



## CROSSVISION MISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2006 UPDATE

### **FORGOTTEN PLACES**

**“FROM ONE MAN HE MADE EVERY NATION OF MEN, THAT THEY SHOULD INHABIT THE WHOLE EARTH; AND HE DETERMINED THE TIMES SET FOR THEM AND THE EXACT PLACES WHERE THEY SHOULD LIVE.” (ACT 17:26)**

Most Christians never venture outside of their home towns or even stop to ponder the great gift of their birth place. Often when God sends me into new places I am amazed at how satisfied with life the people are. Many times, like last week, the people have only beans and tortillas to eat. To give a guest eggs or better yet a bowl of chicken soup is to make a tremendous sacrifice. Don't misunderstand me when I say sacrifice. I mean a sacrifice of something else they will need not merely a sacrifice of something they want.

During the last couple of weeks, as I traveled with a team from PIB in Nuevo Laredo to Western Chihuahua and then to Vera Cruz, I was reminded of how different people not born in the United States are. While at the same time realizing how very similar mission teams are. My Mexican brothers and sisters seem to have no judgments or hang-ups about others or themselves. While ministering in a Totonaca Indian community one sister cut hair for ten hours straight and I never heard a negative comment toward the very different people living there. However, during the course of the week the lack of spiritual preparation and Christ-like leadership became more and more evident. God gave me a clear message that our brothers across the border need leadership training and spiritual preparation as much as we do.

One great writer wrote, “Those who suffer together grow stronger and more useable while he who knows only comfort finds he is never ready.” It is too long of a story to get in to now but I can tell you this if you are going to have an accident and total out your ride in a foreign country it is so much better when you have ten other Christians with you. Especially when they are from that country. This month God has truly allowed me to build some awesome relationships with our Christian family living in Mexico. I believe the Lord is building a team of Mexican Missionaries who can travel to Latin American countries and using their Spanish language be much more effective than English speakers. I hope to cast this vision to you in the coming months. I must say a personal Thanks to you who pray for me and the ministry of CrossVision. Your prayers of protection were never so evident nor answered more clearly than during this experience. Most of all Thank God! For He holds the whole world in his hands.

“We will move forward on our knees”

In Christ, Hermano Glen

*Special Praises:*

- † Praise and Thank God for His grace, upon which we are completely dependant.
- † Praise God for the opportunity to serve with Marco, a Tauamara Missionary working to reach his own people in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico.
- † Praise God for the opportunity to serve on a team with our brothers and sisters from Primera Iglesia Bautista in N. Laredo.
- † Thank God for how he is working to unify PIB N. Laredo during the absence of Pastor Alba.
- † Thank God for all those who sacrificially served on the teams to Chihuahua and Vera Cruz, MX.
- † Praise God for those who support us 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.
- † Please Praise God for our CrossVision Mexican Missionaries and Luis Martinez as he leads in this ministry.
- † Thank God for watching over Pastor Nicolas Alba and allowing His grace to shine through in a dark moment.
- † Thank God for Mark & Heidi Evans hard work and safe return to Australia

*Immediate Prayer Requests:*

- † Pray for missionaries Gary, Lily and Will Stone as they are under great attack in Guatemala.
- † Please pray for Centro Bautista in Morelos, MX, as they have sacrificed greatly to make a down payment on a piece of land and must make eleven monthly payments of \$1000. Believe me when I tell you God wants this church to have a place to worship and you can help.
- † Pray for missionaries Roger, Melinda and Kyle Russell and all of the Romania Mission family as they struggle to share the Gospel in Bucharest, Romania.
- † Pray for God to provide the financial support needed to ready the PIB Piedras Negras facility for the CrossVision Christmas team.
- † Please continue to pray for Pastor Alba. Ask the Lord to bring forth a U.S. Doctor in San Antonio who will give him a much needed exam.
- † 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 family
- † Pray for the teams that will be going to work on the dorms at PIB Piedras Negras, Oct 14th
- † 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](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  
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