



For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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From the Shepherd's Pen

Since the Collinsville-Troy church is part of the St. Louis metropolitan region, we believe that is important to be an active participant in area functions and evangelism. Sometimes we might think the river is too wide to get across for area-wide events. However, it is just as wide when we invite others to participate in Illinois works. I realize activities have been reduced due to our present circumstances, but I encourage you to participate through attendance to gospel meetings, singings, lectureships and other area events.



It is, also, important to be involved in the area missions and evangelism. Last year several from the congregation helped with a campaign in Ferguson, MO. The congregation has sent financial support for the Eastern Missouri Prison ministry for several years. We now do the same for the Hispanic ministry overseen by the West End congregation in St. Charles. Today, we have as our speaker Elias Roque who is the Hispanic minister for that work. He will include a report of his work in his lesson.

Be sure to welcome Elias and his family.

Terry Mabery

Elias Roque is the Spanish Minister at West End Church of Christ (Iglesia de Cristo). Originally born in Honduras, Elias is a third generation preacher who graduated from the Biblical School of the Americas EBA in the country of Panama with his Bachelor

Degree in Bible from Bear Valley institute (This school is overseen by Latin American Missions LAM from Valdosta, GA).

He has been preaching for over 23 years. He has started



congregations of the Lord's church in Honduras and Nashville, and worked with the Great Oaks Iglesia de Cristo in Memphis, and now he has started a new Spanish ministry in St. Charles, MO. The work at West End has grown over 20 people in attendance on Sundays, In just over 2 years. Elias has a passion for preaching the gospel of Christ, and leading mission trips to Honduras from the states in order to help further the works of the local preachers. He has been participating in mission work since he was 13 years old in the countries of Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Chile, and USA.

Elias and Kristi have been married for 11 years, and they have four sons. Eli (9), Noah (8), Isaac (5), and Abel (3). Kristi graduated from Freed Hardeman University with a teaching degree and is currently homeschooling their four children. Kristi, who also speaks Spanish, is working to help the Hispanic work by evangelizing to the Hispanic Women of the St. Louis area. They live in St. Charles, MO and enjoy spending time as a family playing soccer, baseball, camping, fishing, and hiking.