



## CROSS VISION MISSIONS AUGUST UPDATE

**“...WE WILL IN ALL THINGS GROW UP INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, CHRIST IS THE HEAD. FROM HIM THE WHOLE BODY, JOINED AND HELD TOGETHER BY EVERY SUPPORTING LIGAMENT, GROWS AND BUILDS ITSELF UP IN LOVE AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK.” (EPHESIANS 4:15B-16)**

I love to be able to tell others that Jesus Christ is in complete control. What really makes this truth so special is not just being able to say it from knowledge of Scripture but to be able to relate my daily experiences to it as well. Most of the time I find myself amused, amazed, and in outright awe of just how God is able to take a number of completely different people and situation draw the attention upon Himself then dissolve all their differences and mend them into his work force.

For the past five weeks I have been in Mexico working with teams that I can only give God the credit for putting together. I have had so much fun developing relationships with all of these churches and their leaders that I can hardly begin to call it “work.” The time each of you spends on your knees interceding for this ministry is where the true work lies. I have simply been the immediate beneficiary of God answering those prayers. My prayer is that as you read these testimonies you will experience the joy of the Lord flood your heart and you will know God has responded to your prayers.

I would love to share each personal testimony with you and hopefully you will be able to read those on the website soon. However, I can give you the abbreviated “Hermano Glen” testimony. Over a year ago God began to show me His desire to join Pastor Joe Ballard and First Baptist Church of Mixon, Texas, with Principe de Paz and Pastor Hector Lopez in Monclova, Mexico. God controlled all the circumstances to bring this team together and what a huge success it was. I will never forget the first night working in a small town called Escobedo where we set up and showed a movie and not one of the towns people came. Pastor Hector encouraged us not to give up. He explained that they had been working to raise a church in this dark community for fifteen years and to date they had baptized only five people. But they had not given up and they were beginning to see signs of life.

The next afternoon when the team went out and evangelized in the streets, brother Joe and his team came upon a welding school. Joe noticed the teacher was one of the two men members of the mission and he asked if he could come into the class and share his testimony. He was welcomed in and with the help of a translator he shared his testimony at the conclusion he made an invitation. He concluded with, “Real (Macho) men need Jesus and if you are a real man who wants salvation through Jesus join me on your knees and pray to receive Christ as your Lord and boss.” All eighteen men fell to their knees and said “yes” to Jesus. That night the teacher shared his excitement with me. His eyes filled with tears he said, “God has given me some real work to do now.”

I have grown to love a young pastor name Rodolfo (fito) Gomez and his family who live in Morelos, Mexico. Fito pastors a Baptist church call Creyendo lo Imposible (believing in the impossible). Paul Bryant and First Baptist Church of Garfield, Arkansas, have also fallen in love with Fito and the church. Paul and his youth team came to serve and bless the Mexican church but as always they were the ones on the receiving end of God’s blessings. The highlight of the week for me was when Fito said, “Hermano Glen, I have been thinking of a new way to use the evangcube.

I want to invite the people all over the city to sign up to receive packets of school supplies. There are three primary schools in Morelos and each day we will invite those who live in one school district to come to the church and register to win one of only thirty packets to be given away to the school. Before they can register they will need to pass by the table where the team can share the gospel with them and one of the church members can follow up and share how they can be involved with the church and learn what it means to be a Christian.”

We put Fito’s plan to action and God began to use this to change lives and save souls. One of the adult sponsors on the team said, “I could not understand a thing being heard on the Spanish CD, but one of the mothers in front of me began to look up to heaven; a huge smile came across her face as she began to pray out loud. She then scared me when she grabbed my hand and squeezed it tight and raised her other hand to say yes, ‘I have received Jesus into my life.’” This was the scene over and over during the next three days. Thank you Lord for a new way to use the cube and share the Gospel!

Saint Andrew Baptist Church in Panama City, Florida, has been very instrumental in developing many new ministries over the years and they have helped CrossVision to reach much further in these ministries. Last year God began to use them to grow a congregation in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. Pastor Luis Rene shared that his church really did not get excited about the first SABC team until they were able to see the results after the team had left. But this year when he announced that the SABC youth were coming the whole church began to get excited! God used this to draw the youth of El Divino Redentor Church into a key leadership roll. They led and organized three evangelical events using their love for music as a way to lift up Jesus and draw the lost to Him. These events brought several to salvation, but none more dramatic than one young man named Hilario.

It was our last night and we were involved in an exciting invitation in which several had prayed to receive Christ and others made rededications. But now it was over and it was time to pack up and head back to the church. A young eighteen year old man was somewhere down the street where he had been sitting on the corner, way out of sight. He heard the message and wanted to come and receive but pride held him back. When he could resist God’s knock no longer he timidly walked into the crowd. He noticed a young man at the back of his pickup praying. He quietly waited for an opportunity to talk with the praying man. As this young prayer warrior lifted his head there stood the one lost teenager he was asking God to draw. Hilario cried out, “I want to be saved!” Tears filled my eyes as I watched Pastor Luis lead Hilario to pray and receive Christ as his Lord and Savior. Little did I know Hilario was the first teen to pray to receive Christ in the Agujita mission.

Much of the last few weeks I have spent with a young brother in Christ, Able Casarez. Abel served as the translator for the teams and did a fine job. His passion is sharing Christ and many of you witnessed that on your trips. But Able left you with a great burden—his family is lost and he had never clearly presented the Gospel to them. But God is good and He knew Abel was full of confidence having seen God use him. When Abel returned home his mother and younger sister had come to visit. Abel was able to share the Gospel and his Savior with them and they both prayed to receive Christ.

Please take time to go to the website see the photos and read the testimonies. God truly wants to bless you and reward you with his answers to your prayers.

“We are moving forward on our knees”

**In Christ,**

**Hermano Glen**

### **Special Praises:**

- † Praise and thank God for His grace, upon which we are completely dependant.
- † Praise God for He alone is Holy.
- † Praise God for He alone is Righteous.
- † Praise God for the salvation of hundreds during the past few weeks.
- † Thank God for Hector Lopez and Iglesia Bautista Principe de Paz and the fruit of their labor.
- † Thank God for Rodolfo Gomez and Iglesia Bautista Creyendo lo Imposible and the fruit of their labor
- † Praise God for Luis Rene and Iglesia Bautista El Divino Redentor and the fruit of their labor.
- † Praise God for the teams from the U.S for their obedience to go and bear fruit that will last.
- † Praise and thank God for allowing Able Casarez to lead his mother & sister to the Lord.
- † Praise God for His love that compels CrossVision to keep going and serving and many of you to support us through prayer, giving, and going so that we at CrossVision can truly be faithful to our Lord.
- † Thank God for all of our missionaries who serve the Lord here and throughout the world.

### **Immediate Prayer Requests:**

- † Pray for all our churches to become Acts 1:8 churches.
- † Please pray for the following team serving with CrossVision over the next few weeks.
  1. Saint Andrew Baptist in Panama City, Florida, doing evangelism in the “Black Heart” September 24<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Farmstead Baptist in Jasper, Alabama, doing evangelism in the “Black Heart” October 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>.
- † Pray for missionaries Gary, Lily and Will Stone serving in Guatemala. Please lift up Gary’s brother Steve as he recovers from cancer.
- † Pray for missionaries Roger and Melinda Russell serving in Romania.
- † Pray for Mark, Heidi and Emma Evans as they are traveling in the U.S and returning soon to Australia.
- † Pray for missionaries Cyde and Dinah Fowler and their children Tristan, Chelsea, Faith, and Samuel as they as International Mission Board missionaries in Florianopolis, Brazil
- † Please pray for the missionaries serving in hostile lands and secluded places. Remember many of those will spend birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions alone during this month.
- † Remember Ephesians 6:18 says, “Always pray for all the saints,” so please pray for each other.
- † Please pray for the CrossVision Ministry that God will keep us in His hand and choose to continue to use us in the lives of others, as well as surround us with those whose lives He has changed.
- † Please pray about being a part of the ministry of CrossVision—we depend upon the gifts of individuals, like yours, to continue ministering.
- † Please pray for Glen Pierce and his family.

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