

CROSSVISION

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**“THE LORD PROTECTS THE SIMPLEHEARTED;
WHEN I WAS IN GREAT NEED, HE SAVED ME.
PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.”
(PSALMS 116: 6, 15.)**

November finds CrossVision preparing for our annual Christmas mission trip to Acuna, Mexico. Yes, it takes at least two months to get ready for this trip. This year we will have well over 130 missionaries participating in this crucial work. All year long we see and continue to work the results of this trip. We see hundreds come to know the Lord. Our teams during the year are able to be a part of those who follow through with Christ and join a church to become disciples and be baptized. Churches have been born as a result of these Christmas trips, and many down hearted saints have been fed and ministered to through teams meeting needs from food to medical care to constructing homes. This is not an ordinary trip—we worship and serve in a big way that ripples through this ministry all year long. I invite you to participate in this trip by praying for this team. Many things have to come together for this trip to be effective and life changing for every member, and that requires a lot of prayer. With that in mind I would like to share the home going of one of our prayer warriors and loved ones.

This past Saturday I had the privilege of preaching my father-in-law's funeral service, and it truly was a blessing. Otto Alfred Thiers Jr. was born in 1923 in a little frame house on the Llano River. He fought as a machine gunner with the 357th infantry and was a WW-II hero. He received seven bronze stars and three purple hearts to prove it. He shipped out of Abilene, Texas, with six hundred plus and was one of thirteen to return alive. Over 60% of his unit died on Omaha Beach that day we know as D-day. I loved to hear those war stories. It was on one of those long road trips as he shared some of his most frightening moments that he told me about his platoon sergeant. He said this man was a bold Christian who made no bones about his faith in God. Like many of his comrades, Otto was not a believer and really did not know much about God or Christ. This sergeant would often take the most dangerous position of point and announce, “I'll take the point—you men can't afford to die.” It was not until a few years after the war that an evangelist and a local preacher knocked on his door and shared the love of Jesus. He had longed to understand what that sergeant, whom Otto witness fall leading point in the battle of the bulge, meant when he said, “you men can't afford to die.” As the preacher explained that through Christ, death would not be able to hold him and he would have eternal life, he came to understand his sergeant's words.

Otto gave his life to the Lord and then commenced to live a simple faith-filled life in Christ. He could not have been considered a soul winner but all his children and many of his grand children have become Christians. He often became nervous when asked to pray in public but his knee time in private was that of a righteous man. He was a servant to many and a friend to all, and if you ever found yourself just needing someone to talk with he was your man. If there is one thing I know for sure about Otto (Al) Thiers, it is that when he walked through the gates of heaven our Lord had a smile on His face and many were there to meet him.

Special Praises:

- † Praise God for His grace that has covered us many times this year.
- † Praise God for Pastor Silvestre and the people of Primera Iglesia in Acuna who have made a plan of service for the upcoming Christmas trip.
- † Praise God for the 100 plus Missionaries who have committed to be part of this great opportunity.
- † Praise God for the life of the saints that have made our way easier.
- † Praise God for those who support 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.
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Immediate Prayer Requests:

Pray for the following upcoming teams and mission trips:

- ✝ The Annual CrossVision Christmas Trip to serve alongside Primera Iglesia Bautista in and around Acuna, MX.
- ✝ Pray for the people suffering through the disaster in the aftermath of Katrina and Rita.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Pray for Anabel Bodillo as she faces surgery to remove a tumor.
- ✝ Pray for Paty Torres who also faces surgery to remove a tumor.
- ✝ Pray for our missionaries who are having birthdays this month, that they not be forgotten.
- ✝ Please pray for God's servants on the full time mission field, especially those in Muslim countries.
- ✝ Remember Ephesians 6:18 says, "always pray for all the saints," so please pray for each other.
- ✝ Please pray for CrossVision 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.

We would love to invite you to visit our new 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.