



CHARLES AND BONITA DAVIDSON



In 1989, Charles and Bonita Davidson received a call from Mission to the World to serve as church planters in Lima, Peru. They joined the Lima Church Planting Team in 1993 where for the next 15 years they helped to plant two churches. In the spring of 2008, sensing that God was leading them away from Peru, they were invited to join the MTW BEAMM ministry on the U.S./Mexico Border where Charles is the BEAMM E4 Coordinator for the entire border region.



The Davidsons have three daughters.

Elise - 2010 graduate of Covenant College

Anna - Senior at Covenant College

Ila - Junior at Covenant College



Charles and Bonita grew up in Christian homes. In college they both trusted in Christ and began to grow in grace. Charles was initially discipled by fellow students at the Clemson University through the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Bonita grew in her faith through the professionals ministry at First Presbytery Church in Augusta, GA. They met in Columbia, South Carolina when Charles was finishing his Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Biblical Seminary.

In 1985 they were married at Rose Hill Presbyterian Church in Columbia and God has blessed them with more than 26 years of marriage and three wonderful daughters. Charles is a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church of America.

God used the fifteen years the Davidsons spend in Peru to start two new churches. In the process they also learned many valuable lessons which they desire to share with others. First they have a deep love and appreciation for Latin culture and Hispanic people. They have come to understand the great needs and hunger for the gospel that exist among Latin Americans. Second, working on a team deepened their appreciation for the benefits of team work while also being able to recognize its difficulties. Teams can produce more than an individual but this requires working through disagreements about the vision and its implementation. They have learned how to use the strengths of others while they recognize their own weaknesses. Finally, they are learning to live more fully in the grace of God given in the gospel through Jesus Christ. A deeper appreciation of the gospel enables them to rest more on Christ and less on self. It is the Lord Jesus Christ who produces the fruit that He has ordained (John 15) in a believer's life and through them in other people. Resting in Christ alone does not just apply to salvation, but to the whole of life and ministry. Understanding God's grace has enabled the Davidsons to understand more completely God's gifting in their lives and lead them to consider how their gifts and abilities are to be used for the good of the Church.

During their last term in Peru, the Davidsons began to believe that God was leading them to consider other fields with Mission to the World. Because of their knowledge of the Spanish language and desire to minister among Latin American they were anxious to remain in ministry to Hispanics. Also, Charles wanted to use his gifts to equip others for the gospel ministry. After much prayer and counsel, they contacted BEAMM's leadership and received an invitation to join the Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries team in May 2008 where Charles' ministry is focused on equipping others.

Since the end of 2008 the Davidsons have been living in El Paso, Texas where Charles' ministers as the BEAMM E4 Coordinator. As the coordinator Charles has responsibility for the implementation of the E4 teams along the 2000 mile border region. By God's grace the E4 strategy will result in the formation of new churches and the equipping of future leaders. These leaders will in turn equip others and continue to begin new churches along the 2000 mile border between Mexico and the United States.

BEAMM E4 COORDINATOR



Charles' responsibilities as the BEAMM E4 Coordinator encompass several key areas.

First, he is working with BEAMM personal to equip them as needed with additional ministry skills. Topics such as Living In Grace, teamwork, and mentoring are just a few of the areas where equipping is taking place. To be further equipped himself he is finishing a Doctor of Ministry program at Covenant Seminary.

Second, in coordination with others on the leadership team he is working to facilitate the formation and implementation of the E4 teams. This task includes, visiting the presbyteries of the PCA and the National Presbyterian Church to promote the E4 vision and build relationships, recruiting missionaries and national pastors to participate on E4 teams and apprentices, and working to raise funds for the functioning of the E4 teams. Currently BEAMM working to form two E4 teams: Nogales, Mexico, and Chula Vista, CA. However, BEAMM's medium range goal is to see fourteen (14) E4 teams that will result in a multiplication of teams.

Third, he is working with other BEAMM personal to design and implement curriculums and programs of study for the apprentices of the E4 teams. These curriculum will allow the apprentices to meet the requirements for ordination in either the Presbyterian Church in America or in the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico. The coordinator will also be responsible to promote communication between the various E4 teams which will stretch across the 2000 mile border so that resources and ideas are shared among these teams.

Fourth, Charles in conjunction with the BEAMM leadership team will evaluate and suggest changes to the E4 program as it develops by cataloguing their plans, actions, and results. This will allow the leadership team to evaluate the effectiveness of this program.

What are E4 teams?

E4 teams is a new strategy that MTW/MNA personal with BEAMM have designed to promote a church planting movement along the 2,000-mile border between the United States and Mexico. Our desire is to facilitate a church planting movement that will result in the beginning of multiply churches. Each E4 team will be composed of four to five experienced leaders (pastors and lay leaders) who will have specific expertise in the areas of church planting, evangelism, administration, education, and mercy ministries. The E4 team will be starting new churches. Additionally, they will involve 4 to 5 apprentices who will be studying seminary classes and linking that with the practice of ministry. God willing these apprentices will then go on to reproduce the same ministry model with other apprentices, thus creating an ever expanding number of men and women who are prepared to begin new churches along the border and beyond.

Will You Partner With Us?

To fulfill the ministry that God has called us to on the Border with BEAMM, it is necessary that we have our financial support fully pledged. We believe that God has called us here and given us a unique opportunity to be on the ground floor of this project. The challenges are great since the border region has a vacuum of churches - in Northern Mexico and in the Southern United States - which can effectively minister to the millions of Mexicans living along it. From Southern California to South Texas the cry is: Will you come over and help us? Will you seek to make a difference?

In order to be free to fully invest our time and energies in the ministry it is urgent that we be fully supported. Ministry expenses for travel, telephone calls, curriculum development and investing in others cannot happen without your investment in us. At this time we are in critical need of additional donors. We need an additional \$2300/month in pledges to maintain our account in the black and cover all of our expenses.

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