



2021 MISSION FUND

Eager to Preach the Gospel

FIRST QUARTER
PLANTING CHURCHES



3 CHURCH PLANTS

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Prattville, AL
Santa Cruz, Bolivia



5 PLANNED CHURCH PLANTS

(sneak peek: one will be in San Antonio, TX)



\$210,600 INVESTED INTO CHURCH PLANTING IN FY 2020

PLANTING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

After spending a hot summer day at a mega splash pad in San Antonio as a family, we began the 45 minute drive home to Seguin. After just a few minutes my wife, Danielle and I noticed a level of noise (or the lack thereof) that was uncharacteristic for a van filled with Estradas - our two little girls had fallen fast asleep. As a result we did what any parents would do, we decided to drive around for a few hours and have pleasant adult conversation. We had already been experiencing an overwhelming burden for the lost to hear the gospel and wondered if that burden would one day result in church planting. We even wondered if it would lead us into San Antonio, a city we had already grown to love.

As we drove, talked, and prayed we ended up across town in the Southeast community of San Antonio - a community with a lot of people but what appeared to have very little church presence. We were actually shocked by the lack of church buildings. We had just left a side of town that had church buildings upon church buildings and several large church buildings just blocks apart from one another. Over the next several months we learned that what little church presence this community had, it was very much exposed to prosperity preaching and Catholicism with very little gospel presence. We began to feel a burden for what we were seeing and as we

began to submit our plans and ambitions to the the Lord through prayer, we were overcome with a longing to take the gospel to this community where there was truly a lack gospel presence (Rom 15:20).

Though our strategic plans for church planting were turned upside down when the pandemic hit in 2020, the Lord has caused us to marvel at his might as he continues to build his church. By the incredible grace of God nearly 3 years after our first drive through the Southside of San Antonio, we are gathering for worship services in a movie theater located right

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in the heart of the Southeast community of San Antonio. Our first public service is in April 2021. I am absolutely blown away by this! Because when I say “WE are meeting..”, I mean there are more people than just me, my wife, and my two little girls! We are joined by a group of faithful brothers and sisters with a unified heart to see the fame of Jesus spread. Many of them have had some type of connection to a Sovereign Grace Church that providentially led them to joining us in this gospel labor. Connections that range from English speaking churches scattered

through 4 states and 6 cities to a Spanish speaking church on the southern border. Mission City Fellowship is benefiting from years of faithful care and teaching in these churches that is now being brought into this newly formed church community. On top of this, we have benefited greatly through the financial generosity of our family of churches.

We are freshly aware of the Lord’s kindness and exceedingly grateful how the Lord has provided for us through partnership with you all. I feel that we could join in with Paul as he spoke fondly of the churches in Macedonia as he commended them in saying, “...they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us” (2 Cor. 8:5b). Pray that as the Lord builds his church among us in San Antonio, that we too could have the same said about us. That we gave all that we are and all that we have first to the Lord and then by his will and work among us that we would be able to give ourselves to you in Christ exalting partnership. May the Lord use us to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ that live all of life for the glory of God and proclaim Christ for the joy of all people.

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