



# CROSSVISION SPRING 2005

## TAMPICO / ALTAMIRA UPDATE

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, ‘FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.’” (MATTHEW 4:19)**

I have many times seen God choose a team and make them “fishers of men,” but this past week in Altamira, Mexico, I witnessed a pastor of thirty years experience this for the first time. On Monday as I discussed street evangelism with Bro. Javier, he was slightly reluctant. He told me, “brother, the doors of the church are always open and we preach the gospel.” I shared with him how Jesus intentionally went into the streets to preach and sent his disciples out into the streets as well. “How will you do this?” he asked. I pulled out an evangucube and a cd player and he listened closely with tears welling up in his eyes. After the tape was finished he stood speechless with a puzzled look on his face for fifteen seconds or so, then he proclaimed, “We can do this brother! We can go with the gringos and talk with the people after they listen. Yes! This is exactly what God wants us to do!”

As we walked the streets and people began to hear the gospel and respond, the pastor and the men of the church became more and more excited. Each day the Mexican brothers could not wait for us to finish working on the cabinets so we could get out into the streets and share the Gospel. Then God answered a prayer that we at CrossVision have been praying for every Wednesday morning during our weekly prayer time. We have been asking the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to start a revival—a mobilizing revival. We were praying this in general for the churches here in the U.S., but God knew we would not have known what we were seeing, so He allowed us to experience one in Mexico.

The Mexican brothers went out into the streets—most for the first time—and the Spirit of God covered their steps and lost people responded to the gospel. Many of those who responded then followed the men back to the church and made public professions of faith in our evening services. It was incredible to see God move among these good folks, and I think I can speak for our whole team when I say we will never be the same. Pastor Javier prayed a closing prayer on Thursday night and he thanked God for allowing him to hear and learn of this method of sharing the gospel, and most of all for hearing Jesus say, “follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

### *Special Praises:*

- † Praise God for the ten men who traveled the long distance to Altamira and endured hours of warped humor from the East Texas gang.
- † Praise God for the dozens of people who prayed to receive Christ and for the twenty-eight others who came to make their decision public.
- † Praise God for reviving His church in Altamira, Mexico.

### *Immediate Prayer Requests:*

- † Pray for Pastor Javier and the members of Free Choice Baptist Church
- † Pray for the following upcoming teams and mission trips:
  - Belize City, Belize: 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Panama City, Florida
  - Belize City, Belize: St. Andrew Baptist, Panama City, Florida (follow up to 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist trip)
  - Romania: Friendly Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas
  - Nuevo Laredo, Mexico: Hill Top Baptist Church of Berryville, Texas
- † Pray for all of our missionaries serving in foreign lands
- † Pray about how you might be a part of CrossVision Mission Ministries