

CHET SPRING 2011 REPORT

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- Did you know that CHET is both a child of, and a ministry from and to the Pacific Southwest Conference and Evangelical Covenant Church?
- Did you know that CHET grew out of the Covenant's commitment to move beyond its ethnic borders, to better express the mosaic that is the whole people of God?
- Did you know that CHET is a founding member of the Educational Theological Consult for the Evangelical Covenant Churches throughout Latin America (CETIPE) and that the Consult is comprised of seminaries of theological education that include the Evangelical Covenant denominations in Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina and its affiliates in Spain and the Hispanic Covenant Churches of the United States and Canada?

Did you know that one of the salient programs as a result of this consult is the creation of a unified seminary level Core Curriculum (called the Tronco Común) composed of 14 semi-extension courses that are shared by all of the Evangelical Covenant affiliate institutions in the countries and Hispanic churches already named?

Dr. David Mark, ECC Regional Director for Latin America declares the following: "CHET's connection, service, and affiliation with the rest of the Spanish-speaking Covenant is of vital importance as a bridge between the US and its sister denominations in the Spanish speaking world."

- Did you know that CHET prepares leaders to serve regionally, nationally and internationally and that CHET programs are implemented in places as close as Tijuana Mexico and as far away as Uruguay and that CHET materials have been sent to as far away as Equatorial Guinea, the only Spanish speaking country in Africa?
- Did you know that CHET satellites include programs in downtown Los Angeles, CA, Ontario, CA, Westminster, CA, San Diego, CA, Simi Valley, CA, Woodville, CA, Delano, CA, Walnut Creek, CA, Hanover Park, IL, Chicago (NPTS), IL as well as in Tijuana and Mexicali, state of Baja California, México? CHET surprisingly has two satellites in Utah, one in Salt Lake City and the other in West Jordan and is in a serious planning conversation with California Central Valley pastors. A satellite is also in the planning stages for Minneapolis, Minnesota. Places where CHET has equipped leaders include La Coruna Spain, Oaxaca and Guadalajara Mexico.
- Did you know that the CHET student body reflects the Latin America mosaic of countries, ethnicities, dialects, and cultural differences as well as a broad array of denominational backgrounds and that many of them now are bilingual? Two Korean ladies recently enrolled at CHET, neither of which knew each other. One grew up in Paraguay and the other in Argentina. It is no longer a surprise to here CHET students, after a long weekend share stories about a ministry trip to their home country or a trip to countries as far away as Ireland, Kenya, Spain or India.

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Because of such broad regional, national and international activity, CHET students have launched a Blog site titled C.H.E.T. Mission Ministry Snap Shot which I invite you to be Friends with.

CHET graduates with last names like Carrillo, Martinez, Ghione and Portillo are actively doing ministry in the United States, are raising ministry support, equipping leaders, planting churches, and are doing community outreach in and out of the country. CHET recently offered a course taught by Dr. Andrew Larson (DWM) that prepares leaders for ministry to the Islamic world.

The ECC and PSWC commitment to Latino/Latina Christian leadership development is incredibly important for some of the following reasons:

- ✓ The United States is the second largest Hispanic country in the world second only to Mexico.
- ✓ By the year 2040 one third of all persons in the United States will be Hispanic.
- ✓ Of every 100 persons of school age presently in the United States, twenty are Hispanic.
- ✓ At present only 4 of every 100 professors in the United States is Hispanic.

These reasons support the need for Hispanic Christian leadership development for ministries to Hispanic, non-Hispanic, multi-ethnic, regional, national and global ministries.

CHET Christian leadership development ministries are needed and must be encouraged and must be supported. The number of Hispanic students who are academically prepared, or have the time and financial resources to continue studies at the Master Seminary level will without a doubt continue to grow. Unfortunately, the number of graduates from these prestigious master level seminaries will not keep up with the growing demand for Hispanic Christian leaders. It is through CHET like programs that present and future demand can be alleviated. When I started at CHET in 2000 we registered 149 students. At present our average registration is above 480 per semester.

CHET equipped leaders are now serving Covenant and non-Covenant multi-ethnic churches, 1st generation Hispanic churches, and English speaking churches; some are or will become missionaries, evangelists, and others are already serving their communities.

Serving this demographic as you can see from the many photos shared takes a wonderful mosaic of donors, staff, and volunteers. Now serving in our own venue after 21 years renting also opens new opportunities to connect with the city and in this case the wonderful city of Compton. We presently are teaching a course titled Community Transformation through Collaborative Partnerships which focuses on reaching and partnering with the community. Thank you PSWC/ECC, ECC churches and individual donors for together we are reaching and equipping unchurched and believers to transform lives and communities “to live into, to be the Kingdom mosaic that we are.”

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