

Renovados 2021

HISPANIC CONFERENCE: A FAMILY EVENT

We can accomplish so much more together! SBC Virginia Hispanic congregations experienced this in real time when nearly 400 came together at **Spotswood Baptist Church** in Fredericksburg, September 17–18, to worship and be encouraged at the SBCV Hispanic Conference, Renovados (Renewed) 2021.

The main speaker was Ramón Medina, pastor of Champion Forest in Español in Texas. He encouraged everyone to press on united to advance the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

Renovados was a special time to worship, be fed spiritually, encourage one another, dream, and even share the Gospel.

“Gregory,” an Uber driver, was going to take one of the conference speakers to the airport. When he found out what the event was, he decided to come early in hopes of talking to a pastor about his life. As soon as Gregory arrived and told someone he needed help, he was connected to a pastor who lives in Leesburg. The pastor shared the hope that we have in Jesus Christ, and Gregory gave his life to Christ! He was then connected to another pastor whose church is closer to where Gregory lives.

Special Sessions for Women

SBCV’s Hispanic women’s ministry invited Wendy Bello, a Lifeway author and speaker, to hold three special sessions

for them. It was a great time to connect and share what God is doing through the women’s ministry and how others can be part of it. The SBCV’s Hispanic women’s ministry has focused on connecting churches to work together in equipping women to disciple other women.

A Day for Children

One of the goals of the Hispanic conference is to influence the whole family, not just the adults. This year, a team from Sterling, VA held a one-day VBS for the children. Providing sessions for the children enabled parents to attend the conference and provided the children a means to see their friends from other congregations. Families who attended said they were thankful for the memories they’re building and for what this means for the future of our convention.

The youth had a special time with Miguel Arcila, Hispanic coordinator for Word of Life Ministries. He taught the students the importance of deepening their faith so they can be a generation that has a Kingdom impact in their community. Arcila also spent time with leaders who wanted to learn how to have the same kind of impact in their churches.

As noted by attendees, Renovados 2021 is proof that we can do so much more when we work together and that we are definitely not alone! ■

