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Dear Co-Worker Friends,

Our hearts were stirred and our vision renewed, as recently we read the July/August issue of the FBFI magazine *Frontline*, with its cover caption, *When the Mission Field Comes to America* and insightful and challenging articles such as Matthew Recker's *Reaching the Nations at our Doorstep* and James Bickel's excellent paragraphs on how urgently we should ask the Lord of the Harvest for what I like to call an **URBAN BURDEN**.

Understandably, all of the *Frontline* writers were unanimous in underscoring that *we can and must reach the nations of the world moving into our cities and more and more [even] into our suburbs* (Recker). In the article, *The Melting Pot of Mission Fields*, Tim Richmond tells us that NYC's foreign-born population is four times larger than the foreign-born population of the entire country of Mexico. (For further data, see <http://www.nycnations.com/NYC%Facts.htm>.)

How thankful we are, as an MGMI missionary team, that our new general director, Dr. David Shumate, shares this special burden regarding reaching out to the millions of the Hispanic world wherever they are, especially if they've come to our very doorstep. As a mission family, we are united in pursuing every possible means of helping to provide training for national church planters and pastors and for encouraging and aiding stateside English-speaking pastors who seek help in starting evangelistic and church-planting efforts in their own communities.

Just last week Margine and I helped with preaching and music at a central Phoenix church (almost one million Hispanics in Phoenix and central Arizona). It was their kick-off service as they are adding a Spanish-speaking department to their church. God has provided them a fine Hispanic bilingual pastor...and "the sky's the limit!" In recent years, we've seen the Lord work in the planting of half a dozen Hispanic works in the Phoenix metroplex—praise the Lord! Many, many more are needed all across America...as well as around the world.

Please pray for Margine and me as we seek to communicate this missionary burden in upcoming September-November fall meetings in CA, PA, CT, CO, MA, and RI. Pray also as we go to the Monterrey, Nuevo Leon; and Villa Hermosa, Tabasco, areas for Mexico ministries.

May the upcoming fall days be filled with rich blessings for you and yours! Thank you, once again, for your prayers and your vital financial support. Maranatha!

Yours very gratefully—under the same Feathers,

Dick and Margine Mercado  
Your missionaries to Hispanics both sides of the international border