

Hispanic Baptist Network /HBN

Our Mission:

United for His glory, we exist to connect on mission, contribute resources, and celebrate what God is doing among us, in collaboration with the body of Christ.

“... so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other”
1 Kings 8:60.

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←Pastors from the New Orleans Hispanic Baptist Association

The Hispanic Baptist Network is a 501(c)(3) organization, composed of:

- A Board of Directors
- An Executive Team
- Ministry Teams
- State Representatives

Timely Love

You've probably heard the joke that everyone arrived on "Latin time." What comes to mind when you hear that? You probably think of the Hispanic approach to time. At family gatherings or celebrations, arriving a little late seems normal and even part of our warm and close-knit culture. However, when it comes to taking a flight, a doctor's appointment, or a legal matter, we arrive on time because we understand the urgency of the situation.

Something similar happens in our spiritual lives, especially when we face difficult times: distance from family, financial pressure, cultural adaptation, or uncertainty about the future. In those moments, we understand how necessary timely help is, and in particular, divine help. It's natural to doubt God's love when his help seems delayed.

In Mark 5:21-43, Jairus, an important man in his community, overcomes all prejudice and obstacles to seek out Jesus because his daughter is seriously ill. The text mentions that Jesus agrees.

When the news arrives that the girl has died, all seems lost. However, Jesus demonstrates that God's love is never late: it arrives exactly when it should. He brings life, hope, and restoration.

If you've ever wondered what God's love is like, this passage gives us a glimpse: comfort when our hearts are heavy, support when we feel we cannot go on, and help when our strength fails. God knows our burdens and does not remain indifferent.

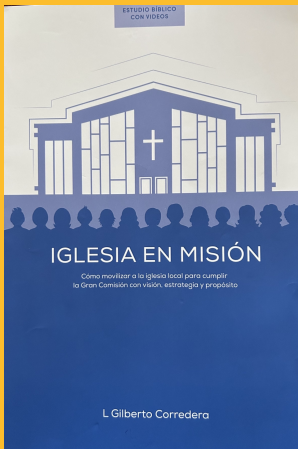
If, while reading this reflection, you feel tired, worried, or lonely, remember that you can approach God with confidence. His love always arrives at the right time. For us, it may seem to take a long time, but for God, it's never too late. He always arrives at the perfect moment. (Hebrews 4:14-16).



Dr. Fabio Castellanos

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<https://nobts.edu/spanish-programs/default.html>

Resource of the month:



Iglesia en Misión by Gilberto Corredera.

This book will help pastors mobilize the local church to fulfill the Great Commission with vision, strategy, and purpose.

Corredera is the pastor of Prestonwood en Español church, where he ministers to over 3,700 members and thousands of others through television networks such as Enlace.



From the Executive Director:

Our Vision

In 1 Kings, chapter 8, upon completion of the construction of the temple, we find king Solomon leading a feast of dedication in which he offered a benediction expressing his hope for the future, and explained part of the purpose for the temple itself: “so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no one else” (1 Kings 8:60).

From the very first verse of the Bible, we see that God wants us to know that he created all things and that he is worthy of our devotion. Often in the Old Testament, God reminds us that he alone is God in whom we find our ultimate significance, security and satisfaction (For example Deut. 4:35; Psalm 100:3; 2 Chr. 33:13).

As the Hispanic Baptist Network, we have chosen 1 Kings 8:60 as our vision statement because it encapsulates our desire

that all people would know God through a reconciled relationship in Jesus Christ. Ultimately, this desire is what unites us and drives us to collaborate as a network of Hispanic Southern Baptist leaders and beyond. It is why we are committed to praying for and working towards awakening and revival.

In the coming newsletters throughout the rest of this year, I will be explaining the details of how we intend to realize this vision by completing our mission in such a way that brings glory to God and embodies our Christ-centered values.

Thank you so much for your prayers, your collaboration, and your financial support.

Let’s continue connecting on mission, contributing resources, and celebrating what God is doing among us.

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Hispanic Baptist Network’s Values:

- Clear Communication
- Habitual Prayer
- Respect Integrity
- Sound Doctrine
- Transcultural Work



The women of Hillcrest en Español, led by Betty Salazar in Cedar Hill, Texas, braved the cold to gather and pray for one another during their monthly meeting. They also prayed for their pastor, for missions, for lost souls, for Spanish-language ministries and missionaries across the country, and more.

Join the HBN for prayer on Zoom the first Monday of every month at 6:00 PM (CT): <https://fbaptist.zoom.us/j/95562131176?pwd=K2sxaDVkWFhOMkUUThWYTIIVUU5dz09>
Password: 873869



The HBN celebrated the anniversary of Resurrection Baptist Church in Kissimmee, with Pastor Reynier Coro, President of the Hispanic Fellowship in Florida. Dr. Molina was the guest preacher



Women's Ministry

The women's ministry of the Hispanic Baptist Network now has its monthly newsletter!

Visit our web page: redbh.org/mujeres

The purpose of the Hispanic Baptist Network's Women's Ministry Team is to connect women ministry leaders in Hispanic churches in order to communicate, encourage, equip, and cooperate together in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Women's team serving the HBN



Dr. Clara Molina Team leader and this newsletter's managing editor



Dr. Diana Puente



Miguelina Paz



Orpha Ortega

HBN's Office located at SWBTS



Dr. Molina, who earned his Master's and Ph.D. at the institution, said, "Praise God! I am so grateful, not only to have the HBN offices at the seminary where I prepared for ministry, but where I am also surrounded by people who love God and his mission. When you travel through the Fort Worth area, I would love for you to visit me."

Mathena Hall is also the building where the Spanish-language programs are located at Southwestern, as well as the Lottie Moon



Exhibition can be found. She was a missionary to China. If you need information about the Seminary's Spanish, Portuguese, or Chinese programs, visit: swbts.edu.

God is good! On January 1st, the Hispanic Baptist Network moved into Suite M301J of the Mathena Hall building on the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary campus.

Hispanics Gathered in Montgomery, Alabama



Group of Hispanic leaders in front of Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, where Dr. Martin Luther King pastored from 1954-1960.

Leaders of the Hispanic Baptist Network had the opportunity to meet with other Hispanic leaders from other denominations to learn about the trajectory of African American history in the United States and to pray together as a community thanks to Agustín Aquiles, the President of Mission Talk.





Dr. Jim Richards and his wife June (picture from the Texan)

The Hispanic Baptist Network (HBN) received \$2,500 through the Jim and June Richards Fund for the Advancement of the Kingdom.

Richards is the Executive Director Emeritus of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC). According to the Texan, “Richards expressed his enthusiasm when Molina accepted the position of Executive Director of the HBN, adding, ‘He is in a strategic position to influence millions of people for the cause of Christ.’” Read more by visiting:

<https://www.texanonline.net/articles/sbtc/a-lifetime-of-service-an-enduring-legacy/>

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Upcoming Events

- **February 15: SBC Focus on WMU Sunday**
- **February 22: SBC Racial Reconciliation Sunday**
- **The Hispanic Baptist Network’s Annual Celebration will take place on June 7-8, 2026, in Orlando, Florida. Celebration, Workshops, and Conferences! For more information visit: redbh.org/events**
- **Register for the SBC annual meeting/child care is open for registration: <https://sbcannualmeeting.net/>**

