

MISSIONS NEWS

*Two
Missions.
One Vision.*



WHY MIT MONTERREY MATTERED

The goal of the MIT mission was both practical and spiritual.

Practically, the team went to learn. They trained with local COG7 churches, participated in ministry initiatives, and observed firsthand how faith is lived out in a different cultural context. They didn't go to teach first—they went to learn, encourage, and partner.

Spiritually, the mission was a beginning for many. The leadership trusted God to deepen the team's relationship with Christ, and to awaken something new in the hearts of its youth and young adults. For several team members, this trip marked their first true step into Gospel ministry.

GC MISSIONS DEPLOYS TWO

In the past 60 days, GC Missions has witnessed something extraordinary: two successful mission deployments—one through the SHINE ministry in Guatemala and another through the Missionary Immersion Training (MIT) initiative in Monterrey, Mexico. These were not isolated projects. They were living examples of what happens when faith meets obedience, and preparation meets purpose.

MIT Monterrey in One Sentence

Pastor Tim Hinds summarized it best: *“Learning to live and love, like Jesus, in Monterrey.”*

That phrase now echoes through the hearts of those who went—and those they served.



*The Goal of
The Mission*

HEART OF GC MISSIONS

*GC
Missions
In Action*



BY THE NUMBERS

This was not symbolic ministry—it was tangible, hands-on, gospel-centered action:

- 27 missionaries deployed (3 staff, 7 adult mentors, 17 Sword & Youth)
- Visits to 7 churches, some for-fellowship meals, others for pastoral training
- Ministry outreach to 3 hospitals
- Visits to drug & alcohol rehabilitation centers
- Visits to nursing homes
- Engagement with children facing illness
- 300 sandwiches prepared and distributed
- Each team member assembled a salvation bracelet, learning to share the Gospel through color-coded beads during witnessing opportunities

Every number represents a life touched.

“GOD IS HERE” ON THIS MISSION

One of the most defining moments took place in a nursing home.

Some residents were able to communicate easily. Others were not. Some could feed themselves. Others could not.

Then it happened.

Three young female missionaries gently fed bread and lifted cups of milk to the lips of residents who could not move their hands.

That was the moment Pastor Tim said he knew—God was doing something deeper than outreach.

He was forming hearts.
He was shaping servants.
He was revealing Christ.



*Shaping
Servants*

MIT AND SHINE



*Hospitable
Monterrey*

HONORING MONTERREY

The churches of Monterrey did not simply host the team—they welcomed them as family.

Hospitality was constant. Meals were prepared. Transportation was provided. Translators gave their time. Many locals took time off work simply to support the mission.

What the MIT team encountered was not just a church—it was a way of life.

Hands lifted in worship.
Feet moving in service.
Lives centered on the Gospel.

SHINE GUATEMALA: LIGHT IN ACTION

While MIT was serving in Monterrey, the SHINE ministry was celebrating ministering in Guatemala—demonstrating the same values: compassion, presence, and Gospel-centered outreach.

Together, these two deployments show the new identity of GC Missions:

Not reactive.
Not theoretical.
But active, equipped, and mobilized.



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THE FUTURE



Key Changes

THE NEW DIRECTION OF GC MISSIONS

Over the past eight months, GC Missions has been building a renewed structure—one grounded in prayer, transparency, collaboration, and leadership development.

Key changes include:

- A stronger spiritual foundation through the Prayer Partner Network
- Global partnerships being strengthened
- Clear pathways for training, sending, and supporting missionaries
- The launch of the MIT framework for long-term mission development

These two missions—MIT Monterrey and SHINE Guatemala—are the first fruits of this renewed direction.

THE MISSION CONTINUES...

What's Next?

The MIT leadership team is already praying and planning next steps. While future international missions are being considered, one major focus is emerging: **U.S. city missions.**

The goal is not just to go far—but to go near.
To reach hearts right here.
To train missionaries in their own communities.

Prayer is needed now:

- For wisdom.
- For open doors.
- For prepared hearts.
- For future missionaries.



Whats's Next

YOUR PART IN MISSIONS



*New
Direction*

HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS

Missions like these do not happen by accident. They happen because the Church chooses to act.

Through prayer.
Through presence.
Through generosity.

Your offerings to GC Missions directly fund future MIT and SHINE deployments—training new workers, supporting travel, and equipping teams to bring the Gospel where it is needed most.

CLARIFICATION REGARDING JAMAICA RELIEF EFFORTS

For clarity in our mission response, please note that while several churches in Jamaica share a similar name, GC Missions is directing relief resources specifically to congregations affiliated with our Church of God (Seventh Day) International Federation.

We continue to pray for all affected by the devastation. At the same time, we are committed to ensuring that the resources entrusted to GC Missions strengthen and support those within our ecclesiastical body.

Offerings designated through GC Missions will continue to provide vital assistance for disaster relief in Jamaica. Your generosity brings practical help, spiritual encouragement, and hope during this critical time.

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Us in Mission*

