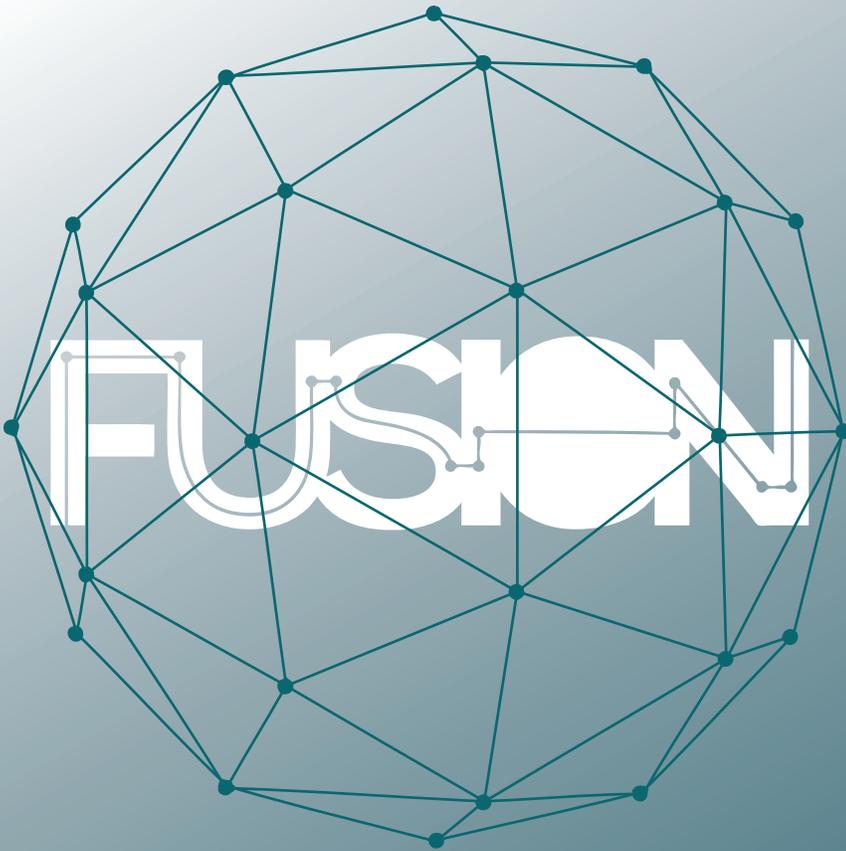


challenging students  
in north america  
and latin america  
to be and make  
disciples of Jesus



following  
Jesus' model  
of multiplication...

to develop **strategic partnerships**  
through **short-term mission trips**  
that become **long-term relationships**



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## WHAT IS FUSION?

fu-sion

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**noun: the process or result of joining two or more things together to form a single entity.**

FUSION is a short-term missions program that consists of a 4-step strategy of multiplication, strategically partnering churches in the U.S. with churches in Latin America.

As two student ministries are *fused* together for the purpose of making disciples who can make disciples, students from both ministries are challenged in their faith.

God has consistently used FUSION since 1995 to raise up new generations of disciplemakers, church leaders, and full-time missionaries to all parts of the world.

We want to invite you to partner with us in multiplying disciple-making student ministries, fusing the lives of your students with students in Latin America!



### Not your typical mission trip.

The primary purpose of FUSION is not to construct a building, lead a vacation Bible school program, or do street evangelism. Instead, we ask you and your students to **incarnate, invest, and multiply**. We believe that this reflects Jesus' strategy of entering into our world, pouring his life out into a few, and reproducing his character and priorities in them. So that's what we ask you to do: enter into the world of Latino teenagers, invest your lives in building relationships with those students, and help them build a healthy, disciple-making student ministry by reproducing the character and priorities of Jesus in them.

FUSION is as much about developing *your* student ministry as it is about facilitating the development of a healthy, disciple-making student ministry cross-culturally. Throughout the FUSION process, you will be trained, challenged, and equipped to make disciples among your students, and we'll work with you to make FUSION an integral part of your disciple-making strategy.

Each of the four steps in the FUSION partnership process is designed as a short-term mission trip, and when all four steps are completed, the result is two healthy, disciple-making student ministries that are ready to multiply themselves. The four steps in the process are based on the phases in the ministry of Jesus, and are outlined here.

## PREPARATION

Beginning 6-9 months before step 1, the Sonlife FUSION team begins identifying youth leaders in the Latin American church and providing monthly training for them. This training focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus, and we look at the strategy he used for making disciples and developing a movement of multiplication.

At the same time, we meet regularly (via Skype) with the youth pastor or lead youth worker from your church in the U.S. in order to provide the same training. In this way, the leadership in both student ministries can be on the same page.

send disciples to make disciples.

**As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**

-- John 20:21

## STEP 1: FOUNDATIONS

(John 4:3-42)

In the first step of FUSION, the student ministry from the church in the U.S. chooses a team of 5-15 high school students who will come along-side a church in Latin America and either help them start a student ministry from scratch, or work with their existing student ministry to help it become a healthy, disciple-making ministry. The main emphasis during the first step is building a strong foundation for the Latin American student ministry to be built upon, as well as building a relational foundation between the two student ministries, *fusing* the 2 groups together. (Length of trip: 10-12 days)

## STEP 2: MINISTRY TRAINING

(Luke 4:31-5:39)

In step two, the U.S. student ministry sends another team of students to continue the work that was started in step 1. The focus for the second step is ministry training - specifically, training the Latin American student ministry with some tools for reaching their peers for Christ. The students work together to plan, prepare and execute an outreach retreat which takes place at the end of their time together. (Length of trip: 10-12 days)

## STEP 3: EXPANDED OUTREACH

(Matthew 4:23; Luke 8:1-3; Mark 5:1-20)

The following winter (January or February), the Latin American student ministry sends a team of students to the U.S. for a mission trip in the community of their partner church. The focus of the third step is expanded outreach - continuing the movement of multiplication by giving the Latin American students the opportunity to serve as missionaries in a culture different than their own. (Length of trip: 10-12 days)

## STEP 4: MULTIPLICATION

(Matthew 16:13-20; Luke 9 & 10)

FUSION is about multiplication. A team from the North American student ministry returns to Latin America for 3-4 days of training with the Latin American student ministry. Then a team of students from both ministries leaves to go to another Latin American country to plant a student ministry in a church that has never had one. In this fourth step, a new partnership is formed between the two Latin American churches. The North American student ministry provides relational encouragement and prayer support as their Latino peers take the lead in this new partnership, and at this point the process of multiplication has come full-circle. The Latin American student ministry continues the FUSION process through the four steps, multiplying again in step four.  
(Length of trip: 14-15 days)

multiply your life.

**We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.**

-- 1 Thessalonians 2:8

## ONGOING MULTIPLICATION

At the end of the FUSION partnership, both student ministries are growing as healthy, disciple-making student ministries that are committed to multiplication!

step out in faith.

**Without faith it is impossible to please God...I always do what pleases him.**

-- Hebrews 11:6 & John 8:29

### Challenge your students to step out in faith.

Jesus spent a lot of time talking about faith. He knew that in order for the movement to grow, his disciples would have to live by faith. The same is true for disciples of Jesus today. It's not an easy thing. It means living outside of our comfort zones, in full dependence on the Holy Spirit. FUSION will push your students out of their comfort zones as they live in a host home, eat food that's different from what they're used to, communicate in a foreign language, model the life of a true disciple in front of their Latino peers, and take the lead throughout the four-step process. If you're looking for a way to challenge your students to step out in faith, this is it.

**With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with skillful hands.**

-- Psalm 78:72

### Be a true disciple.

Upright heart. As Jesus prepared his leaders for the task of carrying the movement of disciple-making forward, he focused his attention on the heart of a true disciple. FUSION does the same - students are challenged to lead like David... with an upright heart.

### Make disciples.

Skillful hands. Jesus didn't stop with the heart. He knew that his leaders needed to learn the *skill* of making disciples. Throughout the FUSION process, students are equipped with tools for making disciples in their everyday lives. It's not just a mission trip; it's a call to live as true disciples and make disciples.

**be a true disciple. make disciples.**

**And he appointed twelve, so that they would be with him and that he could send them out...**

-- Mark 3:14



FUSION exists to serve the local church in Latin America and the U.S. by developing partnerships designed to establish and maintain healthy, disciple-making student ministries based on the strategy and model of Jesus, resulting in movements of multiplication throughout the Americas and around the world.

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