Lending Library en Español

early 2020, the Hispanic ministry of the SBC of Virginia felt God's leading to invest in training churches on how to disciple their members. When the pandemic began, several Hispanic pastors' wives asked Laura Guardia for help from SBCV to encourage other women's leaders at Spanish-speaking churches in the state. One of Guardia's roles, as leader of the SBCV Ministerio de Mujeres (the Spanish side of the SBCV Women's Ministry), is to connect with other Hispanic women's ministry leaders to mobilize women in missions and ministry.

Affirming the need, Guardia gathered a team and appointed a Hispanic women's ministry lay leader in each of the four regions of the state to be able to reach, pray with, equip, and bring resources to the church leaders. These ladies across the state are helping encourage



and connect women in our Hispanic churches.

One of the most exciting developments in 2020 from the SBCV Ministerio de Mujeres was the creation of a lending library of women's resources in Spanish. Women's ministry leaders at Hispanic SBCV churches had been asking for resources to disciple and train their leaders, but many times the cost was an obstacle. Laura Guardia reached out to LifeWay, who donated more than 13 Bible studies in Spanish! Guardia worked with SBCV administrative support to get the resources added to the SBCV website, and the Spanish lending library was born! These resources are such a blessing for SBCV Hispanic churches, providing discipleship materials that help women's ministries nurture and grow the ladies in their churches. Women's ministry groups can see what is available, plan ahead, and borrow the studies for free!

This spring, the SBCV will host its second Hispanic women's conference, Equipada: Paz en Tiempos de Incertidumbre (Equipped: Peace in Uncertain Times). We have shifted from an in-person to virtual format this year due to COVID precautions. Although these are uncertain times, we can have peace in Christ!

RESOURCE: To access the lending library, visit:

sbcv.org/biblioteca

Paz en Tiempos de Incertidumbre:

(Q) sbcv.org/equipada2021