



Sharing the Blessing, Part I

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Being located in the San Fernando Valley, it's not necessary to cite statistics to demonstrate that more than half of Angelenos are Hispanic—one needs only to drive down Roscoe Boulevard in either direction. There is no question that Latin America has come to us.

What a wonderful opportunity this has created! For more than 30 years, our Spanish Ministry—currently led by Pastors Henry Tolopilo and Michael Mahoney—has lovingly and faithfully brought the truth to bear upon these Spanish speakers in our valley and beyond.

Seeking to excel still more, in 2010 we began the *Instituto de Expositores* (Expositor's Institute), an evening program designed to train Spanish-speaking pastors and lay teachers from all over Los Angeles. We are now in our second year, and more than 20 churches have sent us students. It is a great encouragement to see first-hand how the Lord is using Grace Church in the Hispanic community, and it is my joy to share some of that blessing with you through the testimonies below.

As we prepare for the start of our new school year in September, I want to encourage you to pray with us that the Lord would continue to bring students to the Institute and that we would be faithful to proclaim His Word. Please spread the word if you know any Spanish speakers who would be interested in learning how to teach God's Word more accurately, watch next week's *Grace Today* to learn about an exciting new development as we begin online instruction in the fall. ■

To learn more about the Spanish Expositor's Institute, visit www.iegcc.org.



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It is a blessing to be able to study in my language...I give thanks to God for preparing firm convictions and eternal values for service to the Lord.

Ramiro de la Riva

Pastor, *Compass Bible Church Spanish Ministry*, Aliso Viejo

It has been a blessing in the ministry to increase my knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, not just for me, but I know for my congregation as well...Praise be to God.

Saul Cifuentes

Pastor, *Iglesia Luz de Esperanza (Light of Hope)*, Van Nuys

The area in which I have been most blessed is in my personal life, where God is teaching me through His Word to live a life that is more holy unto Him...in ministry, I have gained a stronger desire to be able to evangelize, and I feel more confident that the gospel that I preach to people in the church and in the streets is the correct one.

Victor Sánchez

Youth director, *Spanish Calvary Chapel*, Chino