



## HIMN April Newsletter

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### 4/6/2013 SHARING AT WEST PARK

#### Andrew's Report:

*Kris, Lucy, Manny, Manuel* (Manny's son) and I were present. We met at the Shell gas station because Kris and Manny have never been to the West Park location before. Knowing that the security guard would be upset with all of us meeting there, and he was as soon as he saw us, I discussed with everyone on what to do when we come to the West Park location in the future in order to placate the security guard, who warned us not to meet at the private property. We have decided to meet under the bridge next to the gas station since there is plenty of room there. We opened up with a word of prayer from Kris and we decided to go to the Chimney Rock location first.

Upon arriving there, we only saw 5 people standing under the bridge. I thought it was strange since there are normally way more people there. We later found out that only 2 of the 5 people were workers. The other three were from a nearby church who were also ministering to the workers like we were doing. Seeing a chance to expand our ministry and recruit more volunteers, I asked them to partner with us. The man we talked to is named Santiago Morales. Not only can he speak Spanish, but he also has a charitable food safety permit that we need to distribute food and drinks to the migrant workers. After giving him our contact information, we went back to the first location and continued our work with the migrant workers standing under the bridge. Manny preached to about 6 workers and we passed out tracts and bottled water to many more.

Seeing workers standing at the Shell gas station, Kris decided to run there and pass out more tracts and water to them and everyone else followed. Before I could warn them as I knew that the security guard did not want us to do our work on private property, the security guard again confronted us and threatened to call the police on us so we had to leave. After Manuel said a closing prayer, we left at around 10:00.

We are currently trying to see if we can partner up with the three Christian brothers we met at the Chimney Rock location and hope that we can work with them soon. The HIMN directors will meet with them next week at the Pizza Hut at Chimney Rock at 2:00 PM.

#### Kris' Report:

We arrived at the Shell gas station around 8:30 AM and were immediately confronted by the security guard asking us to get off the property. We agreed but were surprised by the hostility. I tried but somewhat unsuccessfully to calm him down by explaining we were just using the location as a meeting point and were going to leave right away. He said that he has warned us many times not to park at the station. I feel we should not use this parking lot in the future even as a meeting point.

We decided to go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> location first and parked at the Pizza Hut on Chimney Rock. Andrew, Manny, Manny's son, Lucy & I prayed together and set off. We were surprised to see so few migrant workers there, only 5 people were standing under the Toll road and among them, 3 were from a Hispanic church. We had a long conversation with these people from the Hispanic church and took down their information. They told us that they are stationed at this location every Saturday to minister to these workers in the area. We can explore possible future partnership with this church. In the mean time, I went across West Park and passed out tracts and water to about 15 workers scattered around the area.

We then drove back to our 1<sup>st</sup> location, this time parked under Highway 59. Manny spoke to 4 people there for a period of time and prayed with them while the rest of us prayed for these 4 workers. We then saw many workers chasing a couple of trucks for potential work at the Shell Gas station and decided to walk across the feeder road to approach them but immediately were met with the same security guard again. This time he threatened to call the police to get us off the property. We decided to leave at once given the situation. We prayed together and ended the event at about 10 AM.

Even with the difficulties, we still reached about 50 people by passing out tracts and water and we met with another church with a similar vision as ours. Praise God!

#### Manny's Report:

We had a few people which a majority already attend church around that area, I preached about Jesus love and how Paul receive Jesus as his savior even when he was a bad person and he was against Christians and the disciples.

### 4/13/2013 SHARING EVENT AT WOODRIDGE

#### Paco's Report:

Showed up *Don Zhang* from Fort bent Community Church, who brought the food and water ; *Antonio Avella* and *me* from South Houston Bible Chapel. We gave tracks, food and water around 45 workers; we preached around 20 workers; after we finished one worker Antonio Martinez accepted Jesus like his savior, please pray for this new brother. Finally we prayed together and we left around 10:45 am.

I preached about what it means to say "Lord Jesus", many people always say "Lord Jesus", but it is really Jesus the Lord of your life, your emotions, your thoughts, your home, you really belong to Jesus, Jesus is the owner your entire economy?, Is really Jesus Christ your Lord? ; John 20: 28; Acts 2: 36; Jesus is not only the Savior; Jesus is the Lord of Lords" ; Revelation 19 : 16.

Blessings!!!!

### 4/20/2013 SHARING AT WEST BELLFORT

#### Andrew's Report:

*Mr. Ray* and *I* arrived at the West Bellfort location at 8:15 AM. *Mrs. Wanchan* arrived at 8:35 and *Manny* at around 8:45. We began at 8:50 with a word of prayer from Manny. We went around passing out tracts to all the workers. Manny shared with them a little while I passed out bottled water. We talked to 4 workers in all. We planned to cross the street to share with more workers but just as we approached them, they went inside a store. We decided to end our ministry for the day at around 9:00 AM with a closing prayer. First Mrs. Wanchan, then me, Mr. Ray took turns praying. Finally, Manny prayed to close us off.

#### Mrs. Wanchan's report:

During this sharing event, I saw "bottle water" not a strong incentive for them to come to us. We gathered only a very small group. I want to encourage all volunteers and directors to get Charity Food Permit, so we can prepare more "enticing food" (physical food) for them to come to know "spiritual food". We can also think about some other incentives, such as presentation on *Recent Immigration Reform, Improvement of Professional Survival Skills Workshop, ...*

#### Manny's Report:

I was sharing about the Samaritan woman, I talked to them about God's love all of us no matter what we do his mercy is forever.

### 4/25/2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A prayer meeting was held this afternoon. Kevin and Wanchan, together with Paco and Wanchan, were present at the meeting. We prayed together for HIMN's works. We also shared several topics:

1. Possible collaboration with two brothers met at Westpark. Paco mentioned that the collaborating brothers can come to any churches except Mommon, Johawa Witness, and Seventh Adventism.
2. Implement training programs to help equip the participating brothers do powerful works for God;
3. Different incentives to be offered to increase efficiency of gospel sharing.

From Wanchan

### 4/27/2013 MEETING RESULTS WITH POTENTIAL COLLABORATING BROTHERS (5/1/2013)

#### Andrew's Perspective

I arrived at the Pizza Hut parking lot at around 8:30 AM. Manny arrived at around 8:40. We met with Sanitago Morales and his church brothers at around 8:50 and waited for Mrs. Wanchan, who arrived right at 9:00, the scheduled meeting time. Mrs. Wanchan gave Santiago and his brothers a short presentation on HIMN's history and ministry. These two brothers are from one of Penticostal churches. We asked them to join forces with us and so become more effective with reaching the migrant workers and they seemed very interested. Collaboration details will be worked out among Directors.

### IMPORTANT ANOUCNEMENT

**What:** Food Safety Classes

**Where:** The Beacon, 1212 Prairie St., Houston, Texas 77002.

**When:** April 20, May 18, and June 15, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM



