



CROSSVISION MISSIONS JUNE 2006 UPDATE

“SEEKING THE LOST WITH AN AWESOME GOD”

“AND JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, THIS DAY SALVATION IS COME TO THIS HOUSE... FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST” (LUKE 9:9...10)

In the past couple of months I have talked a lot about God's Vision to use CrossVision as a connector between U.S churches and Mexican churches. I have shared with everyone who would listen how God wants to use these combined and united teams to reach the areas of Mexico that are still considered unevangelized. We have already begun to build plans and lay the groundwork for teams to travel into the “black heart” of Mexico this fall and next year. I do not want anyone to get the impression, however, that CrossVision or I have lost our passion to see God change lives.

June has been a month full of life-changing experiences. I will not attempt to share them all in this update, but I would love to share a couple. Dan and I assisted Faith Baptist of Chandler, TX to Acuna where they conducted a women's ministry with and for Primera Iglesia Bautista. This alone would have made for an extraordinary mission trip, but God had so much more He wanted to use this team for. Several of the youth and men worked in the very poor part of the city, covering cardboard houses with plastic tarps. As we finished each house some of the team members would get out the cd players and evangucubes and share Christ with the families. One morning, as we finished putting tarps on what would be our last house, a family of four accepted Christ. The team was already getting in the van when some of the young boys noticed a man walking down the street in our direction. Even though we were running late the boys were determined to talk with this man. None of the boys could speak Spanish but with the cube they were confident they could share the Gospel. I walked up just as the cd concluded and began to talk with the man. His name was Carlos and he told me he was already a Christian. He explained how he had been an alcoholic and a miserable person and his sister had asked him to go with her to church. This is where He heard the truth of Jesus and made Him his Lord. He told me how God had freed him from alcoholism, helped him get a job, and restored his family. Then his face changed as he told me of all the recent troubles that had been experiencing and how he was at a point that he just could not cope anymore. He told me that he was walking down this street on my way to return to alcohol while praying, “God I know you don't want me to sin but I have no strength left will you please help me.” He said, “I raised my head and notice these two gringo boys waving some earphones and so I listened, and as I did the strength of Jesus filled my heart.” We prayed for him and I reminded him that it was no accident or coincidence that he encountered these boys. It was God demonstrating His love for him. Many accepted Christ in Acuna and the impact will no doubt be noticed at this week's Bible studies at Shalom, the mission site.

Dan carried the team from Chandler back home and I went on to meet a team of youth from the Greater East Texas Southern Baptist Association in Piedras Negras. Piedras Negras is

a city of about three hundred thousand residents—mostly Catholic. Primera Iglesia Bautista in Piedras Negras is a church built upon cell groups, and we had a goal of helping start a new cell group in two adjoining colonias (neighborhoods). This meant we needed to spend a lot of time in the streets, knocking on doors and canvassing. Of course this gave us great opportunities to share the Gospel through the evangecube. We worked two full days from 9am to 10pm in 100 plus degree heat. The team of youth and PIB workers proved to be great servants and complained very little. For some reason it's hard to complain when folks are coming to salvation. At least thirty received Christ the first two days.

We then moved to a site where PIB had an on going cell group with the plan to establish a church in this location. PIB had canvassed this area and many had asked for Bibles. This gave the team a list of people interested in learning about the Bible and hearing the Gospel. One young man, Jordan Tew from Marshal, Texas, had a life changing encounter with Jesus when he met a young Mexican man riding a bike. Although the street witnessing team had the Spanish cd, the evangecube, and even a PIB church member named Obed, God in His wisdom drew this English-speaking Mexican man who had grown up in the U.S. into an encounter with Himself through Jordan and his friends. Jordan, though he had tried, had never led anyone to salvation before. He had the knowledge but God had to give him the confidence that he could be a witness for Him. In his wisdom, Obed, a wonderful man of God, had to back off and let God use these American youth. Jordan explained the Gospel using the evangecube but the man rejected his initial offer to receive Christ. Jordan and the others could see he wanted to receive Christ into his heart, but he just was not sure of making a life changing commitment. After a lengthy conversation Jordan once again asks if he was ready to have a relationship with Jesus, and this time the answer was “yes.”

One of the clearest ways of knowing whether or not a person meant business is if they voluntarily come to the worship services offered in the colonia following the time of street evangelism. That evening we held a service at the future church site and many of those who had prayed on the streets came including Jordan's new brother in Christ. Jordan shared with me later that this encounter had changed the way he viewed sharing the gospel and he was going home a different young man then when he came.

I must thank God for the way He puts all things together. This team was very intimidated, most having never been out of Texas before, but God planted a beautiful sixteen year old Mexican girl named Gabriela who's bright outgoing personality and perfect English set this young team at total ease. Please take a moment to pray and thank God for Gaby, Obed, Julio, Gloria, Pastor Israel Rodriguez, and the whole PIB Piedras Negras family who fed us, housed us, and allowed us to serve alongside of them in their kingdom building work.

Please forgive me for being so wordy but it has been a while since I shared with you how God is changing lives on our mission field. This month has been a reviving experience for me and I pray God will lead you and your churches to join us as we seek the lost with Jesus.

“We will move forward on our knees”

In Christ,

Hermano Glen

Special Praises:

- † Praise God for His grace, upon which we are completely dependant.
- † Praise God for the opportunity to serve with Primera Iglesia Bautista in Acuna.
- † Praise God for the opportunity to serve with Primera Iglesia Bautista in Piedras Negras.
- † Thank God for the joy of seeing over 120 people make Jesus their Lord this month.
- † Thank God for changing the lives of these two teams through saving lives through them.
- † Thank God for Mariza Martinez who organized the PIB Acuna women's ministry.
- † Thank God for Anabel Bodillo who coordinated the children's ministries in P. Negras.
- † 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.

Immediate Prayer Requests:

- † Pray for missionaries Gary, Lily and Will Stone as they prepare to return to Guatemala and God's appointed service.
- † Please pray for missionaries Tye, Christy and Eliana Brown who are taking a huge step of faith by serving our Lord in a remote part of Africa with their new born.
- † Pray for missionaries Roger, Melinda and Kyle Russell and all of the Romania Mission family as they deal with the spread of bird flu across the country.
- † Pray for missionaries Mark and Heidi Evans and their new baby serving in Australia and Papa New Guinea.
- † 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.
- † Pray that countries like Mexico and almost all of those in Central America will not be abandon prematurely by our desire to reach the Asian and Arabian cotenants.
- † 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.

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