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September 26, 2025

Dear friends & prayer partners:

So, in the last update, I mentioned that I had hoped to meet again with some Hispanic Jehovah's Witnesses. So I was able to go to their house again. I laid out before them an argument from the first chapters of Revelation, where clearly divine language was used for Jesus. Just like Jehovah in Isaiah, He is **“the First and the Last.”** The very divine glory belonging to God the Father, He who “sat upon the throne” in Rev. 4 was given to the Son, the “Lamb that was slain” in Rev. 5. The same throne, the same glory: the same Being, though distinct in persons! The Spanish was challenging; I didn't have a translator this time. But the Son was “honored even as men honor the Father.” May the Lord remove the blindness that has befallen them by the “god of this world.”

I'm recording **more videos** in English with Spanish translation for the outreach. I post these on my “Reformed Parish” website, which is a tool I use with the unconverted, unchurched, as well as with broad evangelicals ignorant of the Reformed faith. More and more these days I ask for the cell number of a contact with whom I've had a longer, more meaningful conversation. That way, I can periodically send texts with links to these videos and other resources.

Some of the weekly studies with Hispanic households went on hiatus for a few reasons, but I am about to jump-start one if not both of them (as the Lord allows). I had been concerned that one of the families had been deported altogether with the present administration's aggressive activity, but I just confirmed that they are still there. Two of the house had already been deported—I think they had not “kept their noses clean,” which probably flagged them. The law is the law, and we must respect it. But I sense the current administration is open to leaving many of the compliant, hard-working illegals untouched.

I'm going to be doing some exploratory evangelism in Hammonton, where there is a sizeable Mexican community, and I'm taking my good pastor-friend, Lucrecio Muñoz, along with me as translator. Given the geography, I will encourage any in that community to attend his church; but I would love to see a Reformed work get off the ground there. We shall see.

Thanks as always for your prayers! “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32-33).

Yours for Jesus' sake,

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Quarterly Update

Don't Despise the Power of Littles!

“There is an impatience on the part of many a raw and sanguine philanthropist for doing something great; and, akin to this, there is an impatience for doing that great thing speedily. They spurn the condition of drivelling amongst littles; and unless there be a redeeming magnificence in the whole operation, of which they bear a part, are there some who could not be satisfied with a humble and detached allotment in the great vineyard of human usefulness.”

Thomas Chalmers



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