



N.C. CHURCH PLANTING HIGHLIGHT: NOVEMBER 8, 2020

CHRIS RODRIGUEZ

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Chris Rodriguez was just 19 years old when he planted a new church in Charlotte, although he didn't start it all by himself. Chris' father, Carlos Rodriguez, is originally from Puerto Rico and is the lead pastor of iChurch, a large and successful Hispanic church in Hickory, North Carolina. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina provided support and training for iChurch's new work in Charlotte. Carlos preaches at the Charlotte campus most Sundays, and members from the iChurch Hickory also helped establish the new church plant.

Chris says they prayed a lot and worked hard to grow the church — meeting people in homes, stores and even along sidewalks. By mid-2019, iChurch Charlotte had an average attendance of 130 people and was growing steadily. Latinos from many Central and South American countries who have settled in this part of the state attend the church. While Chris is still a leader at iChurch Charlotte, the church called Jesus Figueroa, (HAY-soos feeg-ah-ROE-ah), whom everyone calls “Pastor Chu” from Hickory as campus pastor.

Our church has helped get this new church started because we support church planting through the Cooperative Program. Let's pray now for Chris and the others at iChurch as they share the gospel and help bring many Hispanics in Charlotte to faith in Christ.