

**INVESTING IN CHURCH PLANTING**

When I was 20 years old, I decided to move to an impoverished community in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I did it because I felt compelled to witness a community that needed Jesus. I was driven by a passion to see lives transformed. I didn't have much, but I decided back then that money would not be an issue. **I was convinced that the God who called me would satisfy my needs.**

My call to church planting was not a fad, like my father at the time thought. He thought that I had been brainwashed. **But my convictions were strong, even though I was very young and with not have much theological training, I knew in my heart that to plant a new church, three things needed to be present: incarnational evangelism** (living the gospel among the people you want to reach, **discipleship** (spending one-on-one time with new believers), **and leadership development** (training leaders who had potential to be part of the team.)

Recently, **Oneida and I planted Iglesia Experimenta Vida in Mesa, Arizona.** We launched the church during COVID times; at times, I had doubts that it was the right thing to do, but we saw it as being first responders, with a call to bring hope amid chaos and uncertainty. **On Easter Sunday, we baptized seven people.** Two teenagers, two couples, and one single mom. What a great day to see people proclaim that He is alive!

**We need more churches, and many leaders are waiting in the trenches to be sent out, but they need people investing in their call.** As I see the future of my ministry, I would like to spend less time in the day-to-day operations of the

ministry and more time helping raise funds to empower leaders willing to become church planters.

**As you read this letter, would you pray for those who have obeyed God's call to plant a church? Also, would you prayerfully consider investing financially to support a new church planter?** We currently have church planters in the United States, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Guatemala, and other undisclosed locations who need support. **If you feel led to invest in church planting, don't hesitate to contact me, and I can connect you with one of our outstanding leaders.**

Blessings,



**Joaquin A. Vargas**  
Founder / Chief Operations Officer



**ROMANS 10:14-15**

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

**UPDATES**

- **Missions Door is celebrating its 75th Anniversary and honoring the retirement of Rick Miller and Joaquin A. Vargas** would be attending the meeting in the Dominican Republic.



- **Pastor Felix Abreu, who would partner with the Dominican Republic, lost his dad recently.** Our prayers are with him and his family.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- **A missionary couple with the Latino Mobilizers Project is waiting in Costa Rica for the approval of his visa to an undisclosed country.** Pray that they would be approved soon.
- **We would like to hire Chris Curiel as a full-time employee,** but we need about \$800.00 per month. He would serve as a Vice President of Operations. Pray for God's provision for this project.

**NEEDS**

- **Annual Operations Budget of Global One80 - \$60,000**



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