthen Hispanic churches in the 10 states with the largest Latino populations in the U.S.
- Expand a church-planting movement among Hispanic communities nationwide.
- Provide resources and support to BMA Hispanic missionaries and churches.

## People They Serve

- First-generation Hispanic immigrants from over 40 Latin American countries.
- Second-generation Hispanic Americans who speak both Spanish and English.
- Many of the people they serve are immigrants and refugees seeking stability and a better life.

## Challenges

- **Overwork & Materialism:** Many Hispanic immigrants work long hours, making it difficult to prioritize spiritual growth.
- **Cultural Adjustment:** Transitioning from Latin American cultures to life in the U.S. often leads to struggles with faith and identity.
- **Individualism:** Many Hispanic immigrants come from communal cultures, but the American lifestyle often fosters independence, making community-based faith harder to cultivate.

## Hispanic Population & Gospel Response

- The U.S. Hispanic population reached 62.1 million in 2020, making it the second-largest ethnic group in the country.
- Hispanics are one of the most responsive groups to the gospel. According to Pew Research, 80 out of every 100 Hispanic immigrants respond positively to the gospel.
- The dominant religion among Hispanics is Catholicism.

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for more laborers to join the growing need for Hispanic church planting.
- Pray for wisdom and resources as they support missionaries and churches.
- Pray for Hispanic pastors and leaders to remain faithful in ministry.
- Pray for Wendy's ministry as she encourages and supports pastors' wives.