

**Go. Be My witness:
here,
not far from here,
and a long way from here.**

16 April 2024

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Grace Church and Pastor Merelda Gonzalez

- **A hub for suppliers, volunteers, community services**
- **Gigantic weekly food distributions**
- **Community outreach with doctors and dentist, and government partnerships (e.g. Head Start, ESL)**
- **Visitation, personal evangelism**
- **Grace South, Grace North, Grace West**
- **Creating many new outdoor families of faith**
- **Bringing life and growing The Kingdom in dozens of colonias**

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Colonia (Wikipedia)

- A type of unincorporated, low-income, slum area located along the Mexico–United States border region.
- Colonias provide affordable housing and a foothold to the American dream.
- Developers divide land into small lots, that are bought by low-income families.
- Because they do not qualify for financing, colonia residents buy their land on a contract for deed, in which land ownership stays with the seller until the entire purchase price is paid.
- There are minimal services and infrastructure.
- Houses are often built little by little, starting as shabby tents of wood and cardboard.
- These settlements are part of an informal economy that is not bound by labor, tax, health and safety, land use, environmental, civil rights, and immigration laws or regulations.











Church building becomes a community/recreation center



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Visitation



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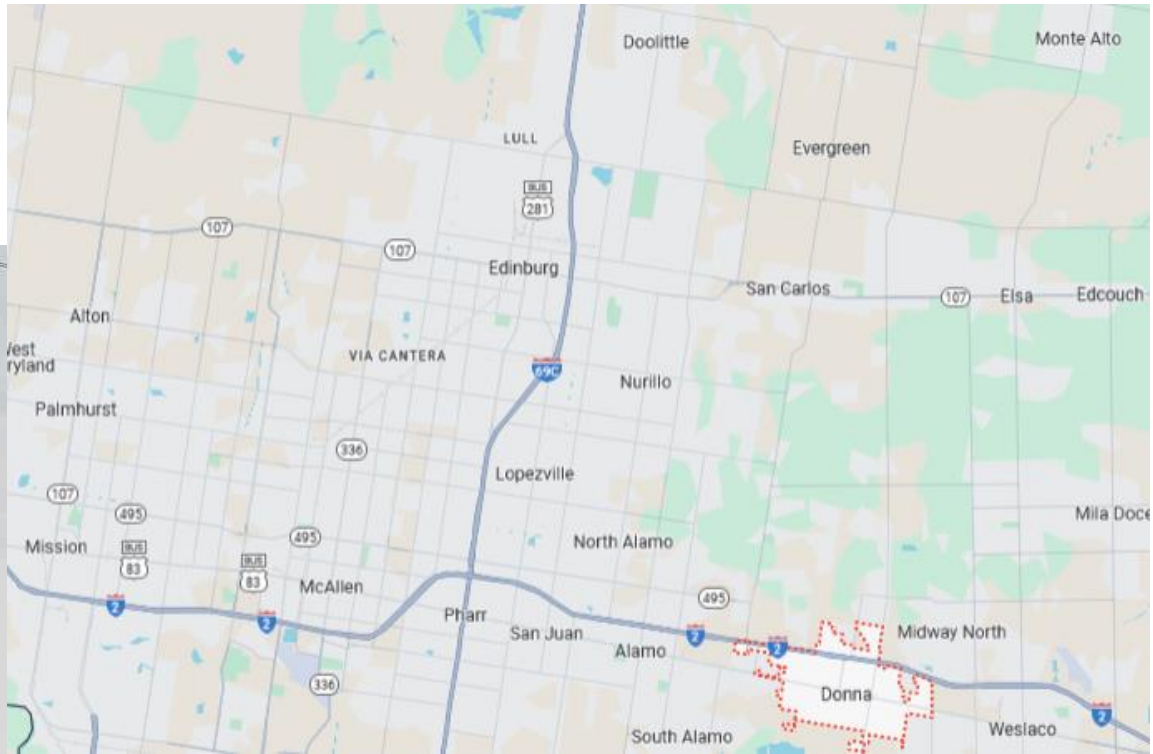
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Outdoor congregations

Donna, Tx



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Mission, Tx





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Grace West



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Leadership!



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Young people!

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39 YEARS OF SERVICE

1985	TBM	FBP RGV ministry is serving the churches that are growing The Kingdom	47 Men / 30 Homes Constructed (Saragosa Toronado)
1986	Jim Newland		36 Men / Construction (Santa Maria)
1987 - 1991	Ronnie Adams		Single Adults / VBS & Construction
1992 - 1995	Larry Pelts		VBS & Construction
1996 – 2006	Cotton & Barbara Bridges		VBS & Construction Projects
2006 – 2024	Mike Oliver		Construction Projects

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**If you give yourself to the hungry,
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed;
Then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.
Is not this the kind of fasting
the Lord has chosen?**

--- Isaiah 58:10,6

FBP and RGV churches are partners.

**“As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.”**

--- Proverbs 27:17

