



Mission Grant Report Form

Iowa District West

Grant recipients are asked to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort or, if a continuing ministry, by January 31 of the following year in which the grant is received. Please submit any pictures, as well, that would help to share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their ministry.

1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort.

This was our Resurrection Festival on Easter Sunday and we had the goal of celebrating and sharing the message of Christ's resurrection. We advertised this event with flyers, radio ads, newspaper ad and Nuestro Salvador shirts. We had egg hunts, crafts, jumping houses, music, games, food, piñatas...we had special eggs with Bible verses which the kids read out loud on the microphone, witnessing the gospel to the community surrounding the church. We registered all the people that came and have been following up with them. We have had a couple of visits already from the guests of the Easter Festival. We have heard great comments from the community about the Festival.

2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish?

Other goals were:

- ♦ To involve the Hispanic church members in evangelism work and serving our community.
- ♦ Publicly launch the Hispanic Ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church.
- ♦ To change our Spanish worship service hours to Sunday morning.

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

Our Easter Festival was a great blessing. We were able to accomplish our set goals of sharing the gospel of Christ and encouraging the members to grow in serving God and others. We had more than 40 volunteers from churches such as Shepherd of the Valley, Our Savior, Hope Lutheran and Iglesia Luterana Nuestro Salvador. We had more than 50 people in our worship service and approximately 148 people from the community attend the festival after the worship service.

We noticed very gladly the level of commitment and service from the Hispanic Church members. We can tell they grew in their faith and service to God by serving our neighbors. Also a great blessing was seeing the Hispanic church working together with several Anglo volunteers like one body. We witnessed to the community what Jesus prayed on John 17, for us to be one so that the people would know that He is God.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?
We would have more volunteers at the registration table and have more Easter eggs.
We would have had a separate team just for evangelism.

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

We learned that God works in mysterious ways in bringing people to His house. This was an awesome experience and we plan on doing it every year.

6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

We would tell them to go for it! Pray a lot before you do it and do as much advertising as you can. We used the radio, newspaper and fliers.

7. Contact person

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