



CrossVision Missions

MAY 2006

“USING GODS GIFTS”

“EACH ONE SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT HE HAS RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, FAITHFULLY ADMINISTERING GOD’S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS” (1 PETER 4: 10)

I guess if God were to reveal his whole plan in one special encounter, I would probably find myself saying, “God are you sure this is what you want and are you sure CrossVision is the right ministry?” But in God’s perfect sovereignty He reveals His plan to us step by step. He then graciously gives us the faith and those gifted persons to accomplish the next step. As many of you know God has been using a series of events to show us His will for this ministry. Without going into great detail it has become necessary for CrossVision to change its primary point (location) of housing teams while serving in Mexico. We also have been lead to join in the on going ministries of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Piedras Negras (PIB). This Church and Pastor Israel Rodriguez have a unique ministry plan that parallels what God has been teaching us about how He wants to use CrossVision to reach the lost in Mexico.

This past week a small group of men including Dan and myself worked on the dormitory that PIB has adjacent to the Church building. As the verse says each person used their gifts in the lives of both the people of PIB and the other team members. It was great to work with guys who could serve the Lord simply by using their God given gifts and knowledge to help other believers, who happen to live in a foreign country. God used this team in a special way to help build a relationship between CrossVision and PIB. A relationship that will enable us to be apart of what God is doing through PIB to reach the lost not only in the city of Piedras Negras but as well in the black heart area and the unreached indigenous people of Mexico.

After the team departed to return home Dan and I traveled to Nuevo Laredo to visit with Pedro Pacheco. Pedro was so excited about what God had been doing in his congregation. The more he shared about God’s moving, the more excited he became. We had a wonderful time together Praying and discussing the future and, of course, Chelo served coffee and cake. As we pulled out of the driveway Pedro’s smiling face glowed like that of Christ, as he waved goodbye. We then attended the Sunday morning service with Anabel and Pastor Nicholas Alba at PIB Nuevo Laredo. Folks, hang on to your seats, I do believe Anabel is in love. She met us with a radiant smile and a joy I have never noticed before. She could not have cared less when I told her Michael Dobbs, whom she once was sweet on, got married yesterday. Her reaction revealed the reason when I asked about Jose. As I listened to Pastor Alba preach on church unity I was again reminded of how God had joined our ministry with his church and the joy it has been to serve with these brothers and sisters. We ate lunch with the whole family and discussed our future plans to serve along side the PIB Nuevo Laredo family as they start two new mission points within the next year.

I would like to personally invite you to be apart of CrossVision and begin to pray for God to use teams combined from CrossVision associated U.S. Churches and PIB in Piedras Negras and PIB in Nuevo Laredo. Both of these churches have designated areas that God has placed on their hearts and in which they hope to soon begin mission efforts. God wants to use your church’s resources as well as your gifts, knowledge and talents to accomplish these lofty goals. Please pray about how God

would have you serve Him on mission this year and in the years to come. We truly covet your prayers for our ministry and we pray God's blessings on each of you.

“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 Piedras Negras.
- † Thank God for the joy of the Lord that lives in Pedro Pacheco and Buenas Nuevas Iglesia.
- † Thank God for the blessing of relationships with Mexican Pastors like Nicholas Alba, Israel Rodriguez and so many others.
- † Thank God for Luis Martinez and his support to me and this ministry. We are so blessed to have him and Marisa as well as her sister Anabel as CrossVision associate Missionaries.
- † Thank God for how he has opened the doors for CrossVision to be able to have an adequate place to stay in P. Negras. We need lots of help to finish the preparation of this camp for future teams.
- † 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 missionary Gary, Lily and Will Stone as they prepare to return to Guatemala and God's appointed service.
- † 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.
- † 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 as they begin the process of searching for 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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