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Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Please pray for:

The new team in NYC:

- their transition to life in the city
- good relationships with each other
- wisdom in moving forward

God to continue to raise up new teams to go to NYC. We are in process with a few people about the potential of a team to come work with international students in the city.

National meetings the first week of March:

- We make good decisions
- Refreshment from the Lord as Bill Lawrence opens the Word with us

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Great news! Earlier this month a new team moved to Manhattan. You may remember me writing last year about the huge need we have for new teams to move to New York City to reach the more than 1 million college students on 140 campuses.



The team is Mike and Sarah Evers, Julie Naanes, Jason and Kelly Woodman (with 2 children) Ross and Kim Shearer (with the baby).

One of our National Leadership Development priorities is to grow our Latino/Hispanic\* student ministry. Latinos are the fastest growing ethnic minority group in our country. One in four kindergartners in the US is Latino, and half of all children born in Texas are Latino. Yet two years ago we had only 7 staff in our entire country focused on reaching this demographic. Today we have over 40 staff dedicated to reaching Latinos.

The new team in NYC is focusing on developing a Latino Student ministry. They have moved to the city for one year. Their primary goal during this time is to find Latino leaders and community people who are already living in the city who can take over and lead the Latino Student Ministry in the city.

We still have a long way to go in having enough people in the city to reach the over 1 million students, but it sure is exciting seeing this team arrive - after much prayer and many conversations. Thank you for helping us reach the next generation of leaders with the gospel.

Rejoicing in answers to prayer,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz".

\* Hispanic and Latino Americans are Americans with origins in the Hispanic countries of Latin America or in Spain. The choice of name depends on geography: Hispanic and Latino Americans who reside in the eastern United States tend to prefer the term *Hispanic*, whereas those in the west usually prefer *Latino*. (Wikipedia)

