

Andres and Ruth Garza

Andres is a ruling elder in the National Presbyterian Church in Mexico and is an Architect with a master's degree in Urban Planning. He grew up in Monterrey, Mexico being a Catholic by tradition. During the last year of college he was invited by Ruth, who now is his wife, to an evangelistic campaign where he met the Lord.

He worked for the government of several cities as a city planner for about 12 years until God called him to work full time as the coordinator of the Church Planting Movement in Northern Mexico. For 7 years he served the Lord in Northern Mexico in partnership with MTW helping and encouraging established churches and Presbyteries to start more churches.

Since the church planting movement was growing pretty fast, Andres and others realized that leaders and pastors needed better training. That is why, he and his family decided to come to RTS Charlotte to earn a masters degree of Divinity. He is back in Monterrey, Mexico serving as the team leader for MTW in the Church Planting Movement and the establishment of a new Theological and Church Planting Institute. He is leading the efforts of nationals and MTW missionaries to plant churches in the 27 largest cities in Northern Mexico.

Ruth Garza is also an Architect and city planner. She is from a Presbyterian cradle and she met the Lord when she was 12. She also worked for the Government of the State of Nuevo Leon doing comprehensive plans for the metro area of Monterrey. She was a leader in different youth groups in Emanuel church that is the mother church of Andres and Ruth. Along side Andres, she participated as a part of the core group of a new church in Monterrey.

During their time in the States she took some classes with Andres in RTS and a Diploma in Christian counseling for women. She felt the need to start a ministry with the church planter's wives and right after they got back to Monterrey she started the development of the "church planter's wives" ministry in Northern Mexico.

The Garzas have two daughters, Lissete (21) and Priscila (18). Lissete is in College now studying "Internationals relations" at Monterrey Tech. Priscila is in University.

As a family, they are serving the Lord in Northern Mexico.

Tim Holliday

Tim is a missionary with Mission to the World (MTW) serving on the US/Mexico border as part of the Northern Mexico Team. He grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan and currently lives in Harlingen, TX with his wife, Kristy, and four of their six children. Their oldest daughter Ashley (28) lives in North Carolina with her husband and two sons. Keilah (19) is attending college in Omaha, Nebraska. James (17), Susannah (16), Lydia (13) and Sarah (13) live at home in Harlingen.

Tim enlisted in the US Navy in 1985. During the training schools for the Naval Nuclear Power Program, he applied for and was selected to participate in the Enlisted Commissioning Program. Tim attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and began studies in Computer Engineering in the summer 1987. He graduated *summa cum laude* in June 1990. Following Officer Candidate School, Tim received his commission as an ensign in October 1990 and once again entered the nuclear power training program. While on active duty, Tim served on the submarine USS Baton Rouge (SSN-689), USS Los Angeles (SSN-688) and USS Michigan (SSBN-727), and graduated from Naval Postgraduate School with a Master of Science degree with distinction in Applied Physics in the spring 1998. Tim's final duty station was at US Strategic Command in Nebraska where I was a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) planner. He served at USSTRATCOM until his retirement from naval service in the fall 2005. He stayed on at USSTRATCOM as a civilian defense contractor, taking a position as a senior engineer with Applied Research Associates (ARA).

As Tim was transitioning out of the Navy, during the time he was employed at ARA, he served as a deacon in their local church, Harvest Community Church (PCA) in Omaha, NE. Additionally, Tim and Kristy became involved with Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministry (BEAMM), the MTW team serving along the 2000 mile US/Mexico border. Their family served as part of short-term missions teams to Iglesia La Vid in Laredo, Texas. Prompted by those experiences and a season of personal spiritual growth in our lives, the Hollidays pursued God's call to join MTW as career missionaries in the summer 2008. They applied to MTW, were evaluated and approved, and raised support through the summer 2010, when they left for language school in San Jose, Costa Rica. They spent the next 8 months learning and practicing Spanish grammar, listening, and speaking skills. They arrived in the Rio Grande Valley area of the US/Mexico border in June 2011 where they continue to live.

The Hollidays' ministry allows them to serve and work on both sides of the eastern US/Mexico border, along the 200 mile stretch from Laredo, TX to Brownsville, TX/Matamoros, MX. They have transitioned from BEAMM to its successor ministry, the MTW Northern Mexico team, centered in Monterrey, Mexico.

Their ministry role continues to be to assist and serve church pastors and leaders in any way possible, whether that be in administration, technical and logistical support, or in Word and Deed ministries. As part of the Community Development ministry, Tim seeks to develop mercy and justice ministries, identify opportunities, train leaders, and facilitate diaconal ministries and mercy ministry teams in the local church.