



## Team Leaders Needed for 2011

Grace Baptist Mission has just launched a new programme of short term mission opportunities called *Envision*. A key part of this programme is *Envision Teams*, a gap year programme for young people serving together in a team for ten weeks or more. Young people are plunged into another culture in the developing world, giving them a rich cross-cultural experience, so that they get to see world mission in the raw. As well as serving the churches where they are, they will also have their own programme of discipleship as a team so that they grow spiritually during their time away.

Each team's programme will have three elements:

**Evangelism** – reaching out into the local area through street evangelism, children's and youth clubs, going into schools and taking young people away on camps, as well as taking part in the regular ministries of the local church.

**Discipleship** – a daily Bible study programme for all team members together, so that over ten weeks the team will have worked through one of the major books of the Bible. Our aim is to make sure that young people go off to University or into the world of work as stronger Christians, able to handle God's word better and to share their faith with others. An Envision team also gives them the time to think about whether God is calling them to Mission long term.

**Practical work** – there are lots of practical tasks for the team to get stuck into, e.g. basic DIY, decorating, computer work, that will make a difference to the church and community where they serve.

It is therefore vital that we find good team leaders. We are looking for capable, mature young adults who can volunteer to serve for three months. We are looking for two people (one male, one female) who are both committed Christians with the following qualities:

- a passion for world mission and a desire to see the kingdom of God spread to all nations
- experience of working with young people and a desire to disciple them
- experience of teaching the Bible to others in a small group context
- the gifts needed to organise and manage a team
- the ability to speak Spanish would be an advantage, though not essential for both team leaders
- Someone who agrees with GBM's doctrinal basis, and preferably who belongs to a church that is in fellowship with GBM

Our first *Envision Team* is planned for late January 2011, going to Arequipa in Peru. The team will go for ten weeks, returning just before Easter. There will be eight young people on the team plus the two leaders. The team will do two weeks Spanish lessons at a local language institute, and then be involved in a number of outreach, youth and children's projects through the Baptist Church in Simon Bolivar.

If you think you could be the person we are looking for, and would like to discuss this further, please contact Jim Sayers, Envision Co-ordinator, at

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