



Go! But Where and How?

Mathew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Brothers and sisters in Christ, these two verses are familiar to most of us, as The Great Commission. But where should I go? What about my family? How are we to fulfill its direction as members of Bethel Presbyterian Church here in Clover, S.C.? Are each of us called to leave our lives here and travel the world attempting to fulfill the directives of this commission? Some extraordinary people do! How do I make disciples or baptize in our Lord's name, not to mention teaching? I can't talk to strangers in a different language, and I don't feel prepared to teach the Word of God. Again, some extraordinary people do have these gifts and do find God's calling on their hearts to go and serve our God in various capacities here and abroad.

This weekend, on August 2 in Mexico City, we will celebrate a big moment in the life of any church. A body of believers, other brothers and sisters in Christ will hold their Particularization service. The church plant that we have been praying for, encouraging, and partially supporting, will become a particular church. That means that they are a mature congregation with leaders who are trained and accept the responsibility of shepharding the Lord's flock of believers known as Encuentro (Encounter). This is a work seven years in the making. They were challenged through the Covid years with the hardships that were present with meeting and worshiping, as well as the logistical challenges of finding suitable locations with which to meet, and of course financial challenges. The Encuentro congregation, led by Eduardo Escobar, has persevered. Eduardo was mentored through this process by our own Marco Escalante (pastor of mother church-Cordero de Dios) and Jose Cruz. Marco and Jose are both working with City to City-Latin America. It was just seven years ago that Marco's church-Cordero de Dios (Lamb of God) congregation particularized themselves. This is true church multiplication, and we are seeing it in Mexico, as well as throughout Latin America. Proof that the Holy Spirit is moving in this area. We have been blessed to be a small part of this Kingdom growth through our prayers, words of encouragement, and yes, the financial resources the Lord has blessed the Bethel Congregation with.

Please continue to be in prayer for this fledgling congregation: that they would continue to grow in numbers and their faith in the Lord, that they would remain unified in the body of Christ, and that they would be blessed to someday plant a daughter church of their own.

Calvin Reese

this week	events	volunteer schedule
Sunday's sermon:	Congregational Luncheon 8/2 - following service	<u>Infant Nursery</u> Kathy Compton & Lawson Gray
Reformation: Covenant Renewal	Youth 8/2 at 5:00 pm	<u>Toddler Nursery</u> Jenifer Riddle & Ann Falls
Nehemiah 9:1-21	Young Men's Discipleship Group 8/2 at 5:30 pm	<u>Worship Training</u> Johna Griesman & Danielle Austin
	Circle #1 8/4 at 10:30 am	
	GriefShare 8/4 at 6:30 pm	
	Diaconate Meeting 8/4 at 7:00 pm	