



# NEWS FROM THE WHITMORES

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## The Big Picture

I recently had the privilege of attending a meeting in Denver, Colorado of mission leaders from all over North America.

The purpose of the meeting was for us to hear from other mission leaders from what is referred to as the “majority world”. The term majority world refers to that part of the world sending the majority of missionaries and seeing the most conversions. We also heard from younger believers (college age) from around the world— China, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India and Indonesia.

During most of the modern mission movement, that distinction belonged to Western Europe and North America. However, in recent years there has been a dramatic shift. What were once only *mission fields*, i.e., Latin America, Africa and Asia, have now become a *mission force* sending out thousands of missionaries around the world. Countries that in the past just received North American or European missionaries are now seeing many of their own respond

to the call to go cross-culturally. The results of this change are nothing less than amazing.

The message to us from these majority world leaders and young believers was both encouraging and humbling. Encouraging from the perspective of hearing about the impact of the Gospel around the world. Humbling as we were challenged to change the paradigm of our relationship from one of “parent-child” to one of partnering as equal co-laborers in the cause of Christ. This paradigm shift is an indication of the Church maturing in carrying out the great commission of Christ— to go into all the world and make disciples.

We were also reminded that in many parts of the world becoming a follower of Christ can come at great cost. Persecution of Christians did not end with the early Church. The good news is that, just as in the early Church, persecution today seems to be a catalyst for growth of the Kingdom!



## Thought you'd like to know...

... just what your partnership is helping make possible. Your prayer and financial support are an investment in the following:

- ▶ Church planting ministry in 12 countries: Albania, Argentina, Colombia, El Salvador, Germany, Honduras, Kenya, Macedonia, Nicaragua, Peru, Romania and Ukraine
- ▶ Eight Bible Institutes currently training pastors for scores of existing and new churches
- ▶ An expanded orphanage facility in Meru, Kenya
- ▶ A medical clinic in Muthetheni, Kenya
- ▶ A Christian school and prenatal clinic in Jose Galvez, Peru
- ▶ Distributing Bible correspondence materials to school children in Kenya
- ▶ Missionaries from nine different nationalities

## Gems from the Word

Genesis chapter 22 tells the riveting story of an event in Abraham's life that is almost unthinkable. God calls on him to sacrifice his son, Isaac; the son for whom he had waited 25 years after God's promise of an offspring. As Abraham and Isaac were almost to the place of sacrifice, Isaac asked an innocent question, "My father...here is the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb?" \*

**"Where is the lamb?" That's the cry of the Old Testament.** . . looking for God's solution to man's sin problem. That question was answered with a resounding declaration in John chapter 1 when John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

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\* In case you don't know the end of this story, in a prophetic act of grace, God provided a substitute lamb at the last moment and Isaac was spared.

Please pray for . . .

- Four new World Reach missionaries: Bryan & Evelyng Huyhua— Peru; Leonel Arriaga— El Salvador and Noel Gomez— Honduras
- New church plants in Peru, Macedonia and Honduras
- God's provision during these tough economic times
- Traveling safely for our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren as they travel to the States from China in December
- God's provision for a trip to Kenya in February

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