

Pastor Armando Figueroa Builds a “Nest of Eagles” in Williamsport, MD

The Hispanic Outreach at Gateway Ministries, *Fresh Fire of the Holy Ghost*, recently marked its 10th Anniversary serving the four-state area

Come experience the presence of God with us! Food and fellowship every Saturday night!

Both on his daily international radio programs (in Peru, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Washington DC) as well as through several highly charged weekly services held throughout the four-state area, **Pastor Armando Figueroa's** passion to fulfill God's mandate for these turbulent times is changing our four-state

area, America, and the world.

Pastor Silvia Figueroa, are the founders of our own hometown's foremost Hispanic outreach ministry, ***Fresh Fire of The Holy Ghost*** (www.fuegofresco.com), a Holy Spirit-charged Spanish congregation based at Gateway Ministries in Williamsport, MD. Pastor Armando and his

Fresh Fire ministry in the U.S.A. marked their 10th anniversary this past year at Gateway under the authority of Senior Pastor Alan Greijack. All are invited to our special and regular weekly services; wireless

English translation is available. There is food and fellowship every Saturday

night! For



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Every Saturday: 6pm

Every Wednesday: 7pm

Gateway Ministries

Rt 63 & Kemps Mill Rd

Williamsport, MD 21795

Cada Sabado: 6pm

Cada Miercoles: 7pm

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Recently ordained as Bishop in the Church of God, Pastor Armando hosts the *Fresh Fire of the Holy Ghost* live radio broadcast on several different radio stations throughout the Americas, including **Radio Pacifico 640 AM** in Lima, Peru; **Radio Felicidad 1570 AM** in Ponce, Puerto Rico; **Radio Voz del Evangelio 1380 AM** in Santiago, Dominican Republic; **Radio Poder 1030 AM** covering Washington, DC and the metropolitan area; and **Radio Praise 1590 AM** covering the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The programs feature lively Spanish Christian music, live phone discussions with listeners, irresistible humor, and most importantly, a full Gospel message that reaches listeners at their level with frankness and straightforward jargon, with the Spirit and with power.



Figure 0: Pastors Armando and Silvia Figueroa Share a Meal and Laughs After

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With his broadcasts on the mass media, along with his frequent international missions trips, crusades, and support to foreign pastors



Figure 0: Pastor Armando in Santiago, Dom. Rep., 2004

and congregations, truly Pastor Armando's ministry has attained a worldwide outreach. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Armando's messages challenge the heart of thousands of people to a new awakening and to return to believing the sincerity of God's Word. His pastoral staff, Pastors Tony and Virna Rivera; Johnny and Isabel Perez; Margie McCann; Ronette Davis; Hector, Rosa, and Lisett Gomez; Israel and Leticia Vizcaya; Jose and Carmen Rosario; Angelica Hutton; Zabdiel Figueroa; Tina Carrazco; Santiago and Maria Gutierrez; and Bishop Armando's wife, Pastor Silvia Figueroa, are all active seekers of a spiritual revival in our nation and the world. Their sole desire is to present to all the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Despite his ordination, Bishop Armando prefers to be called, "Pastor." He can't detach himself from personally caring for each member of his growing congregation, in addition to surrounding this local flock with supportive pastoral staff. But he's real; he holds each member accountable for the wisdom and revelation he pours into them. His thrust on character building by applying Biblical truths to

everyday living provokes people to pursue a life of personal integrity. Wherever he goes, Pastor Armando exhorts and encourages his listeners to deepen their intimacy with God through Jesus Christ and arise to their divine calling and destiny.

While uncompromising on matters of faith, Pastor Armando is determined to edify his radio listeners and not tear them down with overbearing religious judgment. He preaches messages that emphasize the health of the soul. His challenging and inspiring messages from the platform draw thousands of aspiring men and women to his regional and international crusades and events. But even with his busy schedule and expanding ministry, Bishop Armando has not swayed from his mission as Pastor. As he finishes another conversation via cell phone with another family in his close-knit congregation, he readily and candidly shares, "It's not about platforms; it's about people."



Figure 0: Pastor Armando Figueroa at Gateway

"We don't have a flock of sheep at Gateway. We have a nest of eagles... who want to soar to great heights."

Pastor Armando leads a consistent life of prayer. His recent ordination as Bishop did not come about without its challenges, however. Both Bishop Armando and his wife Silvia were asked to come to the small town of Williamsport in Maryland—leaving congregations in Mexico where they had pastored thousands in highly organized urban churches, only to start over in a relatively unknown small town with very few Hispanics. This was a great step of faith for a well-studied man with an illustrious 25-year career as an apostle of Jesus Christ. He has faithfully served at

Gateway Ministries in Williamsport now for 10 straight years.

The Fresh Fire congregation today represents over 13 nations. But it did not start out with its current membership of around 300 members. There were 9 people in attendance for the first worship service on July 7th, 1997, which included the Pastor, his wife and their 2 children. Those 9 people began to pray for God to connect them with other Hispanics in the area, and God answered those prayers. Today, multiple services and spiritual growth groups are held throughout the week not only in Williamsport,

MD, but also in Fairfax, Virginia; Martinsburg, West Virginia; and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

As it reaches out to the surrounding communities, Fresh Fire's home base continues to remain in Williamsport. Some people travel there from as far as Washington, DC to come experience the miraculous manifestations of the Holy Spirit and to hear the Word of God preached through Pastor Armando and his pastoral staff. Obviously something more than just food and fellowship is attracting people to this little-known border town of Maryland—and the Pastor is very clear: "it's Jesus. Only my beautiful Jesus!"



Figure 0: Pastors Armando and Silvia Figueroa with a recent group of graduates at the Victory Bible Institute

Through his accredited Victory Bible Institute for the certification of ministers, Pastor Armando disciples a strong emotionally and spiritually committed pastoral staff to assist him with the pastoring of his flocks—flocks he prefers to refer to as "eagles." Regarding his Spanish ministry at Gateway, surnamed *Fresh Fire of the*

Holy Ghost, he says, "we don't have a flock of sheep at Gateway. We have a nest of eagles... who want to soar to great heights."

When traveling to foreign cities to hold various conferences, Pastor Armando cites how he is often approached by people who yearn that they could come back with him to the small village of Williamsport and become a part of his hometown church there. The Pastor mused, "They say, 'I wish my Pastor were like you.' I tell them, 'I wish you were like my congregation!'" He added, "What makes a good Pastor is the hunger and passion of a church that believes in Jesus and seeks the Holy Spirit. The hungrier the church is for God, the more revelation and authority God will give to their Pastor. I am blessed to have a congregation like Fresh Fire at Gateway Ministries."

Needless to say, Pastor Armando has indeed found a nest to incubate his passion for highly organized and successful church growth—and a place where the deep revelations of the Holy Spirit may hatch—even here, in the relatively small and unknown town of Williamsport, MD.

<i>Fresh Fire of the Holy Ghost</i>	
Weekly Schedule of Spanish Services at Gateway Ministries in Williamsport, MD	
Saturdays	6pm
Sundays	1pm
Wednesdays	7pm
<i>English translation available at every service via wireless headsets</i>	
Directions to Gateway:	
<i>From Rt. 81, take Rt. 70 West and get off on Exit 24. Head south on Rt. 63. The Gateway Ministries campus will come up on your right side less than a mile ahead.</i>	
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