



CROSSVISION 2005 YEAR END REPORT

“YOU ARE MY FRIEND IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND” (JOHN 15:14)

“Go, Make Disciples of All Nations” (Matt 28:19)

Feliz Navidad! It was a Merry Christmas in the heart of Acuna, Mexico for the CrossVision team, and what a great team it was. The team was made up of seven churches and 133 of Jesus' going friends. Sounds wild, doesn't it? Well, it was wild. **Worshiping, witnessing and working hard with Jesus!** We had some new churches with us this year and a few of the faithful experienced ones. But the team and the trip would not have been complete without the members of Primera Iglesia Bautista of Acuna. All together some forty-five members helped in all areas of ministry. We had fifteen evangelicube teams out all day every day, three VBS teams, three youth sports teams, a medical clinic with two doctors from Primera, a dental clinic with Tlalo our faithful dentist brother from Nuevo Laredo, and a preaching service led by Primera Iglesia, where we ended each day by passing out hot dogs and drinks after the preaching service. With so many ministry events going on it's easy to get caught up in the work and forget to praise God and remember who we serve, but this was not the case with this team as we began each day with a spirit-filled time of praise and thanksgiving with one of our folks preaching or sharing a devotional, and again each night after supper we worshiped and testified, giving praise through song and sharing God's Word.

I want to personally thank CrossVision director Thomas Ivey for his leadership in the worship time and for involving the whole team. Honestly, this trip would only be a partial experience without the worship time. **I wish every person who prays and supports this ministry could have been with us on Wednesday night and witness God call Jeff Blackstone and Toby Laughlin to the ministry and another young lady Jamie to realize she had never truly been saved.** Yes, a team member got saved and many if not all receive a tremendous blessing and had divine appointments fulfilled as they obediently follow Jesus' command to go and make disciples.

The greatest news is the results of evangelism in the colonias and streets. We seldom keep account of numbers but we have a good guess that near two hundred accepted Christ and between thirty and forty made rededications and requested the pastor of Primera Iglesia to visit them with more information about the cell Bible study groups and how they might be involved.

Our call was to come alongside Primera Iglesia and following their plan and their lead establish three points to begin cell churches. This was only made possible through the diligent work of Luiz Martinez, his pastor Silvestre Munoz, and the members of the mission's committee and church. We were greatly honored to serve with them.

On a more personal note I could not and would not have been able to make all of this happen if not for Luiz and Mariza. They are much more than the directors of camp Getsemini—they are missionaries and they ministered to this team and in particular to me as we prepared and planned and worked throughout the year to put all of this together. **Thanks Luiz and Thanks Mariza.**

Well, 2005 is over and God once again has blessed our socks off. CrossVision has had the privilege of carrying 296 new missionaries on the field and training twenty-seven new leaders. We have no way of knowing how many have accepted Christ this year but my guess would be approximately 600. Since accepting God's call to full time mission service in May I have spent seventeen weeks in Mexico and developed some valuable relationships with churches and pastors that CrossVision and many of you will serve with in the future.

I would like to close by reminding each of you the words of Jesus, **“You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to GO and bear fruit—fruit that will last.” (John 15:16)** So when God urges you, simply say, “Yes, Lord, I will be your Friend.”

In Christ, Hermano Glen Pierce
Director, CrossVision Ministries

Special Praises:

- U Praise God for His grace that has covered us many times this year.
- U Praise God for our brothers and sisters of Primera Iglesia in Acuna who made a plan of service and showed up and served.
- U Praise God for the 133+ Missionaries who have been a part of this great mission trip.
- U Praise God for the full and running over cup that is upon Primera Iglesia Bautista in Acuna.
- U Praise God for those who support 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:

Pray for the following upcoming teams and mission trips:

- U Pray for our sister and missionary Anabel Bodillo she will have surgery on January 13th to remove a tumor.
- U Pray for the people of the Southern state of Chiapas in Mexico and all of Guatemala where flooding has devastated their lives and ruined thousands of homes.
- U Pray for missionary Gary Stone as he and Lily return to Guatemala in new positions and face great challenges.
- U Pray for missionaries Roger and Melinda Russell as they return to Romania and resume serving God in Bucharest.
- U Pray for St. Andrew Baptist Church in Panama City, Florida, as they continue to seek God’s leadership regarding a new senior pastor for their church.
- U Remember Ephesians 6:18 says, “Always pray for all the saints,” so please pray for each other.
- U Please pray for CrossVision as we begin our 8th year of 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 apart of the ministry of CrossVision—we depend upon the gifts of individuals like you to continue.
- U Please pray for me and my family as we begin our first full year as full time missionaries.

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 E-mailing me at crossvision@sbcglobal.net.