

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

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Featuring...

Saskatoon Hispanic Church

Eduardo and Laura Guinez were born in Chile, where they met and married. It was a time of political unrest, and when some of Laura's family were taken to concentration camps, they decided to come to Canada. They arrived in Edmonton in 1976 with 2 boys, 4 and 5 years old. A daughter, Cassandra, was born in Canada. They loved Canada from the start, and Laura's family have since also come.

Eduardo met Pastor Jorge Vallejos of the Edmonton Hispanic Church and other Christians through soccer. Laura had been ill with congenital hip problems from birth, and she went to the Church for the first time in a wheelchair. She found help and friendships at church and soon she and Eduardo became Christians. Gradually Eduardo shared in the ministry of the church and he and Laura studied and graduated from a program through Goshen College.

In the year 2000 they went to Saskatoon to



Eduardo and Laura Guinez

explore the possibility of a Hispanic Church plant. They looked for Spanish-speaking people and for a door to open without success. Then they happened to go past the Pleasant Hill Mennonite Church, and Eduardo stopped in to speak to Pastor Dave Peters. Here he found the help he needed and soon arrangements were made for them to use the facility for services. The first service was held in November 2002.

For several years he worked in Edmonton and they traveled to Saskatoon every weekend. When Henry Hamm from the Pleasant Hill Church offered him work with the freedom to take time for ministry as needed, they moved to Saskatoon.

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You are invited to a...

Farewell for Collin Weber Sunday, October 26



At West Zion Mennonite Church,
Carstairs, Alberta
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Meal to follow with WZ Mexico Trip Report
Everyone welcome

Youth:
A Saturday night event is planned
Overnight accommodation is available for Youth
Reserve a spot with Carol at the office by Oct. 20.
at 403-335-9805

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It has been a challenging work, but gradually they have made connections with Spanish-speaking immigrants who appreciate the opportunity to meet and worship with people who speak their language.

As with other Hispanic Churches, their ministry involves much more than having services. They help new immigrants to learn English, find jobs, provide transportation, help them buy groceries, teach them how to use the bank services, etc.

They are a blessing to people who need help and encouragement as they did when they first came to Canada.

**Have you seen the
Photo Gallery at:
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You will see pictures of:

**Pastors' Installations
Tofield baseball game
West Zion baptism
Mexico team
Roth anniversary, etc.**

Click on Photo Gallery under Churches

