

UP THE STREET, ACROSS THE WORLD

After decades of ministry across Latin America, Enfoque a la Familia is bringing hope to Spanish-speaking families right here in Colorado Springs.

On a recent Sunday morning in Colorado Springs, the sanctuary of Iglesia Nueva Vida (New Life Church) filled with the sound of worship in Spanish. Families sang, children swayed beside their parents, and the energy of a vibrant congregation spilled over every pew. When Esteban Porras stepped up to preach, he wasn't just delivering a message—he was standing in the very place he and his family had prayed for when they left Costa Rica to lead Enfoque a la Familia's Hispanic Outreach. Just minutes from Focus on the Family's headquarters, **Esteban saw a vision coming to life: the global ministry of Enfoque finding fresh expression in his own backyard.**

That moment didn't happen by accident. In 2024, Nueva Vida's leaders attended the Enfoque Summit, joining over 400 pastors and church leaders from around the world who gathered to learn new strategies for strengthening marriages and families. There, they encountered the *Raising Highly Capable Kids* program (Hijos Altamente Capaces) and left inspired to bring those tools to their own congregation. What began with training at the Summit soon led to Esteban's invitation to preach at Nueva Vida, and ultimately to a partnership that is now poised to bear fruit.

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Starting this spring, the church will launch parenting education classes, train facilitators, and prepare to implement Enfoque's forthcoming financial education program.

For Esteban, these doors opening so close to home feel like an answered prayer. “When Enfoque established itself in Colorado Springs, we were traveling outside of Colorado to host workshops and Focus program trainings in major Hispanic hubs all over the U.S.,” he explains. “But in the last year, we've been seeing more doors opened in our own neighborhood... It's exciting to see what God can do in our own backyard.”

The heartbeat behind this work is also deeply personal. “Many Latino families—especially migrant families—are experiencing second marriages”, Esteban continues. “Often, when they come to the United States, their first marriages fall apart, and they begin again by forming new families. These programs and workshops offer hope and practical tools to help those families face the crisis of adjusting their relationship and raising children in a different culture. It can also give couples in second marriages the encouragement and guidance they need to thrive and become a blessing within their blended families.”

"Too often", Esteban continues, "Latino parents are focused only on work and financial stability, and the kids end up neglected. But if we equip parents with better tools, I believe children's hearts will turn back toward their parents, and parents' hearts will turn back toward their children."

For decades, Enfoque a la Familia has equipped families across Latin America and beyond. Today, that same mission is unfolding just a few blocks from Focus and Enfoque headquarters. "The Porras families took a big risk coming to Colorado", Derek Hanson, Sr. Director of Global Ministry Development, states. "Through that sacrifice and their service, the Lord is redeeming Latino families across our country and multiplying the impact of Focus on the Family. We are honored to work alongside this team."



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The Enfoque team is hosting transformational events in Miami, Salt Lake City, New York, Houston, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and in their own community, helping families thrive in Christ. What began as a vision at the global Summit, followed by a sermon in a local church, is now transforming families in Colorado Springs—proof that God's work through Enfoque is not only global, but also uniquely, powerfully local.

Click below to check out Esteban's sermon!

