

After four years in Mexico and five years in Madison God has called us to a new mission field. We are excited to announce that the Gerard's are going to be residents of the state of Texas this coming year trusting the Lord to see students' lives changed. Cru leadership has asked us to launch and lead a ministry called "Destino" (Destiny) which is focused on Latino college students. (http://destinomovement.com/)

These are some of the things that the Lord used to lead us to say yes:

When we think of this next step in ministry we get excited as we dream about what the Lord is going

to do as He raises up a generation of Christian Latino leaders for this country and the world. Not only are Latinos currently responding to the Gospel message at twice the rate of any other group but Latino college students will be shaping the future of this country and the world. Imagine the impact if those students are Christ-followers!

DeAnn and I look at how the Lord has prepared us and we see this as a perfect fit. God has prepared us with years in Mexico, the ability to speak Spanish, knowledge of the Latino culture as well as great training in US campus ministry. It seems that leading a team reaching San Antonio just makes sense!

• San Antonio is the 7th largest city in the U.S.

- San Antonio is the largest Latino majority city in the U.S.
- Latinos make up the majority of the over 70,000 college students in San Antonio.



Random survey! After ten years and three ministry locations we are looking for a new prayer letter name. Here's the link to an online survey: We'd love your help in this! <u>http://tinyurl.com/borx7uu</u>

Thank you in advance for your prayers. We have a few things that need to happen before we can move. Our plan is to be in San Antonio near the end of fall semester. Please pray for the following:

- That we would be able to sell our house for a good price.
- That we would be able to raise the support that we need. We have lost a significant amount over the past couple of years and we must be in a more stable place before leaving for San Antonio.
- That we would say goodbye well to friends and family.
- That God would be preparing the soil in San Antonio.
- That God would prepare DeAnn and I to lead a team humbly and effectively as we follow Christ.

## We are trusting the Lord in this. And we know we couldn't do this without you! Thanks!