

The Mustard Seed – Spring/Summer 2006



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Spain Team Vision

We believe that God calls us to contribute to the planting of 20 new reproducing communities of believers in the next 10 years.

This last year our team has formulated a document that expresses a vision for the next 10 years of ministry. The process of preparing this document develops us as people and clarifies for us the “why” behind all that we do in our daily lives. Working to establish a church in a society that sees little need to interact with God and generates enough activity without a “church agenda” can be daunting. Working for 10 to 15 years on the same project can have a dulling effect, causing us to “lose our way” in the process. Vision addresses that. Here are several elements of our vision statement I’d like to expand on.

“We believe that God calls us...” Missions, evangelism, outreach, the establishment of churches, and the making of disciples in different cultures around the world is NOT a man-made idea. God took the initiative to create us and to redeem us through the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Now He invites us to be involved with Him in bringing others into fellowship with Him and with His body, the church.

“...to contribute...” We, as Canadians, will always be outsiders, foreigners, “not from here” in the Spanish context. God’s work amongst the Spanish people did not begin when we set foot in Spain and does not end when any particular Christian worker leaves Spain. There are many godly men and women serving in the evangelical church in Spain. While we believe we are called to serve in this context, God’s will for the country of Spain does not revolve around our particular ministry! We really want to be a part of what God IS doing! And we believe that God has a part for us!

“... new reproducing communities of believers...” Throughout history, God has used groups of people to influence societies. The New Testament emphasizes the value of the church, Christ’s body, in modelling God’s love to an unbelieving world, in presenting an undefiled Gospel of Salvation to all who will hear, in finding “family” in a mutually beneficial relationship, and in “spurring one another on to love and good works” as believers. The very nature of the Christian life is reproductive. It is the conviction that God loves me and



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that He desires to be in relationship with me that stimulates my involvement in this particular ministry in Spain! I want others to experience what I’m experiencing! This is too good to keep for myself!

This is exciting! Is it possible that we won’t see 20 churches established in 10 years? Yes, that’s possible. However, as we embark on this venture to see more churches established in Spain, growing all the while in our relationship with God and in our relationship with other believers, we fully expect God to reveal Himself in ways we’ve never experienced before. God is working to bring “sons of glory” to Himself. We’re excited to be part of that!

Upcoming Events:

Prayer Conference 2006 – June 10-17
Pozuelo Basketball Clinic – June 26-30
(More details – www.gintersinspain.org)

Prayer Items

Recruitment – We need more workers (expatriates and nationals) in order to see this vision fulfilled!
Perseverance in Transition – Our vision requires changes in the way we minister. We need openness to change!
Focus – Doing what’s required, not doing the “unnecessary stuff”
Love – “... above all, put on love...”

Blessings and love

Jacob, Karen, Megan and Carly Ginter

Vision: A tremendous source of encouragement when applied correctly

GIRL TALK

We have a winner!

(two in fact)

The choices were good. We had a hard time choosing, so we combined two of the ones we liked best and came up with this:

For Megan - "Moments of Musing"

For Carly - "Chit Chat Corner"



The winning entries were submitted by:

Kristina Baker

Bill & Jean Neudorf

Thanks so much for your participation!

Note: Check out our new and improved format in the next letter!