

# CROSSVISION MISSIONS

## MAY 2007 UPDATE

**“OUR HOPE IS THAT, AS YOUR FAITH CONTINUES TO GROW: OUR AREA OF ACTIVITY AMONG YOU WILL GREATLY EXPAND, SO THAT WE CAN PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THE REGIONS BEYOND YOU.” (2 CORINTHIANS 10:15B-16A)**

A passage like this gives me “God bumps” all over because they confirm that God has led us to this point and is all over the work we are doing. This verse is a wonderful description of the ministry of CrossVision today. During the past several years God has been using us to help churches to grow and expand beyond the four walls of the church or the gates of their cities and go preach the Gospel in those places of darkness where little or no hope can be found.

This past week I was serving in Vera Cruz, Mexico with a combined team of missionaries from Friendly Baptist in Tyler, Texas and Primera Iglesia Bautista in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. We had the privilege of working with and alongside of a people group known as Totonaco Indians. Door to door or street evangelism is not something they were familiar with. Pastor Jose had participated in this type of work with a couple of teams in Nuevo Laredo, but for the members of the church this was all new. They translated the evangelistic presentation into the Totonaco language and assembled teams of Spanish and Totonaco speakers. Only God can take three or four people who speak three different languages and cause them to gel together and lead lost souls to salvation. Believe me when I say God was all over every thing we did and He alone deserves the glory. We worked in five villages that were almost completely Catholic followers and we saw souls saved in every place including the village of Panarama where there has never been an evangelical work before. The Totonacan brothers were pleased and each of the four churches has new converts to disciple. As God continues to grow these Totonacan churches we will be able to be a part of reaching the dozens of villages that have no access to the Gospel.

While I was in Vera Cruz, CrossVision director John Drummond and a team from Saint Andrew Baptist in Panama City, Florida were serving in Ghana, Africa with missionary Emmanuel Mustafa—a native Ghanaian and converted Muslim. Mustafa’s vision is to see the hundreds and thousands of unreached native tribal villages near his ministry base in Yendi reached for Christ in an area of Africa that is over 80% Muslim. For weeks and months, Mustafa had been visiting remote villages in the African “bush” seeking permission from tribal chiefs for the St. Andrew Baptist team to come to their village and share the love of Christ. Each day as the group would travel from village to village—most inaccessible by vehicle—dozens of people would receive Christ as their Lord and Savior as they heard the gospel message for the very first time. Often times, entire villages would give their lives to Christ. These kind, simple people—some of whom had never met a white person face to face—were so filled with joy over their new found grace that they would insist on giving the team a gift from the only possessions they owned in the world—the yams that they labor over daily for sustenance and an animal from their livestock. The sacrificial gift of these native Ghanaians served as a constant reminder of the sacrifice that Christ made for us on

the cross. In all, hundreds of previously unreached people received Christ as their personal Savior and four new churches were planted in the African bush. The team from St. Andrew Baptist even had the opportunity to help Bro. Mustafa baptize over 200 new believers in a muddy African stream, with some of those being baptized walking bare foot for up to 3 hours in a stifling heat just to follow through with their commitment. We praise God for what He did on the trip, but the work is far from finished. Although four new villages were reached for Christ during the trip, over 1500 villages remain unreached in that area alone. As both the Christians and the Muslims seek to reach these people for their God, pray that the Lord will indeed send out workers into the harvest field.

Take time to thank God for all He is doing through you and through the ministry of CrossVision. We truly do only seek to bring Glory to God and see lost come to salvation in Jesus Christ. As you are praying please ask God to use you in this ministry. We are only able to go and serve through your gifts and prayers.

“We will move forward on our knees” (Eph 6:18)  
In Christ Hermano Glen

### **Special Praises:**

- † Praise and thank God for His grace, upon which we are completely dependant.
- † Praise God for He alone is Holy.
- † Praise God for He alone is Righteous.
- † Praise God for the salvation of more than 35 Totonaco Indians.
- † Thank God for the 300+ souls who received salvation and the 208 who were baptized because God chose to use the servants of Saint Andrew Baptist Church in Panama City, Florida.
- † Thank God for the many lives He has already changed and the many others He will change in the next month.
- † Praise God for calling a new Pastor to East Mountain Baptist near Longview, TX.
- † Praise God for His love that compels CrossVision to keep going and serving and many of you to support us through prayer, giving, and going so that we at CrossVision can truly be faithful to our Lord.
- † Thank God for all of our missionaries who serve the Lord here and throughout the world.

### **Immediate Prayer Requests:**

- † Please continue to pray for Pastor Jose Leon.
- † Please pray for Luis Martinez and his family. We believe God wants him to be full time by January 08 or sooner.
- † Pray for all our churches to become Acts 1:8 churches.
- † Pray for missionaries Gary, Lily and Will Stone serving in Guatemala. Please lift up Gary and his brother as their mother passed away last week.
- † Pray for missionaries Roger and Melinda Russell serving in Romania. They will be hosting a team from Friendly Baptist in July.
- † Pray for Mark, Heidi and Emma Evans as they are traveling in the U.S and returning soon to Australia.

- ✝ Please pray for the missionaries serving in hostile lands and secluded places. Remember many of those will spend birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions alone during this month.
- ✝ Remember Ephesians 6:18 says, “Always pray for all the saints,” so please pray for each other.
- ✝ 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 his 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 [crossvision@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crossvision@sbcglobal.net) .

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