



CROSSVISION MISSIONS OCTOBER 2006 UPDATE

CLAIMING THE VISION

“AFTER PAUL HAD SEEN THE VISION, WE GOT READY AT ONCE TO LEAVE FOR MACEDONIA, CONCLUDING THAT GOD HAD CALLED US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THEM.” (ACT 16:10)

A good friend recently gave me an Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words. Which, God brought to mind as I sat down to write this update and try to share a vision God has given me. I quickly found it interesting that the Hebrew word for vision (*horama*) does not draw a division between a vision of something seen and a vision revealed in a dream. So before you jump to the conclusion that I am a dreamer, which I am, think about this. Ten times in the New Testament alone, God gave men visions in dreams to guide or send them where He wanted them to go. The passage above is the immediate response of Paul and those serving with him toward God's revealed vision of where they were to preach the gospel next. I must tell you that the vision God has given me was not revealed as I slept, nor in the midst of some incoherent state. Rather while I have been building relationships with many of you and our fellow brothers in Mexico.

Many years of trying to reach Hispanics and illegal immigrants in Texas has taught me the crucial importance of Hispanic Christians. Frankly, though it is possible, it is highly unlikely we will ever reach the twelve million illegal immigrants without our Latino brothers. Jesus Himself developed the method of small, short term mission teams and the importance of utilizing this method is no less important today. Often I hear Mexican brothers say, “The team used their vacation time to come here and help us,” or “These folks really do care about us, it's not just about having a new experience with them”. Most of the time our teams can not even speak the native language, yet we see great results.

May I ask you the question that God has planted in my heart, **“How much more effective do you believe a team could be if they could all speak the native tongue?”** As I answered, “much more“, my mind went back to trips when eight or nine of us would work in Guatemala for several days, where only the resident missionary could communicate with the locals. Sure I learned faces and names, but did I build a relationship with these people, did I learn something personal or specific to pray about for them, was I able to share anything that caused them to want to know God? I remember leaving Guatemala the very first time in 1996 and pledging to God and myself, “I'm going to learn how to communicate in Spanish”. And now I have. Today I build long term relationships, friendships, and make new brothers in Christ. God has asked CrossVision, and I believe He is asking you, to help build and support a team of Mexican Christians. Made up of men and women who have passports and can legally travel anywhere in the world. This team could come and help us reach the lost immigrants God has brought to our doorstep. This team could travel to Central America and other countries to serve with our missionaries in places where Spanish is spoken. **This team would be a powerful tool in the hand of God.**

I have already expressed this vision to our Mexican brothers. We currently have seven men and two women that believe God would have them be apart of this team. This next year I will be asking many of you to help support this team. They need us to come alongside them and

become part of the team by giving of our financial blessings, by praying for them, and by encouraging other believers to become apart of the team. I see most of your churches as able to raise support for at least one of these team members. Believe me I could share testimony after testimony of how God has used people giving to missions and kingdom building mission teams to powerfully bless the givers and impact the world for Christ. Please make this vision a matter of prayer and ask God to let you share in it becoming reality.

“We will move forward on our knees.”

In Christ, Hermano Glen

Remember it's time to go to the web site and get signed up for Christmas and we need your numbers before November 19th

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.
- † Thank God for Pastor Alba's health improving enabling him to return to work at PIB N. Laredo.
- † 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.
- † Please praise God for the development of CrossVision de Mexico, many doors will open to us through this organization and Director Luis Martinez.
- † Thank God and ask him to use the team from St Andrews, that is serving in Brazil even as you read this.
- † Thank God for all of our missionaries who are serving the Lord here and through-out 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, MX, 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 continue to pray for the combined team from St Andrews Baptist in Florida, and Primera Iglesia in N. Laredo. They will be serving in Agujita, MX November 13-18.
- † Pray for PIB Piedras Negras and all of those who are preparing for the CrossVision Christmas team.
- † Please continue to pray for Pastor Alba that his health will hold 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
- † Please begin to pray for the CrossVision Christmas trip. Lots of things must be put in place and come together before December.

We would love to invite you to visit our 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.

I hope these updates encourage you to pray—if so please let me know by emailing me at crossvision@sbcglobal.net .

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