



Unity IN ACTION

Hispanic Churches
Transform Coastal Virginia

The unity and collaboration among Hispanic churches along the state's coast have borne extraordinary fruit in the mission of sharing the Gospel.

Just a few years ago, this region was home to only two Hispanic SBC of Virginia congregations. Today, that number has grown, with eight pastors and church planters working together to reach the 150,000 Spanish-speaking individuals in the area.

This unity is no accident—it's the result of an intentional effort led by Jeff Mingee, Regional Strategist in the Southeast Region, and Juan Daniel González, Hispanic Regional Leader. Together, they have cultivated a strong network of Hispanic pastors and planters within the SBCV family, powerfully demonstrating the strength that comes from unity in Christ.

One project at the Serve Tour in Virginia Beach was designed to support a new Hispanic church plant in Norfolk, **Iglesia Bíblica a las Naciones**, led by Pastor Héctor Nolasco. His sending church, **Primera Iglesia Bautista de Virginia Beach**, provided volunteers for evangelism, while **Iglesia**



A volunteer-led walk in a Hispanic neighborhood saw 13 people come to Christ.

Several Hispanic churches brought neighbors together with a block party and made a significant community impact.



The people who live in darkness have seen a great light, and for those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. From then on Jesus began to preach, *“Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

MATTHEW 4:16-17

Bautista del Camino printed and distributed flyers. Other church planters joined forces to organize a community block party, which brought neighbors together and made a significant impact.

Through two days of service and outreach, nearly 350 people were reached, and six individuals gave their lives to Christ. Pastor Héctor is following up to disciple them.

The event infused energy and momentum into the young church, strengthening its mission and presence in the community.

The collaboration among Hispanic pastors and church planters has not only sparked growth—it has inspired other Hispanic believers across the state to get involved.

The Serve Tour showcased the power of teamwork and lived out the core SBCV principle: we are not alone in church planting. This spirit of unity reflects Jesus’ call to make disciples and demonstrates how working

together can help overcome challenges and expand God’s Kingdom.

The success of these initiatives is a powerful reminder that when churches unite, the results are transformational. The fellowship of Hispanic pastors is building a lasting legacy of evangelism and community service. And the most exciting part? This is only the beginning.

The vision to reach more Hispanic communities and plant more churches continues to grow, fueled by the Gospel and sustained by unity. This movement is not only changing lives but inspiring future generations to carry the mission forward.

It’s a story of hope and action, where the light of the Gospel shines in communities once shrouded in darkness.

How might this spirit of unity inspire your own community? The answer lies in the power of working together for one purpose: to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples—for the glory of God. ■

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