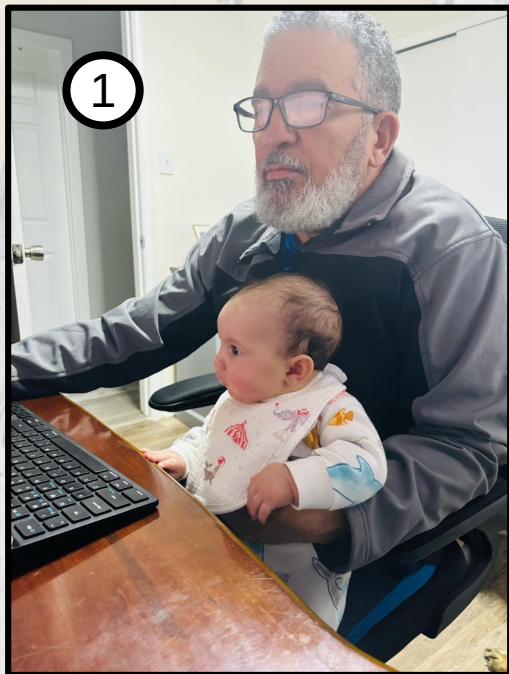




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May 27, 2026

Friends & Prayer-partners:

Over the last year, I have continued to do my rounds in Woodbine, as well as along the main drag of Tuckahoe, Route 50, where our church building is. I've had many encouraging Gospel conversations with the people, some of whom I've visited now twice since I arrived as I'm just completing the second full round since beginning in late 2023. I've been inside a number of homes and have returned to a few many times. One of these is the "Padilla" family, who has visited our stated services many times and have been open to having us in their home and conducting bilingual studies and special meetings (pics. 2 & 4). We've even been treated to some delightful Mexican cuisine (pic. 3). "The laborer is worthy of his wages," and I'll gladly take this kind of offering! Sadly, another more receptive family has since moved out of Woodbine.

Pr. Lucrecio Muñoz of Iglesia Buenas Nuevas in Egg Harbor Township continues to [invite me to his congregation](#) to preach periodically (pic. 1, the pastor with his young daughter). I now generate content in Spanish with him that I can use on my Reformed Parish outreach website. [This study in 1 Samuel](#) is recorded and scheduled for premiering on YouTube every Lord's day at 4:00 p.m. and is generating a decent number of hits and watches. It's proving to be helpful for me to work on and improve my Spanish, as well as to develop tools I can use in outreach to my Hispanic contacts. And of course, it's just enjoyable to study God's Word verse-by-verse with a solid, Calvinisit brother!

Here's one recent sample from the door-to-door outreach for your prayers. As couple weeks back, I saw "Thomas" outside in his front yard, a white, 30-ish working class guy. I was working the opposite side of the street, but I soon made my way across the street to seize the opportunity. From my notes, I visited with him at length in February of last year. He was fairly open then, and he soon remembered me with a smile. I caught up a little on his life, inquiring into his auto-detailing business. As I then spoke of Jesus over that chain-link fence, about God coming into our world to seek and save the lost, he confessed that he felt rather moved. I urged him to "seek the Lord while he may be found." Impressions are very temporary. The Devil is busy, like birds of the sky seeing good seed scattered on the ground—he will rush in to snatch it up. Life is short: eternity is for ever, and there is only heaven and hell before us. Pray that Thomas will press into the Kingdom.

Yours in Jesus' name,

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Quarterly Update

“Parish visitation, saint & sinner”

“13. If there be any in the parish who keep not church communion with us, whatever their motives be, ministers ought to deal with God for them, and with themselves, in such a way as may be most proper to gain them, and exoner our own consciences before God and his people, waiting if God peradventure will prevail with them; who can tell but our making them sensible of our tender love and affection to their persons, especially to their souls, giving them all due respect, and doing them all the good we can, yet still discountenancing their sin, may in the end be blessed of God for their good. Jude 22, 23; 2 Tim. ii. 24, 25.

“Seeing there is need for all this of much prudence, zeal for God, and love to souls, and affectionate seriousness, all this should be carried on with dependence on God, and fervent prayer to Him, both before a minister set forth for such work, and with the visited, as there shall be access to, and opportunity for it.”

“Recommendation concerning Ministerial Visitation of Families”
General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1708
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