

Mission Highlights

Pastor Victor Fernandez, Jehova Yireh Church, Matamoras, Mexico, a Mission Partner of Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. Romans 10:14

Let me introduce you to Victor Fernandez, the Pastor of Jehova Yireh Church, where he brings the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Matamoras, Mexico.

Pastor Victor, as he is known, is an accomplished musician, playing the piano and organ, and he has served at the Jehova Yireh Church for fifteen years. During this time he has taught theology courses at the Jerusalem Bible Institute in Matamoras and at the Southmost Bible Institute in Brownsville, Texas. Before assuming his current position he was pastor of two other churches in Matamoras.

He is a highly qualified minister; a graduate of the First Bible Institute of Matamoras, received his Bachelor's degree in Theology from the Latin American Bible Institute of California and his Master's Degree in Theology from the Latin American Theology Studies.

Greenwich Presbyterian Church members first visited Pastor Victor and the Jehova Yireh Church in 2001 when twenty-four members participated in a week long youth mission trip through Adventures in Missions of Gainesville, Georgia. At that time the church was a free standing cinder block structure approximately twelve feet by thirty feet and was used as the Sanctuary, fellowship area and for Sunday School. There was a wooden building, twelve feet by sixteen feet, used for Sunday School classes for the very young children.

During several mission trips to Jehova Yireh Church the Greenwich Mission Committee has been able to provide many necessities needed for the church and for church members. In 2001 windows and doors were purchased for the first floor of the church and in 2002 church benches were built. In 2003 the Greenwich mission team built two houses for church members. Funds were provided in 2004 for materials for a concrete roof for the second floor of the church and funds were provided for the purchase of tile for the second story fellowship hall in 2005.

In addition, Greenwich has supplied funds for the purchase of an electronic keyboard, Spanish Bibles and school supplies. Pastor Victor reaches beyond the walls of Jehova Yireh Church and supplies needy families with food, clothes and medicine and helps with the special needs of members of the community.

In 2007 Jehova Yireh Church became a Mission Partner with Greenwich Presbyterian Church and they receive financial support as part of the Greenwich Mission Operating Budget.

Mike Simms, Elder and Chair of the Greenwich Mission Committee, visited Jehova Yireh Church in January 2008 and found exciting changes in the church compound. The cinder block structure is now enlarged to a two story 2,000 square foot building with stucco exterior. There is also a one story block building used for classrooms and a kitchen. The current church membership is approximately fifty-five.

Another mission trip to Matamoras is being planned and will include working with Pastor Victor and the needs of the Jehova Yireh Church. You may look on the Greenwich website to see before and after pictures of the church in Matamoras. Follow the link to a photo album.