



## Bryn Mawr Gospel Hall Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

An assembly of believers was formed in Philadelphia in the year 1887 as a result of blessing in salvation linked to gospel tent meetings held by two preachers from Ireland. As the assembly grew there was the desire to establish testimonies in nearby areas. The first to “hive off” is now known as the Bryn Mawr assembly, a group of believers gathered to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They left in fellowship with the assembly in Philadelphia in the year 1906. Their first meeting place was a rented room in Ardmore, Pennsylvania; they then moved to a rented room in Bryn Mawr in 1913.



Biblical principles.

For many years the assembly held the weekly Prayer Meeting on Friday evening as those working on large nearby estates were free to attend. During those years it was noted that attendance at the Prayer Meeting was about the same as the Breaking of Bread. More recently the length of the Prayer Meeting time was extended, and a Bible Reading added. The study of the scriptures has included both books in the Old and New Testaments, and special topics such as the tabernacle, the offerings, the Messianic Psalms, selected Proverbs and some of the prophets.

Over the years the assembly has been noted for its exercise in the gospel both locally and in connection with missionary work abroad. It was typical to have a series of gospel meetings at least once a year, most continuing for 5 or 6 or more weeks; tent meetings during summer months were also conducted for many years. The Lord was pleased to bless in salvation, often including some brought from other assemblies in the Philadelphia area.

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As the assembly grew, they were able to purchase property and build a hall in 1924. The assembly continues to meet in that same building; however, two renovations to improve the building have been made; the first in 1972 when a lobby was added and restrooms in the basement improved. The second renovation was made in 1992 which included a lift that made the building accessible for a young man injured in an accident and confined to a wheelchair. The major roof shingles were replaced in 1972; it was necessary to redo them in 2024 when interior damage was discovered.

The assembly being much smaller than in former years made it necessary to obtain a loan from Stewards Foundation to finance the roof repair. We are most pleased with the help the foundation has given us; we also believe their Statement of Faith and Operation is based solely on



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Most have labored in the gospel in the U.S.; however, one sister gave life-long service to assembly work in Chile, and a brother spent his life preaching the gospel in the south of Ireland.

In 2006, John and Rebekah Nesbitt, with their three children were commended to work in Mexico, which required them to learn the Spanish language. After language training they moved to Veracruz, where the Lord has given blessing in souls won to Christ and the planting of an assembly for His honor and glory. They now focus their efforts among Spanish speaking people in the area of San Antonio, Texas.

Sending parcels to missionaries mainly in central Africa, commenced initially as an exercise of a brother and his wife who used a large room in their home to gather and prepare food stuffs for mailing, and other supplies not readily available on the mission field. In recent years the effort moved to the basement of the hall where packages were prepared then delivered by truck to the MSC warehouse in Toronto for inclusion in the containers sent from that location.

An annual conference for ministry of the Word has been held since the mid-1930s. As the assembly decreased in size, help has graciously been given by the saints of the Hattboro Assembly who, although our name is included, have taken over the bulk of the responsibility for the conference.

The Covid virus took a significant toll on the assembly in 2020. Some left and have not returned, others have had health issues, whether directly related to Covid or not, that have greatly limited their ability to regularly attend meetings. As a number of us have increased in age, the ability to participate in assembly activities has been diminished. Thankfully the Lord has sent some assembly believers to the area and to the fellowship of the assembly.

During Covid restrictions, the assembly commenced virtual meetings via Zoom technology. Although most of the virtual meetings have been abandoned, the Sunday evening gospel meetings via Zoom have continued with help from believers in other assemblies. We are thankful for some unsaved who hear the gospel through this means, some on a regular basis. With over 100 years of testimony, the assembly has seen both an increase in size as well as a decrease. The believers could very easily become discouraged with various limitations: however, the Lord has been gracious to give encouragement.

We look to Him to guide for future service that God will be glorified, and souls will be brought to Christ for salvation.

## *Commended Workers*

*John and Rebekah Nesbitt*



Over a number of years the Lord worked in both my wife and myself individually, placing in us a desire to serve Him full-time. In May 2006, we were commended to the Lord's work by Bryn Mawr Gospel Hall in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The Lord guided us and our young family with three small children to Spanish language studies in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, where we lived for two years and learned from other missionaries.

Following language studies, the Lord guided us in August, 2008 to move to the gulf port city of Veracruz, Mexico with an interest in spreading the gospel and seeing an assembly established.

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Young people from Canada, the U.S., Venezuela, and many parts of Mexico came at that time to distribute 150,000 John 3:16 texts with invitations to a series of gospel meetings in a rented building. The attendance and hunger of the people to hear the gospel was encouraging, and during the 10-week series we were thankful to the Lord that the preaching of the cross was evidenced in *"the power of God unto salvation"* (Rom 1:16).

A number of people accepted Christ as their personal Savior, while other believers found truth for which they had been searching.

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In the following months, teaching was given to the new believers with a number of them obeying the Lord in baptism.

After much consideration and prayer, and in fellowship with our fellow workers, 18 Veracruzanos gathered to the Name of the Lord Jesus for the first breaking of bread on July 5, 2009. Visitors and fellow missionaries from Canada, the U.S., and Mexico joined with us, being a great help and encouragement. Over a number of years, the local church grew in the port city and outreach efforts in other communities developed. In the community of Cotaxtla we worked in the gospel and teaching with children and adults over a twelve-year period. Other outreach works developed in Xalapa, Tuxpan, Coscomotepec and El Hatito.



In May 2016, we purchased a centrally located property in Veracruz. Construction of a new building on this property was completed late summer, 2017. The building has been a blessing to the testimony there including the ability to host annual Bible Conferences. We are most grateful for the time we lived and witnessed God at work in Mexico from 2006 to 2020.

In 2020, we were guided by the Lord to work among Hispanic people in the community of San Antonio, Texas. Our interest to share the gospel in the Hispanic community in the U.S. began in the years before being entrusted to do the Lord's work full-time.

After acquiring city permits for public services at a rental location on the city's west side, we distributed 43,000 text packets with invitations followed by an 8-week series in the gospel. In April, 2023, we had another distribution of 18,000 texts and invitations with the help of a group of young believers.

Since January 2022, a good number of people, including our neighbors have heard the gospel in English and / or Spanish in house meetings as well as at 3 different rental locations.

Currently, we have bilingual gospel and teaching meetings in the business room of a hotel. About 10-12 people have trusted Christ as their Savior, with some obeying the Lord in baptism in a local river or the hotel pool.

More recently, fear among Hispanics has affected their attendance, but we pray the Lord will continue to work for His honor and glory. The goal is to see a local church established for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in San Antonio.

We are grateful for the prayers and generosity of the Lord's people, including through Stewards Foundation. Such kindness meets our needs and encourages us in our labors for the Lord.

## *2025 Members Meeting*

The 2025 Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for September 27th at New Hampshire Avenue Gospel Chapel in Silver Spring, Maryland. This meeting is held in different parts of the country to give the greatest opportunity for as many as possible to attend and be informed about Stewards Foundation.

One purpose for the Annual Meeting is the election of Trustees to the Board of Stewards Foundation. These men bear the responsibility of ensuring that the corporation does not drift from the mission established by the founders in 1945. They direct Stewards Foundation through policies instituted to stay the course. Consequently, this meeting should be of interest to every Member Assembly.

Our Bylaws require that each Member Assembly designate a Delegate to act on its behalf, either in person or by proxy, at this annual meeting of the corporation. Unfortunately, many Delegates do not take advantage of this opportunity.

Some feel that they cannot participate due to a lack of knowledge about the Trustees in general, and in particular those up for election. We encourage you to inform yourself about these men by taking the time to read their biographies that can be found on the Stewards Foundation website, [www.stewardsfoundation.org](http://www.stewardsfoundation.org).

In particular, we urge Delegates to take the time to read about these men, and then attend the meeting in person, or return your assembly's Proxy. This will be a great encouragement to the Trustees and a show of support for the work of Stewards Foundation.

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# Psalms 126:3, “The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad”

*Summer 2025*

This meeting of the corporation is open to anyone interested in attending. In addition to the election of Trustees, our Bylaws state that the meeting is, “to allow the Board to present their Annual Report to the Member Assemblies, and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.”

Following the corporate meeting, presentations will be made by Stewards Foundation, Legacy Ministry Services and Christian Missions in Many Lands. Representatives of these three assembly service organizations will talk about their history, and the services they offer to assemblies of the Lord’s people and their commended workers.

Everyone in attendance is invited to join us for lunch following the presentations.



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