



CROSSVISION MISSIONS NOVEMBER 2006 UPDATE

THE GOD OF THE HARVEST

“ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO THE HARVEST FIELD.” (MATT. 9:38)

During the last few months I have shared how God is at work through CrossVision, bringing together churches on both sides of the border to build mission teams—“the workers into the harvest field”. A couple of weeks ago a team from St. Andrew Baptist Church in Panama City, Florida, joined Primera Iglesia Bautista (PIB) of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, to travel to the interior of Mexico to begin the harvest in a small community known as Agujita (AH-goo-Hee-tah). This is a new mission point for PIB in Nuevo Laredo and they were so excited that a U.S. church wanted to join them in this work. Agujita is home to around 3,000 people who have no evangelical church in their community. The mission in Agujita has around 15 adults, all very new Christians, who meet in a home every week for worship and Bible study. Pastor Luis Rene of the Baptist Church in a nearby larger city has been leading the Bible studies for about a year and a half. The church really needed to see how to evangelize, and not just how Americans evangelize but how Mexicans and Americans do evangelism together.

You might say God wound a chord of three strands in order to bind Satan during this trip. It took no time at all to find the devil in the form of the school principal and holder of the keys to the Catholic Church in a neighboring town. The very first day we were to hold a vacation Bible school, the principal announced to the children that if she caught them inside the mission they would have a hard time passing this year. Needless to say, we had to come up with some attractive ways to draw the children to VBS. In this small village, soccer (or football as it's called in Mexico) was the tool that we needed. Mexican kids get excited about whipping a bunch of gringos! PIB missions leader, Anabel, had been down this road before and went to the local soccer field to challenge the kids to a match. She told them she would play with them right then and there and if she as an adult woman in a dress scored a goal, they would have to come to the mission and play the gringos in soccer and go to Bible school. She played and she scored! The kids came and some 20 residents prayed to receive Jesus as Lord that week.

The harvest through street witnessing was even more powerful, and I learned that some pastors still do house calls. Rather than invite folks to church after they prayed to receive Christ, Pastor Luis wanted us to make appointments. Then he and six of his faithful church members would go to their homes and teach them about the Bible. What a great blessing to be able to serve with this discipler and man of God. I thank God for the over 150 souls He saved during three days of street witnessing. I can tell you that God truly allowed us to be a part of the harvest. This team of Mexican and American missionaries was an extraordinary picture of the body of Christ at work.

The team from St. Andrew Baptist was lead by CrossVision Director John Drummond, who is a member of St. Andrew Baptist Church. John had these words to say about the trip:

“God has blessed our church with a wonderful relationship and partnership with Primera Iglesia Bautista of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and our joint mission trip to Agujita was truly a leap of faith for both teams, but God certainly blessed the joint effort. It was a wonderful experience for our church members to have the opportunity to serve along side of our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ to reach a community for Christ who had no effective evangelical witness in their vicinity. It was also a blessing to have our new pastor, Bro. Mike Claunch, join us on this trip. Bro. Mike truly has a heart for missions, and it was a joy for him to have the opportunity to experience how God is working in such a mighty way in Mexico. In response to our work with PIB, Bro. Mike said, ‘The opportunity to work jointly with the mission team from Primera Iglesia Bautista de Nuevo Laredo multiplied the effectiveness of our work tenfold at least. I am convinced that God did a far more lasting and significant work through the joint labor of Mexicans and Americans than He would have done through just us Americans alone.’ A successful missions ministry at any church requires the ongoing support and participation of the senior pastor, and I praise God for Bro. Mike at St. Andrew Baptist and Pastor Alba at PIB Nuevo Laredo for their leadership and personal involvement in missions. May God bless their ministries at home for their willingness to take the gospel to ‘the ends of the earth.’”

We have five such trips planned for 2007 into the interior of Mexico. But right now, we need to ask you to pray for the annual CrossVision Family Mission Trip which will be held in Piedras Negras, Mexico on December 26th thru 30th. God has called out 51 families and some great singles and He will surely make an impact with us and in us. Our only desire is to worship our Lord through serving others and glorifying His name.

In Christ, Hermano Glen

Special Praises:

- † Praise and thank God for His grace, upon which we are completely dependent.
- † Praise God for He alone is holy.
- † Praise God for He alone is righteous.
- † Thank God for Pastor Israel Rodriguez and the members of PIB in Piedras Negras. They will be our host church at Christmas and we will work with many of their church family.
- † Thank God how He is bringing together the annual CrossVision Christmas trip.
- † Praise God for those who support us through prayer, giving, and going so that we at CrossVision can pursue our calling.
- † Praise God for His love that compels us to keep going and serving.
- † Praise God for the development of CrossVision de Mexico—many doors will open to us through this organization and Director Luis Martinez.
- † Thank God for the tremendous way He used the team from St. Andrews, PIB N. Laredo and PIB N. Rosita to reach the lost in Agujita.
- † Thank God for all of our missionaries who are serving the Lord here and throughout the world.

Immediate Prayer Requests:

- † Pray for missionaries Gary, Lily and Will Stone as they serve in Guatemala and especially for their parents and daughter Lindsay living here in the U.S. and are alone.
- † Please pray for Centro Bautista in Morelos, Mexico, as they are struggling to pay for the property where their future church will be built.
- † Pray for missionaries Roger, Melinda and Kyle Russell and all of the Romania mission family as they work to share the gospel in Bucharest, Romania.
- † Please pray for Pastor Israel Rodriguez of PIB in Piedras Negras; his U.S. travel visa was revoked by a border customs guard who claimed he is receiving financial aid from U.S. churches. This is totally false and he is the third pastor that I know that this has happened to in the past two months.
- † Pray for PIB Piedras Negras and all of those who are preparing for the CrossVision Christmas team. There are lots of things which must be put in place and come together this month.
- † Please continue to pray for Pastor Alba that his health will stabilize and he can continue to serve our Lord.
- † 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 his family.

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