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The beautiful answer is preceded by a more beautiful question.

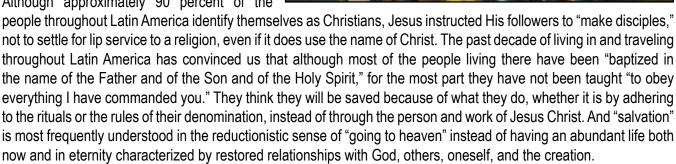
- Joel Van Dyke, who works with gangs in Central America, citing e. e. cummings

Because of the momentum created as we simultaneously focus on daily urgencies and long-term plans, it is difficult to stop and ask, *Are we even on the right track?* In mid-February we spent two days in Miami with the Latin America area director for OC, Ricardo Escobar, to consider the first in a series of questions designed to help us align our activities with the Great Commission* in light of the current world situation. We thought you might be interested in what emerged through the conversation.

What is the unfinished task in Latin America?

Making Disciples

Although approximately 90 percent of the



Reaching Each New Generation

On a continent where 60 percent of the population is 25 years old or younger, youth and children's ministry, focused both inside and outside of local congregations, is a vital component of the unfinished task.

So are we on the right track? It seems to us that insofar as we enable followers of Christ throughout Latin America to be disciples who make disciples, especially of the younger generation, we're not furthering our agenda, but His:

*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. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Next month: How we plan to continue doing this.

