



Rodriguez Report

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CONFERENCE PASTOR VISITS MEXICO

During the weekend of November 7-9, 2025, Conference Pastor Ralph Soper and I had traveled to Mexico to participate in the 32nd anniversary celebration of La Roca de Mérida BFC. Pastor Soper greeted the congregation on behalf of the BFC and shared the Word of God during the anniversary service. After the worship service, we enjoyed a time of fellowship with the brothers and sisters while sharing a delicious traditional Yucatecan dish, *cochinita pibil* (pork seasoned with a special Yucatecan dressing).



Daniel Solorzano, Carlos Rodriguez, Ralph Soper, Marcos Ramirez, Freddy Chi

The Lord has been blessing La Roca de Mérida, as we were able to see strength and stability in the leadership and several new families attending the church, including a number of Cuban families. We also heard more about the vision for the extension of the gospel throughout the city. We thank our God for the opportunity to be part of this anniversary celebration and to witness the Lord's hand at work in the church.



The 32nd anniversary celebration of Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida

VILLA MAGNA DEL SUR

Pastor Soper and I also visited Church Planter Freddy Chi and walked through the streets of Villa Magna and the surrounding neighborhoods. The Lord recently provided a new meeting place for worship services after completing their time gathering in a home near Freddy's house. The small congregation made a commitment to contribute additional financial resources toward the rent of the new location, and along with this step there is a renewed sense of encouragement among them. Some members from La Roca de Mérida are also gradually becoming involved in this effort. May the Lord continue helping our brothers as they work toward establishing this church plant in an area that faces many social and economic challenges.

INTERN DANIEL SOLÓRZANO

Our brother Daniel Solórzano began an exploratory journey in Tapachula several months ago in order to seek the Lord's direction regarding the continuation of a church plant there. Tapachula is over 1,000 miles south of Merida on the border with Guatemala. After prayer and an evaluation of the results of his work, we believe that the effort in Tapachula should remain inactive until the Lord clearly directs us otherwise.

At this time, we are speaking with Daniel about the possibility of joining the vision of expanding the gospel through La Roca de Mérida, particularly by supporting Pastor Freddy in Villa Magna and possibly participating in other future projects. Daniel completed an internship in Merida in 2025 so he knows the ministry and we know that he is very capable.

LEADERS FOR THE BFC HISPANIC MINISTRY

Much of my time is spent making contacts with potential Hispanic church planters. Through this work, I have been able to identify two general types of Hispanic leaders. The first type of Hispanic leaders comes with solid theological education, possesses bilingual abilities, and is familiar with the evangelical environment in the United States. Some of them, however, have limited ministry experience. Others do not align with the BFC doctrinally. Yet others have ministry expectations that the Hispanic community may not be able to support.



Freddy Chi finds a quiet moment to study in the midst of the church plant in Villa Magna moving to a new location.

The second type of Hispanic leaders have not received as much formal theological training, struggle with the language, and are not very familiar with the broader evangelical world. Most of them have extensive pastoral experience and have worked secular jobs in order to continue serving their local churches. These brothers tend to have doctrinal affinity with us, yet it would be a challenge for them to minister in the structure of the BFC.

Although I have made many, many contacts for potential Hispanic church planters in the United States, Mexico, and Costa Rica, we have not yet been able to identify Hispanic leaders who are fully compatible with the BFC. Recently, David Gundrum, Director of Church Extension, Marcos Ramírez, our director in Mexico, and I have been working, praying, and seeking ways to either find or develop Hispanic leaders who can join the BFC. We need a unique approach to attract, recruit, and equip Hispanic men for our denomination. We are in the early stages of this plan, and we trust that the Lord will show us the best way to identify and prepare the future leaders for the BFC Hispanic Ministry.

LA ROCA DE READING

On Sunday, March 15, La Roca de Reading celebrates its 21st anniversary with a special worship service in which brother David Gundrum will share the Word of God. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and for the support of the BFC family throughout all these years. I am grateful for your prayers and support for the BFC Hispanic Ministry.



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