



**November 2017**

**Reaching Across Ministries**

## What is new for 2018

**Eagle Pass, TX** is the new city to begin workshops in the new year. Information from 8 pastors has been gathered and steps are being taken to secure a meeting room.

**A new study** is being developed entitled "Effective Communications from the pulpit". The goal is to assist pastors in selecting topics relevant to the needs of the congregation and using terminology that would promote understanding thus having a greater potential for transformation.

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*Thank you, to our ministry partners for your support throughout 2017 in helping with the mission of making disciples.*

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## Upcoming Mexico Projects

We are pleased to report that Oak Hills Church from San Antonio will be taking a mission group to Acuna, Mexico in December for the purpose of assisting a church and a children's mission there. The pastors of both ministries attend the RAM discipleship workshops and Oak Hills is using RAM contact and logistical information to deploy the project.



The picture on the right shows the team (4) from Oak Hills during a scouting visit to review needs and plan the project. The mission group will stay in Del Rio, TX and go across daily to minister to the children at the mission as well as the members of the church's congregation.



RAM continues to focus on discipleship training to pastors and the partnership efforts of the churches sending mission teams is having an encouraging effect on these border churches.

## Learning from the experience

RAM has learned these key discipleship principles in the last 10 years.

- Patient discipleship training based on relationships, sharing the Word, and mentoring yields the highest results.
- We can cross into another culture to make disciples, but people get discouraged when they feel they have to change their cultural identity to become a disciple.
- It is easy to practice discipleship as a mere teaching endeavor, but discipleship is more effective when it reaches into the heart of the person and not just into his intellect.

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## Passing the Baton!

We are grateful for Luis Aldrete (4th from left to right) who is now the RAM trainer to 5 pastors in Acuna, Mexico. Luis lives and attends church in Del Rio, TX and has attended RAM workshop for several years. Now, he and his wife lead an outreach ministry to 5 churches across the border and they are using the RAM workshop formats to assist the group of pastors there.



As part of the support to Luis, individual meetings are held with him every 60 days to review how best to meet the growing needs of his group. Support includes providing modern translation Bibles, discipleship training studies and financial assistance to cover some of the traveling expenses into Mexico.

Luis is currently making plans to have surgery in San Antonio to treat a glaucoma condition. Please pray for him and also for his wife who is a faithful supporter to Luis in the outreach ministry they have.

## Reflection

The world is currently witnessing riots, famines, fires, floods, persecution, wars, lawlessness, and divisions between nations. **Is God showing us a puzzle that will soon reveal unexpected news to mankind?**



In the Bible we do not see world peace through political and economic stability and Daniel, seeing through a vision how bad things would get before the rap-  
ture and during the Tribulation period *"fainted and was sick for days."* but then this is how he responded, *"Afterward I arose and went about the king's business"*. (Daniel 8:27)

This lesson is a great one for us in these days of moral, economic and political confusion. We

must not give up in despair engulfed in helplessness. Instead, we need to get the facts from God's word, know what is "really" ahead, and then like Daniel, continue in the King's business - the business of doing the will of God. Yes, this is the time to root our hearts in faith, cling to our living hope and know that in the future Jesus will indeed return, for He said *"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also"* (John 14:3)

As a partner with RAM in expanding the Kingdom of God and seeking to make disciples, let us not allow these declining trends to change neither our basic duty or ultimate security. We know who we are in Christ and what part of the puzzle we represent .... **as the puzzle comes together.**

*Rick*