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Michelle would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have been so supportive of her and her work in the past. None of this would be possible without your prayerful support.

Matthew 28:19-20...

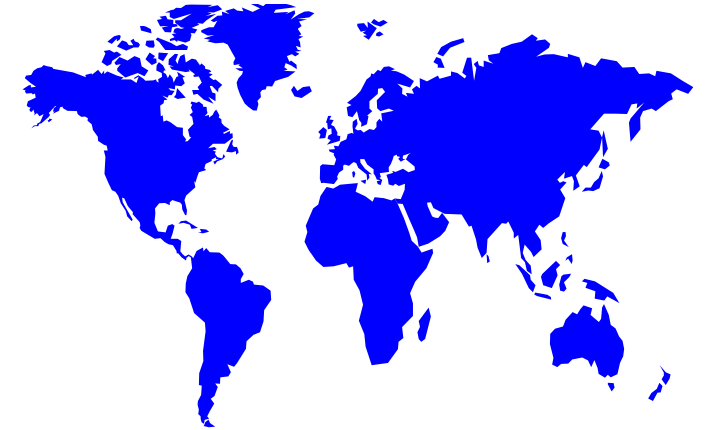
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Please help fulfill the great commission by committing to:

- Pray daily for each of these works
- Financially support Michelle and her work
- Reach out to the people in your own community
- Join Michelle on a campaign or visit to one of these locations

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments about Michelle's work. If you would like to be added to her mailing list, please contact her father, David Goff at david_goff@compuserve.com or 9836 S. Keenan St., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130, 303-583-5925. Donations can be mailed to the Westside Church of Christ, 4527 Freedom Dr., Charlotte, NC 28208.

***Making a Difference—
Missions Around
The World***



A History of the Work

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Michelle's direct involvement in missions began with her first campaign to Maracay, Venezuela, in the summer of 1996, after her freshman year at Harding University. From that time on, Michelle has used her Spanish and shown her love for the lost wherever the work has carried her. The following are brief descriptions of what Michelle has been involved in and plans for the near future.

Atlanta, Georgia

After graduating from Harding University, Michelle lived in Atlanta for a year and a half, working as the Assistant to the Director of Foreign Missions. This provided her with the opportunity to work in many places she would not have otherwise visited.

While there, Michelle began a single ladies' Bible study, taught Spanish class, and conducted several one-on-one Bible studies.

Almaty, Kazakhstan

For three years, the North Atlanta Church of Christ has conducted a youth camp in the capital city of Almaty. Michelle co-directed this camp the second and third summers (July 2000 & 2001). Working with Muslims was a new experience, but a challenge Michelle welcomed and felt strengthened her own faith.

Caracas, Venezuela

March 2001 was Michelle's second visit to the El Silencio congregation to conduct a women's conference. This provided an opportunity to encourage the Venezuelans and share with them the knowledge and experience of some of our very talented ladies from the States. It also gave

Michelle the opportunity to get to know the works in Caracas see how she might be able to serve there in the future.

Valera, Venezuela

Michelle was present when the congregation was first established in March 2001 and has been back three times – twice in campaigns with Harding University and once to speak at a ladies' conference. Jose and Nery Pineda are working hard to keep up with the tremendous growth of the local congregation.

Cozumel, México

Phil and Donna Waldron have been working with this congregation for about three years. Michelle joined Phil and others in the first campaign to this island four years ago. Since that time, the church has built a new building and now has 150+ worshipping there on Sundays. Michelle has coordinated three later campaigns to Cozumel.

Irkutsk, Russia

The Matteson family has worked in Irkutsk, Russia, for about two years after working in Barnaul, Russia, for three years. Michelle was able to visit and encourage them for the month of April 2000. She was also able to guest lecture in their Bible-English classes and conduct several ladies' Bible studies and one-on-one studies.

Bogotá, Colombia

While at Harding, about 10 students made plans to form a team targeting Bogotá as a city in need of the gospel. In light of the current political situation,

they saw it best to delay their plans and work elsewhere. Since first catching that dream, Michelle has been to Bogotá four times, most recently in September 2001, just before the U.S. terrorist attacks. She hopes to make frequent trips to Bogotá from Caracas.

Rafael and Sonia Valderrama diligently testify to the hope and peace Christ offers to this troubled country in a troubled time.

Denver, Colorado

Since plans did not work out to form a team to Bogotá, Colombia, several of those team members began to look at various needs elsewhere. A church-planting in south Denver provided an opportunity to help start an English-speaking congregation in the 2nd fastest growing county in the U.S. and also to initiate a Spanish work in metro Denver, a place where there was no existing Spanish work.

The Church of Christ in Douglas County and the two Iglesia de Cristo congregations in Denver are growing and have provided unique opportunities to work with the church in English and Spanish at the same time. Michelle currently has six weekly one-on-one Bible studies with Christians and non-Christians in English and Spanish.

The Future

With the listed past experiences and a passion for the Latin American culture and people, Michelle has continued her involvement in Venezuela and Colombia. She has made plans to move to Caracas, Venezuela, in January 2003.