



CROSSVISION OCTOBER 2005

“DEAR FRIENDS, SINCE GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; BUT IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD LIVES IN US AND HIS LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE IN US.” (1 JOHN 4: 11-12)

Back in the city—Nuevo Laredo that is! I heard, “don’t go there it is too dangerous” all summer and to be honest, I got tired of having to apologize to my Jesus for keeping teams away when He said, “go—they need you.” I can’t put into words how I felt when I sat in the church service of Primera Iglesia Bautista and listened to pastor Alba graciously express his love for our Lord and his thanks to this team of American brothers and sisters, from St. Andrew Baptist in Florida, who had enough faith to trust in God and come back to where they are so loved and find out everything was normal around the city.

God’s love is so powerful that it can compel the possessor of it to go far beyond themselves and share it in places and ways that no one within their immediate associations will believe when told about it. When I witness Dot Lumley, a seventy-nine year old saint with all kinds of reasons to stay home, well up with love and put her arms around Augustina, an eighty-four year old Mexican saint who was blind, frail and totally abandoned by her family, and hug her so hard I was sure her last remaining tooth would pop out, I saw the power of God’s love manifested in that place through those two sisters.

When I witness Christian brothers and sisters from two completely different lives and countries walk hand in hand in the streets and knock on stranger’s doors and share a love that melts all fear, I once again see God’s love explode onto the faces of all, amazed at new born life. When I witness enormously blessed sister servants of God humble themselves and get on their knees and with tear-streamed faces wash the feet of less fortunate sisters in complete surrender in order to express God’s love to another, I see the truest form of Christ-like love. When I hug the neck of a sister or brother with a new changed heart, I feel the love of God come pouring over me. It does not get any better than that.

When I witnessed 80% of the Primera congregation answer the call to be involved in missions this next year, I see the love of God poured out in action, and I wonder why can’t American Churches take hold of God’s love in this way?

If you ask Dot Lumley what she will tell others about this mission trip she will say, “EVERYTHING, right after I tell them shame, shame, shame, for not going too.”

So next time fear gets the best of you and you are tempted to say no to our Lord Jesus, get out your Bible and read 1 John 4:7-21 and take hold of God’s great love and experience Him living and loving through you on mission.

Special Praises:

- † Praise God for His grace given to us as we traveled all over NL Mexico.
- † Praise God for the love and forgiveness with received from our Mexican brothers at Primera Iglesia in NL
- † Praise God for the 120 plus new Christian in the colonias 14, Reservas, Colorinas and Alazanas.
- † Praise God for four new Bible studies starting this Saturday at 5pm.
- † 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.

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Pray for the following upcoming teams and mission trips:

- Men's team that will travel to Acebuchis and work with Luis Martinez November 14 – 19.
- 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 our missionaries on state side assignment. They really need rest and renewal.
- † Please pray for God's servants on the full time mission field, especially those in Muslim countries.
- † Remember Ephesian 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 where you can read testimonies like Dot Lumley's and others who have served recently on mission, see the photo's and much more at www.crossvisionmissions.org