



harvest 2010

fellowship church mission partnerships
italy. east asia. mexico. nigeria.

what we do...

Fellowship Church has the unique opportunity to partner with four international works. We commit to each of these foreign churches or mission projects for a minimum three-year period of time. These mission partnerships help focus our efforts to extend the gospel to all peoples and better serves the partner churches/projects where our members are going.

Currently we partner with works in Mexico, Italy, Nigeria and East Asia. We partner through financial support, prayer and fasting, and sending short-term teams as well as mid-term and long-term workers. Fellowship Church's annual short-term mission trips are focused on these four partnerships, including trips to each location in 2011. More information can be found at tinyurl.com/missionpartners.

As these partnerships are pursued, we are praying all our members would see the needs and consider how they can be part of helping. Making these four places our focus does not mean we aren't excited about our members going to other places for mission trips or giving financially to other foreign projects. It does mean we ask our members to consider one of these places their first option. It also means that we will ask all members to join with us in making these projects part of their heart for reaching the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

get involved...

- ...Pray for our four partnerships in your homegroups and corporate prayer meetings.
- ...Go on a short-term mission trip to Italy, East Asia, Mexico or Nigeria in 2011.
- ...Join us for our monthly Mission Fellowship Lunches and World Mandate in January.
- ...Become a part of a Barnabas team to support one of our mid- to long-term missionaries currently serving in the field.
- ...Reach out to the international students that God has brought to our doorstep here at Texas A&M.

More information on each of these is available on our website listed below.

MISSION PARTNERS

Iglesia Gran Comision in Monterrey, Mexico
www.grancomision.org.mx

East Asia Project
www.eastasiaproject.org

H.E.L.P. West Africa in Nigeria
www.helpwestafrica.org

Christ the Rock Church in Milan, Italy
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scouting the land

by: darlys werner

This summer Six members of our East Asia homegroup went to East Asia for two weeks in July to "scout out the land" (Exodus 13) for planting a church. We visited university campuses in a few cities to pray and also met with people currently reaching out in some of those areas. We were overwhelmed with the information we gathered

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:18-20

about studying, working, and ministering in the places we visited. We felt warmly welcomed to join the work God is doing there.

Toward the end of the trip, we went in pairs to three different cities to visit friends. Two team members were able to visit friends we met through outreach at Texas A&M. We were encouraged to hear that two people who faithfully attended our Bible studies while in the U.S. are continuing to seek God in their home country. Two of us also visited friends from college who are currently serving in a city in East Asia and were able to see first-hand what it looks like to live in this country as foreigners, study language, and raise a family.

Overall, the trip was very eye-opening! We believe we have a more realistic and concrete picture of what it could mean to plant a church in East Asia and received confirmation to our call and desire to go. We look forward to see how God uses Fellowship Church to reach these cities in the future.

i must go...

by: dyanne wheat, graduate from fellowship church

Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined that I would be going on year three in Asia. Yet here I am, another year in Korea, eating with chopsticks, teaching four-year olds (who might or might not speak English) and working with a frontlines ministry in the heart of Seoul.

Currently, I work full time as a Kindergarten teacher at Asia Pacific International School. The experience has been challenging but amazingly beneficial and rewarding. I have the opportunity to teach four-year olds about Jesus, the Bible, and prayer. It's very exciting to see the growth of the children as seeds are planted and love is established in the classroom. One parent told me that she felt like she sent her child to a "Kindergarten Seminary."



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hope

by: macie gonzalez

How can I put into words the blessing of experiencing life on a mission in Monterrey Mexico? What a blast! Our team spent five days on Monterrey Tech's campus meeting students, sharing the gospel, and inviting them to a connection party at the pastor's house; by the second day, my husband Mark and I met Javier, Sergio, and friends. We sat and talked for hours in the central cafeteria- discussing what life was like, how school was going, and what they cared most about. By the end of that first day, they knew we were both Christians and that we wanted others to know more about Jesus. When Mark asked Javier what he believed, and if he'd want to join us at the party that Friday, he openly shared, "Sorry, I'm not interested in your Christian party, I'm an atheist." So, we dropped the subject. Still, Javier, Mark, and I ended up hanging out for hours every day that week and we even went to the movies one night with a group of our new friends!



At one point, after a particularly deep discussion, I asked Javier if I could pray for him. After praying, Javier said,

"That is what is so different about you people, you have hope."

By the end of the week, we invited him again, this time he accepted. Javier came to the party Friday, to church Sunday, and is still going to church. He's really connected to our brothers and sisters in Monterrey and is drawing even closer to Jesus! Praise God!

sowing the seeds

by: kelsey terreson

Last March I heard a church announcement about the English Conversation Class (ECC) that our church leads. It stuck on my heart and I prayed about it and really felt like it was where God wanted me to serve. I became a helper to a leader of one of the tables. I remember being a little intimidated at first, I was a freshman and all of the students in my group were graduate students. Also, I had talked about my faith with people who were agnostic or struggling with God, but I had never talked to someone who had grown up in a culture that did not believe in God.

The last couple weeks of the semester, my partner couldn't make it to the class, so I was the leader for our table. I was nervous, but I've rarely had more fun than when I got to talk to my students about Biblical things and what they thought about God.

One of my students, who always brought life and joy to our class in the fall semester, gave her life to Christ in the spring. She said it was because a lot of her questions were answered in class. The class really is an arena for getting to shine God's light. Sometimes the lessons are about the Bible, characters and themes, and sometimes it's about confusing words, phrases, and sounds. The students get to know God through the love that we have for our Heavenly Father and for them, through the friendships that we build and through the lessons. I have LOVED getting to serve through ECC. The friendships I have built with my students bring joy to my life. I have loved getting to learn more about my friends' culture. I am encouraged when I hear the stories of those who know the Lord and I get excited when I hear the stories of those who don't. In ECC we're largely sowers, not reapers. And yet I rejoice that someday more students may come to know Him. God is working, whether or not we get to see the end result.

on their ground

by: rachel jamison



Since childhood, God has continually grown and focused my heart for missions till it now centers on the non-Arab Middle East. Here in B/CS He has blessed me with open doors to reach out to our Iranian community. I've been building relationships with them, learning their culture and language, and learning to better share the gospel. But until going to Nigeria this summer, I had never worked among Muslim people on their own turf. It was a wonderful experience!

Sharing the gospel boldly in the Fulani camps strongly confirmed that my heart truly is to be involved in pioneer church planting among unreached Muslim people groups. It also cemented in my mind the fact that this kind of work takes a lifetime commitment and needs to be done together with a team who are truly unified in spirit and purpose. And the evangelism practice I got in Nigeria was invaluable toward growing me in boldness! I look forward to intentionally creating more opportunities to share the gospel with my Muslim friends here while I wait for His timing and means to go long-term overseas.

One evening, we were driving through beautiful forest down a (literally) very rough road to one of the camps. Leaning out the truck window just enjoying it all, I heard all the guys (mostly former Muslims) in the back of the truck in front of us singing beautiful words about following Jesus no matter the roughness of the road. It was so beautiful to hear, not only because I knew they were laughing at the bumps in the road, but also to realize they had well-counted the high cost of following Jesus, and truly meant every word of it. He's worth following... anywhere.

the power of a story

by: julie rothe

Our mission team to Italy had the opportunity to work alongside a new church in Milan reaching out to students at the University of Milan-Bicocca through teaching English clubs. We quickly befriended the students in our English club classes and invited them to spend time with us doing simple things like having dinner or an extended day trip at the beach. We even had opportunity to outreach outside the campus, such as a gelateria near our hotel. One of our first nights in Italy we were able to invite the two people working there, Adel and Marta, to English clubs. We were able to befriend them and reach out through their attendance, and at the same time, still visit them at the shop at night.



Our team also was able to experience the power behind sharing personal testimonies about what God had done in our lives with others. Another one of the mission team members and I on three distinctive occasions got to extensively tell and converse with students about how God had changed our lives and helped us get through some difficult circumstances. We received positive responses from several of the students we shared with. Three Chinese students shared that they wanted God to similarly change their lives and would start reading the Bible. Since then, through online communication, our team has kept in touch with them and talked with them about what they are reading in the Bible. Another student from Brazil described how before he talked to us, he was resistant toward the idea of God, but afterward, he said he felt God was drawing him out and would start reading the Bible and praying again to God.

The mission trip also had added benefit for my life because I was able to practice sharing about how God changed my life and directly see fruit from my testimony. Later, as I read through the book of Acts, I noticed in chapter 26, Paul uses his personal testimony as a witnessing tool to reach people for Christ. Now I feel more confidently equipped for evangelism in my everyday life at Texas A&M, because I realize that sharing the stories of God's work in my life can truly open up opportunities for me to share the Gospel. I am excited about this new perspective I gained because I know unbelievers from class and work at Texas A&M, many of whom are international students. After this mission trip, I feel both an added urgency and a more adequate equipping to be sharing my testimony and the Gospel with them!

Overall, the trip brought to mine and other team members' attention just what extreme lack there is of Biblical Truth-filled churches in Italy. The opportunities we had to share Truth with students were exciting, and we got to connect them to the church plant in Milan. Each team member now has an increased awareness of the urgency of sharing the Gospel.

i must go cont'd

I am also involved with an English Ministry called New Philadelphia Church. Recently we launched a church plant to another part of Seoul which has a lot of ex-patriots, Muslims (mostly from Turkey), as well as a high number of bars, brothels, and homosexuals. Our heart is to take light into the darkness, so we are working on establishing ministries for these areas of need. We also have House Church and discipleship, which is similar to Fellowship Church's model of homegroups.

Fellowship Church (FC) has been such a huge factor in my "going." My years in college were crucial in my walk with the Lord and FC gave me a solid foundation in the Lord, while also fostering my heart for missions. My years at FC aided me in a lot of healing from my past as well as giving me freedom to walk forward with the Lord. I am so grateful for the friendships and council that I have back home. Without their support I would not be able to be overseas; FC truly is my bedrock of love.

This summer I had the incredible opportunity of joining Fellowship Church once again and partnering with them in Nigeria. I found that this trip dug up my deep desires to go to Africa. Reaching out to the Fulani, showing the Jesus Film in the Bush, and aiding in medical care; all of it seemed so surreal. I had dreamed of going there and helping orphans and reaching an unreached people group... in the future I hope that I can return for a longer time. FC has the great privilege of reaching a group of people who have otherwise been closed to the gospel, but God has now opened up the door, it is beautiful and a chance of a lifetime. The way I feel can be best described by a Nigerian song which says, "I must go with Jesus all the way, no matter the roughness of the road, I must go, I must go."

