



CROSSVISION MISSIONS APRIL 2007 UPDATE

“HE WHO GOES OUT WEeping CARRYING THE SEED TO SOW, WILL RETURN WITH SONGS OF JOY, CARRYING SHEAVES WITH HIM.” (PSALM 126:6)

Has your heart ever been pricked for a lost person? Have you ever been so burdened for a lost friend or family member that you were at the point of shedding tears wanting them to come to be saved? Has God ever revealed to you the destination of the lost in such a way that you were overcome by your emotions?

For the past three years CrossVision has been working alongside of a joint team from Saint Andrew Baptist Church in Panama City, Florida and Betania Iglesia Bautista in Altamira, Mexico. Two years ago I shared with you how God began a revival within Betania while we were serving alongside of these brothers. Last year we walked new ground with this team as they ventured into a very hard and unevangelized area near the city, and we began to see the Betania members' broken hearts for reaching the lost in their community. This year we learned how that revival has grown from the hearts of the men to the hearts of the women. The women on the team from Florida had prepared to minister and disciple directly to the Mexican sisters. The Mexican women were so burdened for their lost friends that refused to come to the church that they planned for the meeting to be held in different homes. On the third day of meetings it became apparent some of the lost women who were coming needed and wanted to pray and receive salvation. Fifteen of them did and later that day the pastor's wife told me that she had wept and cried out for the salvation of one of these women for many years. Her eyes were filled with tears as she rejoiced over her friend coming to know Jesus. Many times on this trip I witnessed rejoicing tears as a result of those who for years had rejected the Gospel finally listening and then receiving.

Many of you have heard Luis Martinez share about the many tears he has shed for his angry, lost father. Don Tomas truly enjoyed making fun of, ridiculing, and persecuting Luis because he was the only Christian in the family. Often I witnessed Luis pray with a broken heart and his eyes flooded that his father might not be lost to the lake of fire forever. Many of us have with tears lifted this situation up to the Lord. God is so faithful, He hears our earnest prayers, and He answers. This past week Luis and a small medical team went out on a mission trip to the area where Luis' father lives. After three days in the villages they began their return trip home but the late hour of the day forced them to spend the night at Don Tomas' ranch. My good friend Rodolfo Gomez was along on the trip and the saintly soul winner struck up a conversation with Luis's father. I can only imagine the heated exchange that followed. Luis described it as a "fight to the finish". And oh what a glorious finish when the truth was made known and Luis's broken heart was shared with his father for the very first time. This hard man's heart became soft and his shouts of hatred turned to tears of surrender. Luis led his father to pray and receive Jesus as his Savior and Don Tomas made Him his Lord.

CrossVision family, there is no greater joy that can compare to the joy of seeing God rescue a soul from the pit of hell. We have the lost all around us every day and yet we keep the Gospel at home in our Bibles. We have the one thing that can bring eternal joy to pain filled hearts and joyless lives but we grasp hold of it as if giving it to others would mean we ourselves would lose it. We often see people as sick, addicted, in debt, divorcing, drunk and destitute, but do we really see them as eternally lost and in need of a Savior? It is my prayer that God will give each of us a glimpse of what He saw when He allowed His only Son to die for you and I that we might live eternally with Him.

“We will move forward on our knees” (Eph 6:18)
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 Don Tomas Martinez, (Luis’s Father)
- † Thank God for the 70 plus souls who received salvation because God chose to use the servants of Saint Andrew Baptist Church in Panama City, Florida, and Betania Bautista of Altamira, Mexico.
- † Thank God for the many lives He has already changed and the many others He will change in the next month.
- † Praise God for calling a new Pastor to East Mountain Baptist near Longview, TX.
- † 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:

- † Please continue to pray for Pastor Javier and his congregation in Altamira, Mexico, as they have started four new convert classes and began making disciples.
- † Please pray for Don Tomas. Only God knows how this changed life might effect the lost communities in which he is know as the “FRIEND.”
- † Pray for all our churches to become Acts 1:8 churches.
- † Pray for missionaries Gary, Lily and Will Stone serving in Guatemala.
- † Pray for missionaries Roger and Melinda Russell serving in Romania.
- † Pray for Mike, Heidi and Emma Evans as they are traveling to mission locations in several countries.
- † 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.
- † Please begin to pray for the college team from friendly who we will be taking to Vera Cruz, MX to work with the indigenous people known as Totonaco Indians. Especially between May 19th and 26th.

- † Please pray for John Drummond, Lynn Briley and the whole team from Saint Andrew Baptist in Florida that will be serving in Ghana, Africa between May 14th and the 22nd .
- † Please pray for Primera Iglesia Bautista in Nuevo Laredo as they have suffered a great tragedy in the accidental death of a whole family.
- † 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.

We would love to invite you to visit our web site at www.crossvisionmissions.org .
Send us your prayer request and let us hear your testimony of how God is working in your life.

I hope these updates encourage you to pray—if so, please let me know by emailing me at crossvision@sbcglobal.net .

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