

## HISPANIC MINISTRIES REPORT

2020

Dear Arizona Southern Baptists “Working together to make disciples of all peoples in Arizona and around the world.”

We have continued to meet weekly through zoom with the pastors of the state. In these meetings we pray for each other and share our experiences pastoring during COVID 19. They are meetings where we express our needs, doubts, fears and we support each other, helping and motivating each other to continue doing the work that God has entrusted to us.

It has not been easy, but I am happy to see the courage of each one of them in adapting to this new way of working and the willingness they have to learn in order to continue with the task that has been entrusted to us by God. .

In June I participated in a LifeWay virtual conference aimed at parents talking about the roles we should have as Christian parents.

I have continued to participate in our meetings with The Hispanic Leadership Council of our SBC.

We hosted a second virtual state meeting called United in Prayer for Arizona. Pastors of Phoenix, Tempe, Tolleson, Tucson, Catalina, Sahuarita, Douglas, Yuma and San Luis Az. They participated in this night of prayer for our state. Each pastor took 3 minutes to intercede for different needs that they are presenting in this time of covid19. The participation was very good with 820 people present at the time of prayer.

I hosted the Spanish portion of the REVITALIZE Arizona tour with Dr. Rob Peters.

Pastor Ramon Vielza who is the Pathfinder in Spanish was present giving the necessary information so that the Hispanic pastors present were challenged to refocus their ministries. At the moment we have 11 Hispanic churches interested in participating in Revitalize Arizona. 5 in Metropolitan Area 5 in Tucson 1 in Yuma.

Our UNITY youth conference was canceled as well as Our event

Renovación tour and the Men's camp due to COVID 19. It was sad to make these decisions but we believe that we did the right thing since at that time the contagion was increasing in our state.

Without a doubt we have new challenges ahead of us, but seeing the hand of God and his care, we are motivated to continue with the work of helping, motivating, training and inspiring our churches to continue carrying out his work.

Respectfully Josue Castro.