



## Vision

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Since 2006, we've lived in Mérida, México, working to fulfill a vision of the **Yucatan Peninsula** full of churches, diverse in class, status, education and language, but united in their love for the Lord and one another.

## Mission

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Our activity in the fulfillment of this vision has been guided by the mission:

- of **inspiring** others to see the need and to do their part to meet it,
- of **equipping** them with the skills and resources necessary for the task,
- of **partnering** with key laborers and leaders to develop a clear understanding of the work to be done, and
- of **implementing** a collaborative plan of action to reach each community.



## Activities

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In our 2015-2019 term, we've made major strides in accomplishing this vision, through the following activities:

- **Teaching in the Bible school, Instituto Bíblico Bethel (IBB)**, training 138 laborers in evangelism and church planting concepts.
- **Directing the Evangelism Department of the District of Yucatán**, introducing a comprehensive church planting program in the District of Yucatán and directing its efforts with the effect of facilitating the establishment or revitalization of 30 individual works.
- **Partnering with missions teams** to resource significant facility improvements at IBB, begin construction on a church building and training facility in Tekax, and install roofs on church buildings in Kiní, Kopté, and Sotuta.

# Beyond

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We've been extremely blessed to have labored for these 12 years among so many who we count as more than simply co-laborers but as friends--brothers and sisters in faith, in purpose, and in action. Still, as we embark on our fourth iteration period, **we hear and respond to the Lord's call to go beyond:**

- the familiar places, relationships, and experiences to embrace a larger vision,
- the accustomed roles and responsibilities to accept a larger sphere of influence, and
- the dependence on our own abilities to a place where radical faith is required.



**As of June 15, 2019, we accept the appointment of the Executive Committee of the Assemblies of God World Missions as Area Directors of Mexico.**

In doing so, our mission will not change, but the Lord is expanding our vision to include

- **The redemption of the nation of Mexico as a whole**, the renewal of a people who, despite their extreme need, have been bypassed by so many en route to other mission fields.
- **The communication of the gospel to the more than 50 people groups** living in Mexico, totaling nearly 3 million individuals, **among which evangelicals make up less than 1%**
- **The salvation of the metropolitan areas like Mexico City** where 40 Assemblies of God churches work to reach a population of more than 19 million people
- **The healing of the rural zones of the country**, many of which have been surrendered by the government to separatist groups or drug cartels.
- **The discipleship of the 4 million university students**, searching for truth as they prepare themselves to take the helm of this beleaguered nation.

- **The rescue of the 11.4 million children in the critical 4/14 window**, so many lacking the formative truth and hope of the gospel.

In accepting this position, we have the privilege of collaborating not only with the national leadership of the Assemblies of God in Mexico but also coordinating the ministry of the 27 missionary units serving in Mexico to make real strides in fulfilling this vision.

# Call

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Appointed as missionaries in 2004, David and Kelly Godzwa have long felt the Lord's direction toward service in Mexico.



Having his traditional beliefs ripped apart at a young age, David sought after a relationship with God during a youth retreat. There at the altar, God not only met him but also called him to the mission field. Following this call, David pursued a missions degree at Central Bible College and, later, earned a Masters of Divinity from AGTS. On the field in the Yucatán, David has applied his education, teaching both in the church and Bible Institute, while reaching out in practical ways to a culture that in many ways reflects his childhood experiences.

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Kelly's call came in a similar way to David's – at an altar at the age of fourteen. Her degree is from Evangel College, and she has experience secondary education. With her love for building relationships and communication, Kelly has found pleasure in ministering to all ages, forming friendships with the people of the Yucatán, both young and old.



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David and Kelly together with their children Rebekah, Joseph, and Jonathan have made their home in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico since 2006, ministering to the people of the Mexican southeast.