



## **APRIL 2006**

# ***"FILL THE FIELDS O LORD"***

**"ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURLY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE." (MATTHEW 28:18-20)**

I seem to pay particular attention to the red letter words in my Bible. Do you do that? Often when I am traveling alone I recite Scripture in my mind. It helps me stay alert to more than just driving the car. It helps me focus on what God is saying to me through His Word. Recently while visiting with Dexton Shores of the River Missions Ministry God brought to my mind the Great Commission. Oh, how we love to talk about it and claim it as the call of the church. As Dexton was talking about the "black heart" region of Mexico and how critical it was to get Mexican churches to go and start new works in this area as well as to the unreached indigenous Indian people of Mexico, my mind began to wander. God asked me a question: "Do the Mexican Christians understand the Great Commission?" "I believe they do Lord," I replied. Why is it that so few go to these unreached places within central Mexico? That is when Dexton's words answered the Lord's question: "We need to be placing good, sound, mission-going U.S. churches together with good, sound, Mexican churches and together go to reach these areas and people."

We have learned that the reason some churches do not go and make disciples is not because they do not want to go but rather they do not know how to get started. God has been helping CrossVision to build valuable relationships on both sides of the border. Some of you reading this update are from those mission going U.S churches, and others are from our sister churches in Mexico who have the ability and desire to go, but just don't know how or where to start. April has been one of those months of building relationships in Mexico and I would love to share some of what God is pointing CrossVision to do in the future.

Many of you know that we have been building a team of Mexican missionary associates like Luis and Marisa, Anabel, and Jose. Each are members of strong churches and influential in the mission efforts of their church. They along with some new missionary brothers and sisters from Piedras Negras have begun to incorporate some of the mission methods we use with American teams, and the results are truly amazing. There are three Mexican churches ready and willing to travel to the "black heart" region or one of the areas where indigenous groups live and begin to evangelize and start new works in the hope of establishing churches. The black heart alone is a four state area with millions of people, and facts show that less than one percent of those living here are evangelical Christians. There are fifty-six indigenous Indian people groups and they are all over Mexico. These indigenous people are best reached by the Mexican nationals. I believe this is why it is critical to couple American churches with the Mexican churches, combining resources with labor force to effectively reach and disciple the lost of these areas of Mexico.

I want to challenge each of you to please begin to pray and talk to your Christian brothers and sisters, your church mission committees, and church staff members. Currently CrossVision is working with only one church willing to take on this task. Some more of those red letter words record our Lord Jesus after seeing the huge number of lost people when He exclaimed, **“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”** Then He made a prayer request: **“Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into the harvest field.”** (Matthew 9:37-38) Your church can be a part of reaching a neglected next door neighbor. Please pray that God will use you in the life of another today.

**In Christ,**

**Hermano Glen**

***Special Praises:***

- U Praise God for His grace, upon which we are completely dependant.
- U Praise God for those who have accepted His salvation as well as those who will receive Christ as a result of our going.
- U Thank God for Anabel Bodillo’s good health and safe return to Nuevo Laredo and her ministries there.
- U Thank God for the newly developed relationships with Mexican leaders that we will work along side in the future.
- U Praise God for those who support us through prayer, giving and going so that we at CrossVision can pursue our call.
- U Praise God for His love that compels us to keep going and serving.

***Immediate Prayer Requests:***

- U Pray for missionary Gary, Lily and Will Stone stateside in South Carolina. Pray especially for Lily as she has developed a severe ear infection.
- U Pray for missionaries Roger, Melinda and Kyle Russell as they continue serving God in Bucharest, Romania.
- U Pray for Mark and Heidi Evans serving in Australia and Papa New Guinea.
- U Pray for God to raise up American churches willing to serve along side Mexican churches and travel to the black heart region and reap the harvest.
- U Remember Ephesians 6:18 says, “Always pray for all the saints,” so please pray for each other.
- U Pray and thank God for St Andrew Baptist in Panama City, Florida, as they welcome their new pastor, Dr. Michael Claunch, who will be joining them from First Baptist Church of Slidell, Louisiana.
- U 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.
- U Please pray about being a part of the ministry of CrossVision—we depend upon the gifts of individuals like yours to continue ministering.
- U Please pray for Glen Pierce and family.

We would love to invite you to visit our web site at [www.crossvisionmissions.org](http://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  
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