



GLOBAL IMPACT

Unified in Christ

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A few months ago, I had the opportunity to go to Tijuana, Mexico, as an intern at the Puente de Amistad missions base. While there I visited a nursing home where the majority of the residents had physical disabilities. One of the men there made a statement: "If a man here does not have arms, I can be his arms. And someone else can be my legs. We are of the same body, filling in the gaps, and that is how we function." This paints a beautiful picture of the body of Christ. Each member is unique and specifically designed for a different function. And the thing that connects us, that flows through our veins, is the blood of Christ. He breathes life into us, and therefore we can breathe life into the world.



All of us fulfill different roles as the body of Christ, but we are all commissioned to support one another in our ultimate, collective calling, that is sharing the gospel with every tribe, every nation, and every people group. I witnessed this very support while interning at Puente. I've never seen such a well united team; the image of the body of Christ was all too real.

The first time I went on a missions trip to Tijuana was when I was twelve years old. I was fully prepared to sleep in a cardboard box and eat a spoonful of rice once a day for a week. I was astounded when I realized there were beds, running water, and amazing food. It was a privilege to go back six years later to Puente as an adult and see things through fresh eyes. I hadn't before experienced so much passion and heart in a church! The way the church members served each other and their community was humbling. It was incredible to see the body of Christ stepping up the way believers did there. Watching people lay down their lives and pick up their calling day after day spoke massive amounts of encouragement to me, but even more was the way God rewarded and provided for them in return.

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Lifelong Learning Center reaches children and youth in the Tamada village and other surrounding villages in Cambodia, making a **huge impact on the community**. Hundreds have come to faith in Christ through this ministry. Global Missions is raising funds to **combat human trafficking**, which is prevalent in Cambodia, by equipping a **vocational training center** with sewing machines, lap tops, and other equipment needed for computer training and sewing classes. This training will allow the children and youth to **obtain proper training** for good jobs in the future. Please give to the 2018 Global Harvest Offering and help us **Rescue the Children and Youth of Cambodia**.

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I recently heard the quote, "To live is Christ and to die is gain." I think this quote perfectly sums up the way the believers in Tijuana behave and the way Puente de Amistad is run. We must live like Christ in the way we treat one another and serve our community. This is how we will exemplify His life. The only reward that surpasses this life is an eternity with the One who loves us most.



There is a sacrifice that must be made as we lay down our lives and serve others the way Christ did. Being able to see radical transformation in people's lives because of the truth of Jesus Christ will always be worth the sacrifice.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

September
16 Jessica Welch

October
15 Joy Brown
16 Don Tietz

December
3 Doug Thomas
10 Sherry Moore