



Glenn & Bonnie, missionaries on the Mexico/US Border & at Dallas International University

Inspiracom's 14 FM stations (and an equal number of repeaters) blanket the Mexico/US border—and the world via Internet streaming—with the message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ.

Inspiracom's Christian Academy of the Air reaches students around the world, helping them study God's Word.

Dallas International University is fully accredited by SACSCOC (which accredits the University of Texas among other colleges and universities in the Southeast) and offers training at the undergraduate and graduate levels in Cross-cultural Studies, Abrahamic Studies, Human Migration Studies, Sign Language Linguistics, World Arts, and Bible Translation among other disciplines.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah! Because of his great mercy he has granted us a new birth, resulting in an immortal hope through the resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah, from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3, ISV

Dear Friends and Family,

Glenn and I pray this finds you experiencing the Lord's sustaining power and grace. We have experienced the Lord's power and grace in our lives and the lives of all His people. In this letter we will share just a few of the many exciting encounters and ministry opportunities God has given us.

Broad and Fulfilling Ministries--Pray for us as God gives us the privilege of glorifying Him through these cutting-edge ministries. We are still full-time members of Reach Beyond, seconded to Inspiracom, and on special assignment at Dallas International University. We are extremely involved with Inspiracom in all kinds of ways every week, no matter where we are.

Recent trips to the border have been in September, November, January, and March. We plan to go again in May. Chaplaincy for Inspiracom is part of our ministry, too.



In the KVER FM (El Paso, TX) break room for lunch with some of the KVER team. Clockwise: Brenda, Veronica, Bonnie, Glenn, Eduardo, Araceli, Abraham



A photo of me (Bonnie) in the studio of KVER FM. Do not be deceived! I do not know the first thing about operating the controls! Ha!

We had a special time at one of "our" Inspiracom Spanish stations, KVER FM in El Paso, a few months ago, visiting at length with team members in the photo above. We're thankful we also got to visit with Paul and Shari Salzman in El Paso, longtime Reach Beyond missionaries who used to live in Ecuador. Paul and Shari have poured their lives into the ministries of Inspiracom for decades (first at KBNR FM in Brownsville/Matamoros and then at KVER FM in El Paso/Ciudad Juarez).



*Standing, L to R: Michelle, Josefina, Ceci, David, Araceli, Glenn, Flor, Bonnie, Juan Carlos, James, Brian, Emi, Ken, Ruthie, Abraham, Luke
Kneeling, L to R: Moisés, Milton, Manuel*

Inspiracom Managers Conference—In January, our Inspiracom managers got together for a conference at headquarters. This type of gathering is no small feat, as we are spread out over a 1500-mile span, from Corpus Christi and Brownsville, TX, to Yuma, AZ! This was the first in-person gathering of this magnitude in several years. Board member David Isais gave several training sessions. Many of our people (including David) speak both Spanish and English, but a few know only English. Glenn and I interpreted from Spanish to English during several of the sessions. It was a strengthening and encouraging time!

Inspiracom Board--Glenn is a voting member of the Inspiracom board. He has been in all the board meetings for almost 27 years—as personnel director or president or president emeritus and as a consultant and chair of certain board committees. At the September 2024 board meeting, he was nominated to be a voting member, and his term began at the March 2025 board meeting.



Since our last update, Glenn was honored to give a greeting and say a prayer at the First Responders Luncheon at the Las Milpas Community Center (just south of McAllen, TX, near our Inspiracom headquarters). Josefina Ríos, Director of Inspiracom’s Academia Cristiana del Aire, regularly plans and hosts luncheons of this sort, to let local leaders (police officers, firefighters, mayors, county officials, and the like) know they are prayed for and appreciated.



Dallas International University (DIU) -- We have had some involvement with DIU for almost seven years now. Some of our more recent activities with DIU include:

- Glenn’s testimony re: small groups/*Pilgrim’s Progress* at “Transform” (chapel).
- Hosting a DIU DE (Distance Education) Small Group, via Zoom, since the Fall 2023 semester.
- Glenn speaking at the DIU Quad Apr. 15 on the Resurrection from Mark 16:1-8 (ten things the “young man” told the women that still apply to Christ-followers today) and I Corinthians 15 (Paul’s seven points about the importance of the Resurrection).
- DIU Commencement: I have been asked to provide special music for the DIU Commencement May 9th. I’m excited about that. Glenn, in his PhD regalia, will march with the DIU faculty.



Glenn with Andrés Sánchez. Andrés is chair of the College of International Studies, where Glenn serves on the adjunct faculty at DIU.

A Direct Interweaving--For several years we have prayed for a connection between Inspiracom and DIU. This certainly happened in March! Here's the story:

The cross-cultural practicum of Abigail Craven (a student of Glenn's at DIU) was to study and absorb the "culture and heartbeat," as I like to put it, of Inspiracom and the Mexico-US border and come up with a painting. She did a beautiful job.

Several of our Inspiracom family--including some board members, our board chairman, and our president--were present on March 14th, to share in the joy of her painting being dedicated to the glory of God. Her painting is on display at Inspiracom headquarters.

Abigail titled her painting "Manantial de Vida." Our Spanish-language FM stations have been known for years as "Radio Manantial." ("Manantial de Vida" means a spring of living water.)

Abigail is graduating from DIU May 9th. She has been accepted to an exclusive degree program--Master of Fine Arts--at Southern Methodist University (in Dallas), with a full scholarship. She found out that news on her first day with us on the border!



Abigail's painting, "Manantial de Vida"

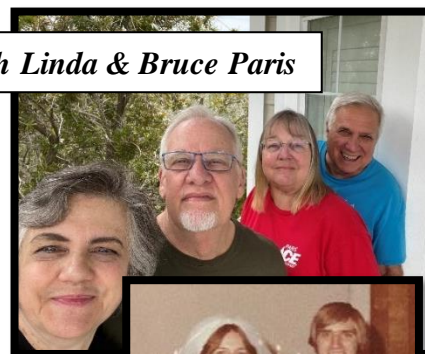


We took Abigail to the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge and walked nearly four miles. We were thankful to be able to go right up to the Rio Grande.



Longtime Friends--Among the many special times God has given us was our February visit with Bruce and Linda Paris (whom Glenn met 50 years ago when he and they ministered together at a Campus Crusade for Christ summer project at Myrtle Beach, SC). They now live on the Alabama Gulf Coast and own several Paris Ace Hardware stores.

Bonnie & Glenn with Linda & Bruce Paris



Some of the other longtime friends we've seen include the Harts and the Rydbecks. We saw Dr. Raymond Hart and his wife Helen en route between the Rio Grande Valley and Dallas. We see the Rydbecks sometimes when they visit family in Dallas. They live in Florida and make frequent ministry trips to Ecuador.

Bruce and Cherith Rydbeck with Bonnie & Glenn. Friends since 1982, in Ecuador.



Bonnie with Helen Hart. We've known the Harts since the early 1990s, in Laredo.



Linda and Bruce Paris at their wedding, summer of 1977!

Our Support--Glenn and I are very thankful for all the people on our support team, some of whom have been supporters ever since Glenn became a single missionary with Reach Beyond in 1981. Some have joined our support team more recently, including a young man in his twenties. We really thank God for the ways He provides for us through the prayers and gifts of individuals and churches.

Family--We look forward to (our son) Jared, his wife Mandy, and their children Audrey (10) and Christopher (3) visiting us at Easter. As (our son) Justin, his wife Glenna, and their children Grey (6), Logan (3, nearly 4!), and Georgia (2) live in the Dallas area, we see them often. It will be fun to have the cousins see one another!



Christopher (Jared & Mandy's son)



Audrey (Jared and Mandy's daughter)



Georgia, Grey, Logan (Justin & Glenna's children)



Alice (Bonnie's mother) with Bonnie

My mother, Alice Brawand, has been at Duncanville Senior Living (DSL) for 2 ½ years. Many of you have prayed for and supported her. Each week I spend hours on details regarding her life and care, and I continue to see her often. Periodically I play piano and sing during mealtimes at DSL. A close family friend (of over 50 years) offered to pay to have the piano tuned, and we were able to hire a fellow missionary to tune it! We are grateful for all the friends and family from near and far who visit my mother.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to us.

Love in Christ,
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Bonnie and Glenn



Glenn and I have been members of Reach Beyond since the early 1980s. Seconded to Inspiracom and on the Adjunct Faculty (Glenn) of Dallas International University, we receive support through *Reach Beyond*.



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Inspiracom's vision is to quench the spiritual thirst of people on the US/Mexico border with the joyful living waters that can only flow from Jesus Christ.