



Vaughn Update

Border Evangelism And Mercy Ministries



Jeff
Heather
Gracey-8
Betsy-6
Samuel-3
Elijah-10 months
Vaughn

Family Picture
May 2007

Serving with MTW on the US/Mexico Border

- Evangelism
- Church Planting
- Mercy Ministry
- Theological Education

Vision:
We desire to see a movement of God's Spirit along the border that will spread throughout Mexico and the United States bringing revival to all of North America.

Change in Direction

Thank you for your patience and encouragement during our time of waiting on the Lord for direction. It was humbling to watch God's people surround us and lift us up during a difficult time of transition from one field to another. Many of you sent encouraging messages sharing similar experiences of waiting on God to reveal His next step. After exploring fields all over the world the Lord has given us direction, and we are so excited and eager to move forward. Although the Philippines is still dear to our hearts, we have found a place that is a great fit for us. We will be serving with Mission to the World (MTW) on the US/Mexico border. This ministry capitalizes on our gifts in mercy and evangelism and our passion to see Christ glorified through the planting of local churches. It also dovetails with our vision for identifying and equipping leaders to start churches and reach out to the poor.

Strategic Ministry

The border is a strategic place for ministry. Millions of Mexicans are drawn to the border looking for a better way of life. For many, moving to the border is like a young adult heading off to college. Many immigrants fall into vice because they are not bound by traditional social constraints. But this spiritual and social vacuum is an incredible opportunity. Many are open to seeing things in a new light and hungry for community. This provides a window of opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and connect them into a community of believers.

Ministry on the border has a huge impact in the United States. No wall will stem the tide of immigrants, but we are putting up a wall of churches along the border to reach these immigrants for Jesus Christ. As churches on the border grow, we would like to send bilingual church planters to immigrant communities throughout the United States. Our country has focused on the 12 million illegal immigrants of today, but what are we going to do with their 24 million children tomorrow?



THE FACE OF TOMORROW
2006 English Camp
Juarez, Mexico



From Factory worker to missionary

Miguel Gonzales moved from Durango, Mexico to the border in 1988. He met his wife Myrna in a factory where they both worked. In 1995, both came to Christ through the testimony of Josué and Martha Mayo who were just beginning the Vida Nueva Church. Miguel attended the San Pablo Seminary, and then served as the pastor of Vida Nueva. Now Miguel and his family are bringing the Gospel to a remote village in Mexico.

Strategic Ministry Continued

Not only does the border ministry have the potential of training leaders for Hispanic churches in the US, but it is also strategic for bringing the Gospel back into Mexico. For several years, I have been teaching English as a Second Language to Hispanics in Wichita. Many of these immigrants are from states with only 1-2% Protestant believers. I encouraged two young believers from our ESL to return home and provide spiritual leadership for their families. As immigrants respond to the Gospel, they can carry the Gospel back to these less-reached parts of Mexico.

Our Vision

God has called Heather and me to facilitate church planting movements in strategic border cities through evangelism, theological education, and community development. We desire to see a movement of God's Spirit along the border that will spread throughout Mexico and the United States and bring revival to all of North America.

Prayer Requests

1. Praise God for his leading and guidance.
2. Praise God for strengthening our unity through this upheaval in direction.
3. Pray for God's provision. Although we had 100% of our support to go to the Philippines, some of our support has dropped off. We have at least \$600/month that we need to raise.
4. Pray for us during this next transition. We are putting our belongings in storage at the end of June, and hope to go to language school in Costa Rica in August.
5. Pray that God would strengthen and encourage the Philippines team, and equip the nationals to carry more of the load.

P.S. We would love to hear from you.

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If the Lord is moving you to participate in our support team, please let us know. Support should be made payable to "Mission to the World" and sent to Mission to the World, PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284. In the Memo field, put "Vaughn #017901"

Our role

Our team is located in three regions along the border. Following language school, we will spend two years in the central region. We will be part of a team of both Americans and Mexicans who work on either side of the border in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. I will apprentice under Manuel Padilla, a church planter in East El Paso—a community that is 90% Hispanic. Manuel had 15 years experience church planting in Spain before relocating to the border, and he will be a great mentor. I will also have the opportunity to teach at the San Pablo Seminary in Juarez. Heather has a heart for the poor and for broken families. The border is teeming with opportunity in both these areas.

We thank you for your partnership with us in our plans to go to the Philippines and invite you to join us in this new endeavor. There are many ways for you to get involved. We need your continued prayer and financial support, and we would love for you to come and join us for a short term mission trip. There are opportunities to build church buildings, lead vacation Bible schools, and teach English camps. But we also need people to train Sunday school teachers, worship leaders, lay counselors, elders, and deacons. Sports ministry is another exciting opportunity to get the whole family involved.

We will be contacting you to ask you to renew your commitment to pray and support us in our ministry. We understand God has called some of you to continue supporting the work in the Philippines, but we see God's hand guiding us in this new direction and urge you to continue your partnership with us. Thank you.

Jeff and Heather Vaughn