



CROSSVISION MISSIONS JULY & AUGUST 2006 UPDATE

“WHY GO TO SOME THIRD WORLD, GODLESS COUNTRY”

“GOD ANNOINTED JESUS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER... HE COMMANDED US TO PREACH TO THE PEOPLE AND TESTIFY ... THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM RECIEVES FORGIVENESS OF SIN THROUGH HIS NAME.” (ACTS 10: 35, 42)

As most of you know, I have spent all of July in Mexico with much of that time being spent away from the border in the interior. I would have loved to send you an update during the middle of July when the teams and I were witnessing God change lives all around us and with in us, but communication is all but impossible in these areas. I will say this: all of this work is a result of the relationships CrossVision has developed along the border. These interior works will continue to be the focus of our teams well into the future and I personally find it exciting to watch God open closed doors and fill our live with new brothers and sisters in Christ. If I could describe the Mexican people with one phrase it would have to be “gracious hospitality.” I have never stepped into a Mexican brother’s home or a Mexican church that I was not immediately put at ease and offered a gift of appreciation just for having visited. The last week of July, East Mountain Baptist near Longview, TX, had a great week with Centro Bautista in Morelos, MX, and Pastor Rodolfo Gomez. They saw several decisions including nine who accepted Christ as Savior. Rodolfo (Fito) is my kind of man. The first time I met Fito I shared the evangecube with him and immediately after listening he said, “Hey! I want to try this! Let’s grab someone walking down the street and see if it works!” He did and it just happened to be two men working nearby who had stopped for lunch and wanted to get a drink of water at the church. Fito shared the evangecube with these men—one of which he had been witnessing to for three years and would always reply, “I am not ready to become a Christian.” Not this day though! Both men prayed a prayer to receive Christ along with the evangecube presentation, and afterwards they prayed their own prayer with Fito. Wow, what a soul winner! With this said I hope many of you have already begun to talk about and plan to serve with CrossVision in the Mexican interior in 2007.

Fredonia Hills Baptist of Nacogdoches, TX, did work with Primera Iglesia Bautista in Piedras Negras in July. This team focused on one mission site where the church is all but ready to constitute a new church plant with a cell group that has grown to the point of needing to become their own church. We had the pleasure of getting to know the mission pastor Noe and many of the people who work and serve in this mission. The focus was primarily placed on a VBS and evangelistic movies. The team joined with the puppeteers of Primera to perform a number of songs at the VBS, and although this was extremely tiring, it was amazing how God used it to teach the children of His love. In

the mornings the team had planned to spend all week rebuilding a drop ceiling in the church dining room. This ended up being much easier than expected and we finished in a morning and a half. This gave us time to visit the federal prison where we were allowed to hold a worship service and share the gospel through the evangelist, and we saw sixteen men pray to receive Christ. One fifteen year old team member, Brian, was able to preach in the prison and it was obvious to us all he was anointed for this task. God placed a message in his heart and a peace about his life. I have no doubt Brian was a changed young man for having participated in the revival in action. Another morning the whole team went street witnessing in the target neighborhood and led some thirty-one to salvation in Christ. CrossVision is very thankful to Pastor Israel Rodriguez and Obed, Gloria, Rosie, and of course Anni Gabby, our translator for the week.

Many other wonderful things happened with and in the teams that worked in Mexico this month. I wish I could share every changed life and every team's experience but that would take volumes of books, and though I am sure God would use it greatly in your lives, I doubt I could share it as clearly as the teams do. So I ask you to visit our website and read the team members' testimonies—this is the real evidence that God is using CrossVision and bearing fruit that will last.

I would like to take a moment and thank you for praying for my friend and a true man of God, Nicholas Alba. He suffered a heart attack during July and was very close to death, but through yours and many others praying God spared his life and will restore him to his ministry in Nuevo Laredo, MX.

Thank you as well for praying for me and my family. Many times this month I have felt your prayers covering my life and God has urged me to pray for you in return. I trust God is as good to you as He is to me.

“We will move forward on our knees”

In Christ,

Hermano Glen

Special Praises:

- ✠ Praise and Thank God for His grace, upon which we are completely dependant.
- ✠ Praise God for the opportunity to serve with Iglesia Centro Bautista in Morelos, Mexico.
- ✠ Praise God for the opportunity to serve with Primera Iglesia Bautista in Piedras Negras.
- ✠ Thank God for the joy of seeing over 80 people make Jesus their Lord this month.
- ✠ Thank God for changing the lives of team members.
- ✠ Thank God for Annie Gabby Parra for serving as the CrossVision translator during July.
- ✠ Thank God for Anabel Bodillo who coordinated the children's ministries in P. Negras.
- ✠ Thank God for the safe return of Tye and Christy Brown after serving our Lord in Africa during the past six weeks.
- ✠ Praise God for those who support us through prayer, giving, and going so that we at CrossVision can pursue our call.
- ✠ Praise God for His love that compels us to keep going and serving.

- † I would encourage you to lift a prayer of thanksgiving for the Rodolfo Gomez Sr. family and for God allowing CrossVision to work and serve over the last six years with his whole family—his two Pastor sons and his daughter and Pastor son in law, and Pastor Rodolfo himself, who recently celebrated his fiftieth year as a minister of the Gospel.
- † Please Praise God for our CrossVision Mexican Missionaries and Luis Martinez as he leads in this ministry.
- † Thank God for watching over Pastor Nicolas Alba and allowing His grace to shine through in a dark moment.

Immediate Prayer Requests:

- † Pray for missionaries Gary, Lily and Will Stone as they are under great attack in Guatemala.
- † Please pray for Centro Bautista in Morelos, MX, as they have sacrificed greatly to make a down payment on a piece of land and must make eleven monthly payments of \$1000. Believe me when I tell you God wants this church to have a place to worship and your prayers can help.
- † Pray for missionaries Roger, Melinda and Kyle Russell and all of the Romania Mission family as they struggle to share the Gospel in Bucharest, Romania.
- † Pray for missionaries Mark and Heidi Evans and their new baby serving in Australia and today in South Africa.
- † Pray for God to provide the financial support needed to ready the PIB Piedras Negras facility for the CrossVision Christmas team.
- † Pray for our missionaries in Eastern Europe who are dealing with the bird flu and many ministry changes.
- † Please continue to pray for Pastor Alba as he rest at home and recovers from this heart attack.
- † Remember Ephesians 6:18 says, “Always pray for all the saints,” so please pray for each other.
- † Pray for East Mountain Baptist Church in Longview, TX and Faith Baptist in Chandler, TX as they seek God’s man to serve as their pastor.
- † 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 family.
- † Please pray for the mission team from P.I.B. Nuevo Laredo MX and Glen and Dan as they travel to Chihuahua and Vera Cruz, Mexico the last week of August.
- † Pray for the teams that will be going to work on the dorms at PIB Piedres Negras
- † Please begin to pray for the CrossVision Christmas trip. Lots of things must be put place and come together before December.

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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