

upcoming events

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Isaiah 52:7 ESV

December 2020: Mixtec Ministry Christmas Outreach in Othello, WA

December 2020: Stay Ho-Ho-Home CrossLink Fundraiser

January 2021: New Location for Ellensburg Spanish Bible Study

January 2021: Annual CrossLink Planning and Budget Board Meeting

February 2021: Central México Health Fair, Atotonilco, México

May 2021: CrossLink Board Meeting

June 2021 TBD: Baja México Leader's Retreat, Baja Península, México

August 2021: CrossLink Board Meeting

November 2021 TBD: Central Mexico Leader's Retreat, Jalisco, México

For volunteer information or ways to support these events, contact CrossLink!



Testaments and 150 pieces of bread and fruit drinks to a hospital in Valera, Venezuela.

coming soon >>>

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Crossing Cultural Lines to Link People to the Cross

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Juan and Dina Aguilar >>>

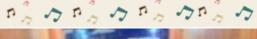
CrossLink Missionaries Iglesia Biblica Sinai in Tieton, WA.

Praises in 2020

Looking back, Sinai Bible Church was able to quickly expand communication when the pandemic closed churches, and as a result, everyone stayed connected and supported each other in Christ this year.

Ways to Pray for Tieton in 2021:

Pray for the ministry in Tieton. Pray for the physical and spiritual health and protection of the church. Pray for the new family coming to church.





New Hispanic Ministry Partnerships in Ellensburg, WA

We're excited about a new ministry partnership in Ellensburg starting in **2021.** Iglesia Biblica Vida Nueva (IBVN) in Yakima, WA – also called New Life Bible Church – started a Spanish Bible Study at a member's home in Ellensburg, which is about 35 miles away from Yakima in 2019. By early 2020, the Ellensburg Bible

Study had grown and needed more space. With the pandemic, the need to meet in a larger space became even more urgent.

Pastor Misael Hernandez and members at IBVN

were actively praying and looking for more space in Ellensburg during the pandemic shutdowns this Summer and Fall. At the same time, elders at Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) in Ellensburg felt led to pray diligently about people living in their community whose spiritual needs were not being met because of language and cultural demographics.

When Pastor Misael approached their church about space, they were ready!

So what does it look like for two demographically different churches, united in Christ, to come together in partnership to meet a need and help each other spread the Gospel?

Simply put, it means a group of families will be growing in their faith – studying the Bible in Spanish – with

> plenty of cost-free space to safely meet in downtown Ellensburg on Friday nights starting in January 2021. Invite your friends!

One mission of CrossLink is to help

facilitate established churches in reaching their Hispanic neighborhoods and communities with the Gospel. We asked Pastor Stephen Branine from CBC lots of questions to help us and you better understand why and how a cross-cultural partnership might work in your churches and communities.

Go to page 3 for Pastor Stephen's responses to several of those *questions:*

Photo above: Marinela from Jesus is

the Life Church in Valera, Trujillo is

part of the Arepitas de Amor (Bread

of Love) program that provides meals

and snacks for children and families

Food insecurity is a tremendous issue

in Venezuela! As designated funds

CrossLink was birthed as a Hispanic

ministry. The \$20 is multiplied into

meals for pastors and their families,

as well as the needy children and

families served by these churches.

are available, we send \$20 each

month to 31 churches where

through your generous donations.

Misael & Taira Hernandez >>>

CrossLink Missionaries New Life Bible Church in Yakima, WA

Looking back at 2020, we have many things to celebrate and to give God praise, including quickly transitioning to a digital ministry during the pandemic. Our statistics show an average weekly reach of 400 to 500 people watching our church service online.

While our church building was closed, we were able to remodel the interior of the building and another church helped us replace the roof – which was a major need.

The Lord has kept our family healthy during this time, and Vasti was able to finish high school in the USA and will finish her Associate's Degree soon.

Finally, the Lord has miraculously provided everything necessary to begin our permanent residency process in January 2021.

Looking forward to 2021, we know God answers big and little prayers. Pray with us for wisdom and direction for the plans and projects at New Life Bible, including how to improve media ministry with the ongoing pandemic.



Pray with us that the Lord will raise up people who are mature in faith, capable of teaching and bearing responsibilities, and may the Lord continue to take care of our church and family.

Pray with us that the Lord will provide grace during the residency process and approve our whole family in one step. We hope this will happen before Vasti turns 21 so that she can continue her college studies at Central WA University.

Pray with us as we resume Bible Study in Ellensburg in January. With the pandemic, we have stopped and started so many times, but by God's grace we will start again at the

"It has been such a joy to begin this relationship with Pastor Misael and see what God does here in Ellensburg to spread the Gospel through our Hispanic brothers and sisters to reach the Hispanic community." – Stephen Branine From page 1, here are Pastor Stephen's responses to several of those questions:

Why is it important to partner with Hispanic churches in your community?

Jesus commissions his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, in Revelation we read that people from every tribe and nation and language are present to worship the Lamb that was slain, and as those created in the image of God we desire to see every person created in the image of God come to know their Creator and Redeemer and dwell with Him for all eternity. It is the Gospel message of the good news that Jesus Christ has come to redeem sinners that motivates us to go to everyone with the message that sinners can be reconciled to God. It is the love of God that came and pursued us, outsiders, to be united to His Eternal Son, that expands within us to pursue those outside our language or cultural comforts. We want the body of Calvary to see everyone as in need of the Gospel either for salvation or for continual growth in Jesus. We want to see all of our community as the mission field God has for us right here. We also want to support good churches here in our city that preach the Gospel faithfully and maybe reach a demographic that we are not currently reaching.



What does a partnership with a Hispanic church mean for your congregation?

It means we get to rejoice with them when we see what God is doing in bringing sinners to salvation and brothers and sisters to worship God in our city. It is a vivid reminder of the heavenly vision around the throne of people from all nations, tongues, and tribes coming to worship. It helps us see the bigger picture of the local church -- the church is bigger than Calvary Baptist Church. It means we are praying regularly for the success of another church we care deeply about.

How do we partner cross-culturally without imposing something on each other?

The picture of imposing on each other conjures up images of contracts and red tape and not Gospel fellowship/partnership. There is so much that is just beginning to blossom in my mind when I think of partnering with New Life Bible Church. What a wealth of relationships with other brothers and sisters, sharing meals with them, getting to know them, sharing resources and people with them, learning from them, a mutual caring for each other, praying for one another -- treating them as family and not as renters. They are our brothers and sisters, and we want to see them flourish because we want to see the Gospel advance.



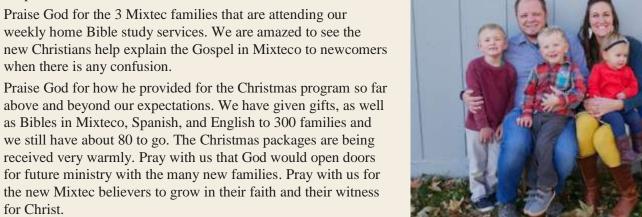
Josh & Sarah Ryan >>>

Happy New Years from the Ryan Family!

For as difficult as 2020 was for our community here in Othello, we praise God for so much.

weekly home Bible study services. We are amazed to see the new Christians help explain the Gospel in Mixteco to newcomers when there is any confusion.

above and beyond our expectations. We have given gifts, as well as Bibles in Mixteco, Spanish, and English to 300 families and we still have about 80 to go. The Christmas packages are being received very warmly. Pray with us that God would open doors for future ministry with the many new families. Pray with us for the new Mixtec believers to grow in their faith and their witness for Christ.





<<< Iglesia Biblica Sinaí in Tieton , WA

Praise God for the community in Tieton!

One way to support Sinai Bible Church is to check in on Facebook for the Sunday Worship Service at 2:00 PM.

https://www.facebook.com/iglesia.biblica.sinai.tieton/

