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Hispanic congregations started by EBI graduates
Equipping Biblical Institute graduates, church planters, and starting churches go hand in hand.

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EBI graduates, church planters and new churches have been going together in the reproduction of new Hispanic congregations in High Desert Baptist Association. Of 12 students in our Bible Institute, seven graduated from Southern California Seminary in

El Cajon May 14.

Those seven graduates are practicing church planters of new churches and have plans to reproduce themselves by becoming partners in church planting. Ruben Flores, a graduate and church planter from Phelan, has been doing outreach in starting a new Hispanic church in San Jacinto. Another graduate and pastor in the city of Adelanto, Jorge Lopez and his wife Lorena are reproducing themselves in another new church in Rosamond.

First Baptist Church of Rosamond is opening its facilities to start this new Hispanic church. It will be a mission of First Baptist. Pastors Mike Janz and Jorge Lopez are reviewing a Church Covenant Agreement. Pastor Jorge Lopez has three groups from his congregation in Adelanto upgrading the building this new mission will be using for worship. One group will be cleaning, another will be cooking and the third is doing a survey in the community.

As a result, a new Hispanic church will be started this summer in an area where there is not a single Hispanic Southern Baptist church in a city of 14,000 people, 8,000 of whom are Latin-American. This place will become a Church Planting Center where new Hispanic churches will be started in nearby cities like Lancaster, Mojave and Palmdale.

All of this can be done with the combination of EBI graduates, church planters and new churches reproducing themselves into other new churches.

If you would like to partner with Rodolfo Martinez or one of our other California strategists in starting new congregations, please contact the Church Starting Group at 559.256.0863 or csg@csbc.com.

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