



## From the Director:

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**G**reetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

September was a good month for me personally. The church where I'm the pastor experienced significant growth and someone very near to me came back into the fellowship of the church. I am indeed "Living the Blessing."

My wife, Robin, and I traveled to Fort Myers, FL, to meet with Missionary Babu John. He also has three orphanages in India. While in Fort Myers, we met with Mark and Mary Steele. Mark and Mary are long time Great Commission Partners and are starting a new Life group in their church. Mark wants to use a series that I wrote entitled "Living the Blessing."

Pastor Omar Corona is going strong this year in his home church "Congregacion Anahuac." I held a pastor's conference for Omar and many pastors from his local denomination last May, and Omar has applied the principles! He is seeing things change in his church. Omar will not be traveling to the states this year as it is important that he stay on with the work that he is doing. His church has momentum right now and it would be counterproductive for him to hit the pause button. We are planning to have him come here perhaps this winter or spring.

Missionary Pepe is doing an amazing job in Durango. Since he left the states to move to Durango, he has seen several receive Jesus as Savior and has baptized 7 so far. I will be going to Durango next

month to help with Leadership Development of this important mission!

### Thoughts on Leadership:

One of the things that I put great emphasis on in the ministry is the subject of Leadership. John Maxwell said it best when he said, "Everything rises and falls on Leadership."

It is a great desire of mine to help leaders to be successful in their ministries. Fact is, most churches do well to flatline. The common thought is just to try to break even. Church growth experts will tell you that when you experience a level of no growth for a significant period of time, it is a signal of decline. It is called reaching a *plateau*.

Rick Warren teaches that "healthy things grow." If your church or ministry is not growing it is not healthy. It takes a leader to take a church from a state of being unhealthy to one of health.

The simple thought for this month is this: "Your church or ministry can grow if you are willing to make it healthy." You can't get it healthy unless you deal with the things that are making it unhealthy. Leaders, it has got to start with you! Great Commission Ministries will be hosting a Leadership Conference on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. You are invited to attend! We are also available to come to your ministry to help you as you seek to grow as a Leader!

## Introducing Pastor Babu John

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Pastor Babu John and his wife, Lijy, opened Asha Mission Children's Home in the fall of 2007. They have been involved with orphan outreach in India for many years and have a heart for providing for the children of India. Their care for orphans started when they thought they were unable to have children and felt convicted to open up their small apartment in Delhi to abandoned and orphaned children. What began as one child soon grew to fourteen in their tiny home. The number of children they have cared and advocated for over the

years are now in the hundreds. Then, when least expected, God further blessed them with three biological children of their own, Sarah, Sharon, and Shreya.

Pastor Babu and Lijy currently live in Ft. Myers, Florida, and have been funding the majority of orphanage costs. Their main funding source has been Lijy's salary as a registered nurse with the occasional help of a few financial donors. However, running a children's home from across the world and self-financing is a heavy burden to

bear alone. Plans are being made at *Great Commission Ministries* to partner with the Asha Mission and Pastor Babu.



*Pastor Brian, Pastor Babu, Lijy, Robin, also pictured are their 3 daughters.*

## News from Missionary Pepe in Durango

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Brothers, this Sunday, God has allowed us to baptize three members from the Church, Sister Lucy and her husband, Jesus, and little Paola. They



came forth with faith and assurance and obeyed God's commandment of baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I see a great initiative and a great advancement in the work which has

allowed me to see the growth which God gives. I see that we are being filled with God's presence each time we meet. He fills us through the message, songs, and testimonies. This brings me great joy to be able to serve them and to see that when we go to their houses they are not hungry but are filled with the Word of the Lord.

With Iglesia Cristiana Verdades de Amor we are teaching the children, youth, and adults how to gather with great joy and passion for serving God.

Brothers, while making a great effort each day in the

Work and although we experience great struggles and trials we advance one step at a time.

God bless you brothers and thank you for your continued support and prayers for this work to continue on.

Pastor Jose 'Pepe' Flores and Family.

