



## 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. ***The grant was to provide funding for a bilingual worker for the Hispanic Lutheran mission working out of Our Savior, Des Moines. The worker would work during the month of July, 2012.***
2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish?  
***There were 3 goals for this grant: 1. To make weekly contact/visits with the families of the Hispanic mission. 2. To make weekly contact/visits with the English members of Our Savior. 3. To make weekly contacts and visits with the greater Hispanic community with the purpose of publicizing, inviting and making contacts in the community. The overall goal is to demonstrate the need to call a full-time bilingual worker for this ministry.***
3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?  
***Yes, as contact leader I feel that all three goals were successfully accomplished. John, the summer worker, made a detailed, daily report of his work and visits and our hope is that his contacts will produce results long into the future. I will share his report/summary with the Mission Executive as it is a big notebook.***
4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?  
***No, I think we would do the same. It was an ambitious plan and I think our worker did as best he could do walking into a new situation. The only change I would make is to house the worker with a Hispanic/Spanish speaking family. But that was not possible this month.***
5. What lessons were learned through this effort? ***The big lesson is the magnitude of the mission field among Hispanics in Des Moines.***

6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort? ***I would encourage all congregations to create a special multi-cultural experience like this for the congregation and others to see in a very tangible way the mission field in their midst.***

7. Contact person

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