

An update from Gary and Jen Reaves, who we support as they work to plant a church in Charlotte, NC:

The work is still affected due to COVID-19. In March, we were very encouraged with an event we hosted with over 50 contacts and our upcoming, planned inauguration day, which was to be on April 5th. That, of course, did not happen. The shape of our work continues to be determined by the restrictions in place, which are 10 indoors and maximum 25 outdoors. As of June, Hispanics made up 46% of NC's coronavirus infections. During the past few months, we have taught through Zoom classes, preached on Facebook, conducted virtual one-on-one studies through our website, and served individual families in our relief efforts.

New developments as restrictions lift. We continue to follow the restrictions in place, but we're excited to take steps forward as we enter new phases of the process.

- We're now meeting for worship on Sundays in the park. We are not able to rent a facility as we had originally planned, but we've found a good solution that is somewhat private and convenient for our contacts. We currently have six families that are meeting together. This allows us to comply with restrictions and have our much-needed worship assembly. We anticipate inviting more as restrictions continue to lift.
- The missionaries have begun one-on-one, evangelistic studies at the home during the week. We are beginning small with these studies and are only meeting outside. We're excited about this development because, up until now, we've been relegated to just online, evangelistic studies.
- We are continuing with our bi-weekly English Using the Bible classes over Zoom. We have group classes that have stayed with it during these last 3-4 months of quarantine. These have grown into committed students who are studying the Bible with us twice a week. Many of these students are the contacts that we have invited to the worship assemblies.
- Also, we are still investing in our online presence. We've had approximately six students finish the evangelistic course, and we've recently developed new courses on the Life of Christ and the Book of Acts that are now available on our website.
- Finally, we have been able to help a little under 30 families during the quarantine. Many in the Hispanic community who worked in the service industry lost their jobs. This has been a big blow to newcomers in the community. It has also opened the door for the church to reach out, serve, and form new relationships with families. We have provided basic groceries to each family.

Again, the prayers are felt and appreciated. God bless you all and please send our love to everyone