



Rev. Vincent D. Rivera.

Rev. Vincent was born in Mexico City on September 10, 1954. He had his primary and secondary studies in Mexico City. He was employed in the Mexican Government for two years at the National Palace in Mexico City.

At the age of 19 he came to the City of Chicago to continue his studies. This year met his wife Esperanza, they've been happily married for 37 years. With three daughters, Nancy (34) Nelly (29) and Denise (21).

Nine grandchildren, five of Nancy, Four of Nelly, Denise is still single at 21.

Vincent started his studies at Triton College in Illinois where he received a certificate in Industrial management, he also studied at Marion Adult Education Center in Chicago Illinois graduating as an Accounting Clerk. He then was hired as a night auditor at the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel Michigan Ave. for 3 years.

Studied at James H Lawry and Associates Down Town Chicago, receiving a certificate as computer programmer in Cobol and Basic computer languages. Became a professor at Triton Community College and San Agustin Hispanic University both in Illinois.

Accepted at Motorola University as an employee for the Cellular Sector spent ten years receiving a Mini MBA at Motorola University in Schaumburg Illinois. He became a born again Christian allowing Jesus Christ to intervene in his life, believing and practicing the Bible, this process changed his life's perspective and career.

Pursuing Theological Education at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Spanish, and Bethany Theological Seminary in English, for a MATH (Master in Arts and Theology). Unfinished- Emphasis in Missions and Clinical Counseling. Rev. Rivera is an active member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. (AACC).

Started a Pastorate at La Nueva Jerusalem Church of The Brethren in Summit Illinois served for fourteen years as a License Senior Pastor. Also served two other congregations one in Chicago (His word to All Nations and the other one In Cicero Illinois (New Life Community Church) before he was called to Lexington.

Spent six in a half years at Lawndale Christian Health Center, as a Case Manager and counselor, catering to 33 families impacted with the HIV and AIDS Virus, closely dealing with the 33 infected persons of all ages, gender and race. Spent 6 months as a volunteer at Sportsmen Racetrack in Cicero and Arlington Park Racetrack both in Illinois serving to about 1800 people living in the back stretch. Dealing with child abuse domestic violence, drugs, alcohol, sex deviations etc.

Was hired by the Confederation of Hispanic American Families as a professor and translator for the "Game Plan" Abstinence Education program and "Preparing My Children for Life" a Parenting Sexual Education Program. Translated and Taught both curriculums in high schools in Chicago.

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Rev. Rivera spent three in a half years at Blue Grass Farms Chaplaincy, as a Horse Farm full time Chaplain and counselor. He is also an ordained minister by the Free Will Baptist convention in Lexington. Serving actively in The Horse community. Also as an associate Ordained Minister at La Voz De La Familia Church with Pastor Rufo Gomez PHD. As Director of Christian Education, translator and teacher. As a Chaplain has catering to 53 horse farms.

Rev. Rivera implemented a Holistic Approach program to serve the community, a Crisis intervention Venue. Specifically for people who work with horses on Eastern Kentucky horse farms. Rev. Rivera came to Kentucky on August 16th 2004. He reported to an executive committee, board council and executive Director, whom together have implemented this program touching literally thousands of lives.

They operated as a bridge to bring services to the farms or people out to services, the majority are of Hispanic decent but all raises included.

Rev. Rivera has established a network of mutual support with a great variety of volunteered based organizations to cover the labor force needs. Also started a radio Program in Spanish call "IMAGENES" Images 1440 AM.

And His wife also has a Radio Program on Mondays called "A New Dawn" at the same Radio Station called Radio Vida stands for Radio Life. Bringing down to Earth clear Community services information informing the community of special events and preparing, educating, preventing, counseling and connections with the different organizations as consulates, legal and human rights commission etc.

Rev. Rivera was also an Associate Pastor at the First Church of God Spanish Congregation (Fuente de Vida) with Pastor Ercides Estrada for 18 months.

After this was hired as Recreational Specialist with Parks and Recreation working with the clear unit of Lexington Police Force to have gangs involving in sports, youth and children in soccer and other sports after a scary shooting that took place at the park the very reason why I was hired.

Acting as a park supervisor at Cardinal Valley Park, and bringing peace and trust back to the community.

Rev. Rivera has been in training as a Funeral director with Fender Funeral Directors for the last 19 months, an Associate pastor at Consolidated Baptist Church Spanish ministry in Lexington for the last two years.

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