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## THE WORK OF CHRIST IN LATIN AMERICA

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Last week I had the opportunity to visit the **Envision** site in the Dominican Republic. During this time, I learned a lot about Christian and Missionary Alliance history and about the work Christ is doing throughout Latin American nations. This gives me the great honor of informing Parkside Chapel of the opportunity we have to partner with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in praying, giving, and going.

While in the Dominican Republic, I, along with five other youth ministers, stayed at the **Envision** site in the D.R. We were able to interact and hear from the director in the D.R., the **Envision** Director from El Salvador, and Inca Link directors – Rich and Lisa Brown. Each of these mission directors works under **Envision**. **Envision** is one of four branches of Christian and Missionary Alliance missions. In seeking to fulfill the great commission, **Envision** sites look to identify, equip, and empower leaders in the Church. This is primarily accomplished through short-term trips. Over and over, the phrase we heard was “**short-term teams for long-term impact.**”

You may remember that in 2018 we traveled to Chicago to work with children in Roger’s Park. Our trip, as well as the trips of other churches, was part of the Chicago team’s plan to serve their community over the course of years.

Each **Envision** site works out this goal differently. In El Salvador, the main program is La Fuente, an after-school program that seeks to reach out to middle schoolers at risk of violence in public schools in El Salvador. They plug interns into hands-on ministry, administrative tasks, and discipleship. They partner with local churches for VBS, church partnership evangelism, and more. This ministry first started when a short-term team from Simpson University was looking for a way to serve the students of San Salvador. This short three-week trip started a ministry that is now serving two communities over five years later.

**Inca Link’s** mission is to reach the 300 million youth of Latin America with Christ’s irresistible love. To complete this goal, they seek to identify, connect, facilitate and mentor high-capacity youth leaders to

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multiply their impact in Latin America to reach the next generation. **Inca Link** does this in four ways:

1. Evangelism and discipleship
2. Training leaders
3. Connecting people
4. Compassion ministries.

**Inca Link** has 27 ministries in seven Latin American countries. Through these ministries, 2.2 million people have heard the Gospel. When people pray, give, and go with **Inca Link**, they are partnering with and empowering national churches to make disciples in their context.

**Envision** D.R. partners with the Dominican Alliance Church to identify and develop the next generation of leaders through three main strategies: the Greenhouse University student center, One Child development centers, and local church ministry. Their focus, the Greenhouse, is located next to the largest public university in the Dominican Republic, and they seek to be a place of refuge for their 50,000+ students. The Greenhouse works as a hosting place for Bible studies, English courses, and relationship building. While we visited the Greenhouse, it was full of students studying for classes together; this allows the **Envision** team to help them as they study but, more importantly, to start Gospel conversations with them.

In each of the nine countries that **Envision** works, they are finding creative ways to fulfill the Great Commission. As we listened to what was going on in these ministries over and over, the ministry leaders continued to tell us it was not them but Christ working in them that allowed them to reach people with the Gospel. As we fulfill the Great Commission – making disciples – in Visalia, let us consider how we might partner with the work

Christ is doing through his servants in Latin America. Consider praying for these missionaries for boldness to preach the Gospel. Consider partnering by supporting the mission of the Christian and Missionary Alliance financially. Finally, consider how God might be calling you to partner with these ministries through service. **Envision** gives an opportunity for people to take short-term trips, become interns, or serve as residence at an **Envision** site. In each of these ways, we can become co-laborers with Christ as he works throughout Latin America.

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