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## *Family Update*

Micah (20) and Seth (19) just finished their sophomore and freshman years at Covenant College. Andrea (17) and Audrey (14) are home schooling. Andrea plans to attend Covenant in the fall of 2004. Audrey is enjoying fencing classes. Gary has finished his first year of doctoral studies in Organizational Development at George Washington University. Phyllis is taking a refresher course in nursing in order to be able to help pay for all this education. She hopes to go back to work in August.



## *Bio*

Gary and Phyllis Waldecker have been missionaries since 1980. Gary has been a church planter in Chile, has served as the Regional Director of South America, and is presently the leader of a Resource Team for Latin America. Mission to the World has asked Gary to pursue studies in Education with a focus on Organizational Development to help with this task of resourcing our personnel in Latin America. Gary spends part of his time studying and part in his role as Resource Team leader. The latter involves making trips to Latin America.

## *Prayer Requests*

1. Gary will be traveling to Monterrey, Mexico, during the first week of August.
2. People who are willing to join us in training the future leadership of the Latin American church.
3. Our support account has recently been low.

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## *Promoting Church Planting Movements through Training*



### *Pancho Ministering at Lonquén*

One of the primary tasks of the Resource Team for Latin America has been to think through the best ways to promote church planting movements. We are convinced that the integration of church planting, training and personal growth is one of the keys. I call this “covenantal training.” It assumes that one cannot really understand God’s Word without putting it into practice in a given context, that this obedience is not really possible without love, and that true love requires understanding of God’s Word. So the more you obey and love, the more you understand.

In other words, we should train people in the context of church planting and plant churches through people we are training. The church planting effort becomes the training ground for future leaders and the church planter doubles as a trainer. In this way we are able not only to transmit the necessary content, but we are also able to model it and give the trainees the opportunity to understand the relevance of their studies to the planting of a church in a given culture and to their own personal growth.

### *Trainer and Trainees in Outdoor Evangelism*



The challenge of this model is that it requires a greater amount of time investing in future leaders. On the other hand, it is more likely to promote a church planting movement since the way they are trained provides a model they can imitate in their ministries.

## *Pancho*

Pancho is a university graduate who left his good job to join our church planting training program in Santiago. His primary trainers have been missionaries Rodney Davila and Verne Marshall. They are training him in the context of a church plant in the southwestern part of the city.

Pancho meets with other trainees for classes and it is the trainer’s job to relate these studies to the task of church planting and to his character development. Pancho will graduate in about a year and at this point is heavily involved in the work of church planting, theological studies and personal growth.



*Pancho*