



OBEYING THE GREAT COMMISSION **...WITHOUT A PASSPORT OR PLANE TICKET**

Great Commission Potential

- * In Dallas, 56% of residents are foreign-born, or the children of foreign-born residents; 32% speak a language other than English at home.
- * In Los Angeles, more than 224 languages are spoken, representing 190 major people groups—91.75% unchurched.
- * In City Heights (the San Diego community where we are planting a church), 70,000 people speak more than 100 languages and dialects.
- * The San Francisco Bay area has 1/2 million Filipinos.
- * In Missouri Schools, 90 languages are spoken.
- * In the Fresno School District, more than 50 languages are spoken. The top four non-English languages are Spanish, Hmong, Khmer and Lao.

America's inner cities are fast becoming the major gateway for world evangelism. The Lord has brought masses of immigrants to our urban centers, where we can evangelize and equip them to reach their own people groups both at home and abroad.

Juan Pablo and Sol Herrera: a 21st Century Missionary Journey

Juan Pablo, from El Salvador; and Sol, from Columbia, both found Christ in Los Angeles. Sol is a nurse and Juan Pablo was a foreman at Mercedes-Benz, which transferred him to Dallas.



JUAN PABLO AND SOL HERRERA, DALLAS MISSIONARIES

Juan Pablo and Sol started a Bible study, which outgrew their home, so they met at World Impact's center. Soon afterwards, Juan Pablo joined our staff.

Juan Pablo has a quiet strength; the love of Christ twinkles in his eyes. He is the church planter and pastor of *Iglesia del Maestro*, a Spanish-speaking church in south Dallas. In five years more than 120 people have accepted Christ.

Juan Pablo is a disciple-making pastor. For two years, he has been training 12 indigenous leaders through *The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI)*, which he leads in Spanish. They will plant, and serve in, the next two church plants in Dallas.

Carlos, one such disciple, leads worship and preaches when Juan Pablo travels. Carlos is being mentored to pastor *Iglesia del Maestro* next year so that Juan Pablo can plant two more churches.

The next church will be planted in *Vickery Meadow*, the largest refugee area in Dallas. Nearly 50,000 people speak 20 languages. Juan Pablo is leading 15 people in an ESL class, with hopes of beginning a Spanish-speaking worship service. The third church plant will be in a community called Rochester Park.

Another disciple traveled to México to share the gift of salvation with his family. His elderly mother, two brothers and a cousin received Jesus as their Savior. Another student traveled to California where a large part of his family accepted Christ.

Guadalajara, Mexico

Juan Pablo also discipled Miguel, the 29-year-old pastor of a church in a poor area of Guadalajara, a city of more than a million people. The roads are full of pot holes. One third of the buildings that appear inhabitable, are fully occupied. Most people walk or take a bus. Within the church of 100 people, 40 are unemployed. The church only has one vehicle.

The church met in a building with no plumbing; Miguel lived in a little house connected to the church. He drove a water truck for income.



JUAN PABLO BAPTIZES A NEW BELIEVER
AT IGLESIA DEL MAESTRO



CARLOS



DALLAS TUMI CLASS



GUADALAJARA NEIGHBORHOOD

Miguel had no pastoral training, but Juan Pablo saw his leadership potential and his great heart for the church. Miguel grew up in a poor home. He began using drugs when he was 12, joined a gang of 2,000 and became one of the leaders. He became an addict and spent time in prison. His life of depravity was without hope.

After Miguel stabbed a rival gang member, he fled to Veracruz, not knowing if the man lived or died. Janet and Miguel lived in one room, where their days-old daughter slept, breathing in the smoke of the drugs.

When Miguel finally got a job, he stole from the employer, who felt an evil presence and asked a pastor to pray over the shop. The pastor kept visiting and began a Bible study, which Miguel joined. Eventually, Miguel accepted Christ and God released him from his addictions. He began going to church.

When Janet and Miguel moved back to Guadalajara, he asked the man he had stabbed for forgiveness. He joined the church, where he pastors today. Before long, he became the youth leader. The pastor asked him to preach, seeing a gift in him.

Shortly after this, the pastor accepted a call to another church four hours away and turned this church over to Miguel, the only person with leadership ability.

Four months after Miguel took over the church Juan Pablo visited and became Miguel's mentor. They email or talk on the phone regularly. Juan Pablo is teaching Miguel how to lead the church. Juan Pablo visits two or three times a year. He performed the first marriages in the church so Miguel could learn how to perform a marriage. He helped Miguel with the first baptisms and all of the "first areas" of pastoral leadership. He married Miguel and Janet so they could have a Christian wedding with their three daughters as attendants. Miguel has four children.

The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI)

When Miguel learned about TUMI, he immediately recognized his need for training, and the opportunity to train others in the church for leadership. Two years ago, TUMI began with 14 students. They saved their money for months to buy TUMI materials. Each week, the students turned in a dollar or two. They were delighted to have paid for the course and receive their first module of study.



MIGUEL, JANET AND FAMILY



MIGUEL, JUAN PABLO AND JORGE



GUADALAJARA TUMI CLASS

In two more years, all of the students should graduate. They meet every Saturday evening, proud of their classroom and what it represents.

Francisco

When Francisco was 12 he joined a gang and became addicted to drugs. Three years ago, the church drummer, Jose, witnessed to Francisco, who responded by beating Jose up. But the drummer kept telling Francisco about Jesus. He continued to beat Jose up. Finally, Jose invited Francisco to a Bible study at his house, led by Pastor Miguel. Francisco was convicted about why Jose shared Christ, even though he was beaten, insulted and ridiculed by others. Francisco continued to come to the studies. Finally, he made a half-hearted commitment, but continued using drugs.

Francisco testifies, "One night I asked God to show me if He was real. Shortly thereafter, Jose invited me to church; I went. Although I shaved my head and dressed like a gang member, the people loved and accepted me. On New Year's Day, I surrendered to Christ and was baptized. I experienced an immediate release from drugs, and peace filled my heart."

Francisco started witnessing to others. He was beaten up repeatedly by members of his former gang. Now, Francisco was ridiculed; rocks were thrown at him. But, each time he was beaten, he became bolder.

Francisco is now the 15th TUMI student. He is passionate in his faith and love for the Lord. He is finishing high school (he was far behind because of gang activity). He had thought of becoming a doctor or engineer, but recently declared: "I am ready to give my life to tell people about Jesus. I will go to any city or country God wants." (Most men in the church tell equally powerful stories of release from extremely broken lives.)

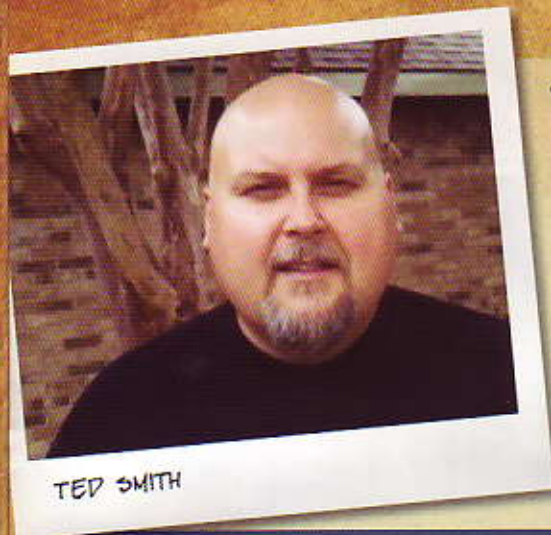
Last summer, Juan Pablo led two church-sponsored mission trips to Guadalajara. Teresa, a member of *Iglesia del Maestro* in Dallas, came to Guadalajara to find her father-in-law. He lived on the streets and was a gutter alcoholic. Teresa found him near death, lying in manure among the horses. She cleaned him up and put him in the hospital. Shortly thereafter, he accepted Christ.



FRANCISCO AND JUAN PABLO



GUADALAJARA MISSION TEAM OFF TO PLAY SOCCER



Ted Smith Named World Impact Director in Dallas

Ted grew up in Baltimore, MD. He was an intern-missionary in the Philippines and ministered in Oklahoma and Texas churches. He has a BA from Dallas Christian College (DCC) and a MA from Johnson Bible College. Prior to joining World Impact, Ted pastored the Mesquite Valley Christian Church and was the Director of Enrollment Management at DCC. He has been an adjunct professor of Bible and Preaching at DCC since 2003. Ted and Claire have three grown children and five wonderful grandbabies.

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New National Advisory Board Members



Mark Early, President and CEO of PRISON FELLOWSHIP, oversees the national ministry founded by Charles Colson in 1976, which has spread to 116 countries. Mark practiced law for 15 years in Virginia, and then served in the State Senate for ten years before being elected Attorney General. He was on staff with the *Navigators*, working in campus ministries in Manila, Pennsylvania and Virginia. We work with Prison Fellowship to bring *The Urban Ministry Institute* to inmates in several prisons.



Carey Casey, CEO of THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR FATHERING. Carey co-pastored the Lawndale Community Church in Chicago for five years. For 18 years, he served with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, where he was President of the FCA Foundation. He was Chaplain at the 1988 Summer Olympic games in Seoul, Chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys (under Tom Landry) and Chaplain for the Kansas City Chiefs. He serves on the White House Task Force on Fathering and Healthy Families, and has authored "Championship Fathering-How To Win At Being A Dad."

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Dear Christian Friend,

Our Dallas-based ministry underscores the importance of training indigenous leaders whom God is raising up at home and abroad.

Juan Pablo and Sol have impacted Hispanics in Dallas and throughout the United States (the fastest growing population in the Southwest); and their influence is spreading into Latin America.

Glen Banks has a comparable impact in the African-American community. Glen started attending World Impact Bible clubs in St. Louis when he was five; by the age of 12, he had given his life to Christ. Glen has been a missionary with us in St. Louis, and for the last eight years, in Dallas. He has a phenomenal ministry to teenagers and their families. Of 28 high school graduates in his youth group, 20 have gone on to college. This is impressive for any inner city, but certainly for South Dallas. And, they are walking with the Lord.

In order to expand this significant outreach in Dallas, we need your financial support.

Missionaries like Juan Pablo and Sol, and Glen Banks, are significant players in world evangelization. Please consider making a monthly commitment of \$100, or more, toward their support.

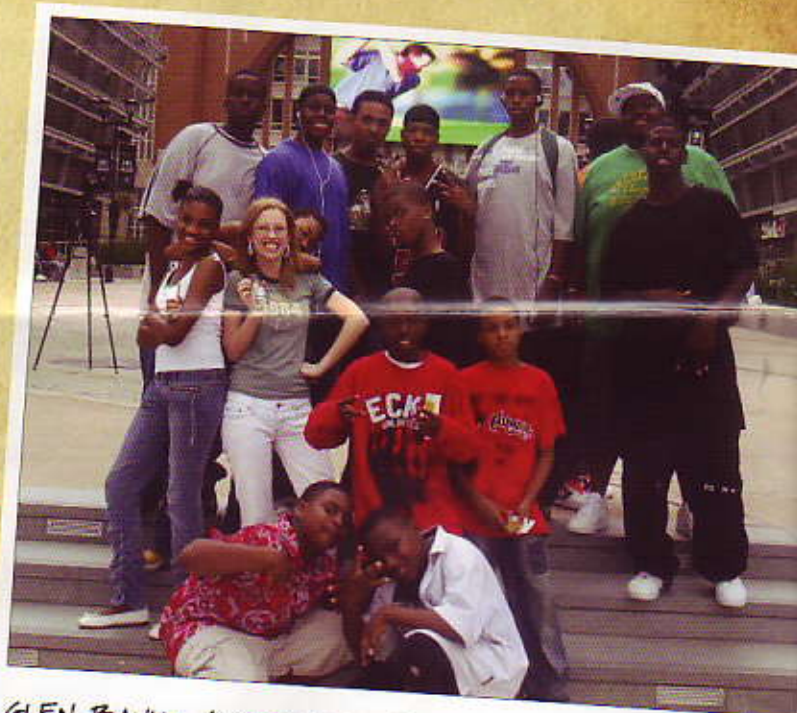
You can scholarship a TUMI student—the future church-planters and pastors Juan Pablo is training for new ministries in Dallas—for \$60 a quarter. You can support Bible clubs, teen ministry, church planting and community empowerment in Dallas.

Please ask God what He wants you to do, and then partner with us in obeying the Great Commission in Dallas (and beyond).

May God bless you richly,

Keith Phillips

DR. KEITH PHILLIPS
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GLEN BANKS (GREEN SHIRT) WITH A GROUP OF HIS DALLAS TEENS



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