

Testimonial #3

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Those of us, who got to know Pat, are aware of that certain magnetism she possessed. I met Patricia Scileppi in 2005. When she discovered I was bilingual and a Spanish teacher, she quickly let me know she would like a Spanish version of FCCW. I liked the idea but knowing from personal experience, how Hispanic men see the woman's role: she stays home unless working tends to him, the home and the family. I thought, it won't work... "Oh ye of little faith"

In that same year, Victoria Aguilar showed up at our English meeting. She said, "I'll be back when you start one in Spanish". The burning in my heart made it a 3rd prompting. I knew it was from God. This was my sign from Him. The following year in 2006, we started our first Spanish meeting in the evening...Quickly followed by morning meetings.

In 2009, we received a request from Ana Luevano of the Banning area. She and Carmen Silva were anxious to get a group for their parish. The same year 2 ladies from Hemet contacted us asking about starting a Fellowship. The lady was unable to continue and Luci Ayala with Candelaria took over.

In 2010 the priest from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church liked what he saw in Genny Chaparro's group and wanted to reach the Hispanic women. So another group was born.

The following year, 2011, Zenaida Jimenez from Our Lady of the Assumption liked what she saw in Maria Lopez. She has accomplished much.

The groups were sprouting like flowers in spring time showers. The momentum has come to a halt. If any of you know of gatherings or parishes where we can reach out please sign our sheet, give us your name and number and we'll take it from there. Pat saw the need. Let us unite to fulfill her dream.