

## Built Together

### Scripture Reading — Ephesians 2:11-22

*In him you too are being built together ... Ephesians 2:22 —*

Manuel lives in a rundown neighborhood. Across the highway are upscale homes that cost thousands of dollars more than his. That other neighborhood has new schools, a new theater, and beautiful parks. Manuel knows because he works as a landscaper there. Half of the people in Manuel's neighborhood speak Spanish. Some folks are from Southeast Asia, others are African-American, and a third are Caucasian.

Manuel spends three nights a week playing soccer. Afterward he drinks beer and watches television. He knows that when he's 50 and can no longer do the back-breaking labor his job requires, his boss will hire a younger immigrant. He has no marketable skills and no pension, and he believes he has no future.

I know a man who wants to reach people like Manuel. He's white. He has a master's degree. But he moved to Manuel's neighborhood and plays on Manuel's soccer team. He teaches at the high school that Manuel's children attend. He's joined a neighborhood association to help fix homes in the neighborhood. He's starting a church to bring the gospel into Manuel's area.

North America is a huge mission field--less than 33 percent of the people attend church regularly. Every place is far more diverse than ever before. We need new churches to reach into this beautiful diversity.

### Prayer

*Father, thank you for the cultural richness of our society. Thank you for church planters called to reach people with the gospel. Speed their way. Let us be their helpers. Amen.*

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