



## CROSSVISION MISSIONS APRIL 2009

**“Every tree is known by its fruits ...” (Luke 6:44)**

Every church is a tree. Some are like the fig tree covered with beautiful leaves to hide the fact that there is no fruit. Others are like pecan trees in December, after the leaves have all fallen, a tree loaded with fruit is revealed. I want to share the testimony of two, pecan tree, churches. Though they are in different countries and culturally worlds apart both bear much fruit.

The first is Dios Todopoderoso Bautista (God Almighty Baptist) in Aguascalientes, Mexico. I am honored to be apart of this church and Pastor Jamie Arango’s ministry. They accepted our invitation to develop a new work in their Black Heart state two years ago. Since then, God has ignited a passion for the Gospel within their congregation that has not only produced much fruit at the new mission, but at the main church as well. They are developing new ministries, reaching out to inter city kids through a Christian little league baseball association, businessmen’s gatherings, and in a couple of weeks they will, with the help of a team of women from Farmstead Baptist in Jasper, Alabama, begin an outreach to the women of the city. But the most exciting thing for me is that at the end of April this church will take its first ever mission trip, going to the Yucatan to assist a mission plant by doing the same type of evangelism they have learned from CrossVision and the American teams.

The second is Saint Andrews Baptist Church (SABC) in Panama City, Florida. If there is another U.S. church of their size producing more fruit I haven’t heard about it. Our assistance to SABC began in 2001 when a group of mission’s leaders traveled to Nuevo Laredo for training and guidance. They have been a key partner in many of the CrossVision de Mexico ground floor works. In 2006 they called Brother Mike Claunch as pastor, and he has truly led them to be an Acts 1:8 church. Their many ministries include a benevolence center that feeds, clothes, and shares the gospel with thousands of folks in need every year, operating a complete medical/dental clinic for those who otherwise would not get proper care, and a counseling service to unwed mothers. They have numerous local, state and U.S. mission efforts and at least five short term teams going out internationally in 2009. CrossVision has had the privilege of walking with Saint Andrews from the very start of their current mission’s ministry. I say that, not to take credit for any of what God has done through this great church, but rather to praise God for choosing to use this ministry alongside of their efforts.

You and I find ourselves living in challenging times. It is in these times that we will have the opportunity to demonstrate our faith in God. CrossVision is dedicated to assisting U.S. churches to become powerful fruit producing Acts 1:8 churches just like SABC. As well, we are dedicated to assist our sister ministry CrossVision de Mexico in developing new works in many unevangelized areas and in unreached people groups of our neighbors to the south. I want to encourage you to become a faithful part of helping other churches become bearers of much fruit and planting new works in an area so void of the gospel light they have been labeled the “Black Heart”. Through your earnest and faithful prayers and financial support CrossVision will continue to assist churches in fulfilling the great commission of our Lord.

Together “We will move forward on our knees” (Eph 6:18)

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