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Relationship Building Opportunities

Here are 45 ideas of ways to help you start building relationships with Hispanic men & women within your community. Know your context! Some of these ideas will fit your context better than others. Some of these require that you speak Spanish, but many do not.

Persevere!! Building trust & relationships takes time. Be willing to fail and don't give up if you don't see results right away.

1. Always ask people, "How is your family?" ("¿Cómo está su familia?")
2. Ask a Hispanic member of your church to host a barbecue with their friends & family and members of your church.
3. Begin doing personal evangelism in your local park.
4. Do your shopping at Hispanic businesses and get to know the owner and employees.
5. Take coffee and doughnuts to the corner where day-laborers wait for work. Start conversations, share the gospel & ask how you can pray for people.
6. Ask a Hispanic member of your church to host a dessert discussion with their friends on "What is the Bible?"
7. Start ESL (English-as-a-Second-Language) classes at your church.
8. Start SSL (Spanish-as-a-Second Language) classes so English speakers in your church meet the ESL students.
9. Have a health fair at your church or at a local park.
10. Partner with local ministries that provide meals & gifts to needy families at Christmas & Thanksgiving.
11. Take your VBS program and do it open-air in a local park
12. Teach a financial management class; advertise it in Hispanic businesses/neighborhoods (Crown Ministries & Dave Ramsey's Financial University are both available in Spanish.)

13. Have members of your church volunteer with the local public school mentoring program.
14. Go street preaching in your local park.
15. Start a Scout Troop at your church.
16. Have women in your church teach a cooking class in their homes and prepare different international dishes.
17. Start a lunch time Bible study at your local community college.
18. Partner with Young Life or other youth ministries that are reaching out to Hispanics.
19. Go door-to-door asking people how you can pray for them and handing out New Testaments.
20. Use doctors in your church to host a community education lecture on “How to Cope with Diabetes”.
21. Start having your committee meetings at a local Hispanic restaurant; get to know the owner and employees.
22. Use realtors/loan officers in your church to host a community education lecture on “How to Buy a Home”.
23. Start a monthly prayer meeting for local pastors and invite Hispanic church leaders to participate.
24. Put together a team of guys to play pick-up soccer in the local park.
25. Get a booth at your local Cinco de Mayo festival and hand out Bibles & pray with people.
26. Host a fall carnival at your church and publicize it among Hispanics in the community.
27. Use teachers/principals at your church to host a community education lecture on “How to Support Your Kids in School”.
28. Partner with a local prison ministry in doing prison outreach & ministering to prisoners’ families.
29. Have a principal from your local school speak on “Why You Should Join Your Local PTA”.

30. Have a businessman's breakfast in a Hispanic neighborhood; have a businessman from your church talk about his business and share his testimony.
31. Join your local Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and attend the networking meetings.
32. Put together a painting team and offer to paint a home in a local neighborhood.
33. Sponsor a youth soccer/basketball team; fill-up half the team with kids from your church & half from the community
34. Advertise your Sunday School program in a Hispanic neighborhood.
35. In the spring/fall show outdoor movies in your church parking lot or local park.
36. Sponsor a marriage conference and advertise it in Latino businesses, newspapers, etc.
37. Have women in your church trained as counselors to work at the local pregnancy center.
38. Partner with Habitat for Humanity to build a house in a Hispanic neighborhood.
39. Offer a "Christianity Explored" study group at a local Hispanic café/restaurant.
40. Sponsor a Christmas party at a local drug treatment facility.
41. Go out Christmas Caroling in a Hispanic neighborhood on Dec. 23rd. Distribute Bibles, offer to pray with people, and give them an invitation to your Christmas Eve Service.
42. Start a "Good News Club" at your local elementary school.
43. Volunteer as a chaplain at your local public hospital.
44. Tell the principal at your local public school that your church will buy school supplies for 5 needy families.
45. Ask a Hispanic neighbor to teach you Spanish, particularly helpful phrases and key words.



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