

## PRAYER AND EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT

**Dr. John Rogers, Jr., Team Leader**

### Prayer

The **Prayer Summit** at Highland Lakes Baptist Camp hosted 72 individuals, including 33 pastors. The 2015 Prayer Summit will be November 6-7, beginning Friday at 2:00 p.m. and ending Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Gary Frost, NAMB Midwest Vice President and NAMB National Prayer Coordinator, will challenge and guide us through prayer for our state, churches, pastors and congregations. This Summit invitation is extended to pastors, prayer coordinators and the community of believers. The total cost is \$5.

### Evangelism

The emphasis remains the **pastors' model evangelism**. We shared the "3 CIRCLES" tool with pastors and lay persons at the 13 Pastors' Gatherings and other venues. The basic premise is people telling their story, that is ultimately His Story.

With only 66% of SCBI churches filling out their ACPs, our **baptisms** are low. There were 2,187 baptisms reported for 2014.

We continue to **encourage praying** for lost people by name ("Choose 2" and "Luke 10:2" evangelistic tools); that churches need to be intentionally guest friendly; that evangelism needs to be a part of all children and youth programs with an intentional community strategy (Who's the target? How will you reach the target? What's the follow-up plan?); that Event and Servant Evangelism is the door to the lost, not the end; and that a discipleship process is paramount.

### Hunger Funds

We were hit hard with a 20% **cut in funding**. We now have 24 ministries we fund. In 2014 there were 246 salvations reported through these ministries.

### Collegiate Ministries

The Collegiate Ministry continues to have a presence **on the following campuses**:

- Notre Dame and IU South Bend (Sweh Velilla): They are planting a campus friendly church strategically between Notre Dame and IU South Bend.
- Indiana Tech; Ivy Tech of Fort Wayne (Greg Byman)
- Ball State (Jeremy Cowin)
- Purdue (Ben and Nettie Beck; Dennis and Julie Runner working with international students)
- Indiana State and Ivy Tech, Terre Haute, Rose Hulman, St Mary of the Woods (Roger and Rose Bear)
- IU Southeast (Cody Bishop)
- IU Bloomington and Ivy Tech, Bloomington (Mat Shockney and Trevor Kirtman)

- Hanover College (Elyse Taylor)
- University of Southern Indiana (Matthew Castro)

The Collegiate Ministries reported a total of **18 salvations**. A total of 30,610 collegians were impacted by the ministry programs with 610 collegians regularly involved in Campus Ministry programs.

### **Disaster Relief**

We will host the **national Region 4 Blue Hat Training**, September 28-30, 2015, at Calvary Baptist, Greenwood.

The **new Shower Unit** was completed at the end of March 2015, and has been used for World Changers in Muncie.

July was a **busy month** for Disaster Relief (DR) teams. On Sunday, July 12, a tornado totaled one home, damaged 23 others and toppled 100 trees at Princes Lakes near Nineveh. Homeland Security called and asked for chainsaw crews. The first DR team arrived that Tuesday and helped nine victims in three days. The next week the second DR team completed 11 jobs in five days in the area. The Crossing Church in Nineveh provided housing and many meals for the teams.

The DR commitment is to **bring help, hope and healing** to disaster victims. These teams worked hard bringing physical relief, but also shared the Gospel with several, prayed with many and gave two Bibles to individuals.

Even as we submit this report we have mud out teams in Jeffersonville and surrounding areas and Union City. I am grateful for the **volunteer spirit** in Indiana!

### **Chaplaincy**

#### **John Horn, Chaplaincy Coordinator**

With my **transition** to serve as SCBI's new Church Planting Team Leader on June 1, Mike Soper, one of our experienced DR Chaplains from Fall Creek Baptist Church in Indianapolis, will be assuming my role as DR Chaplaincy Coordinator effective September 1, 2015. Mike and I have been working together to schedule our next DR Chaplaincy Training on September 25-26, which will feature NAMB's new updated DR Chaplaincy Training material.

### **Partnership**

#### **Steve Blanchard, Missionary Strategist**

This year marks the end of a wonderful relationship with our brothers and sisters from the **Florida Baptist Convention**. Since 2002 the Florida Convention has sent us their best leaders to lead in all kinds of projects: leadership development, evangelism, Baptist campus ministries, Sunday School leadership training, women's ministry, wor-

ship training, church planting, construction teams, Vacation Bible School, outreach events, association to association relationships, church construction campaigns and many others.

Throughout most of these years, **Craig Culbreth** has been responsible for coordinating the partnership relationship. He served in the division under the direction of a man who we have come to love and respect, Cecil Seagle, now serving as Executive Director of our own convention. These men and others such as Hal Crane and Bobby Muselwhite spent many hours on the ground helping the partnership to operate smoothly.

In addition, the Florida Baptist Convention supported our own strategies monetarily in **hundreds of thousands of dollars**. These funds helped us in the area of church planting, evangelism, church development, and student ministry.

Most of all, however, were the **wonderful relationships** that we had through an exchange of volunteers: Florida volunteers coming to Indiana and Indiana volunteers working on projects in Florida. These relationships have served to provide a friendship that has bound our two conventions together. Thank you, Florida Baptists, for your support over these past 13 years!

Currently we have **newer partnerships** mainly through relationships with churches in Mississippi and also through Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri. The latter church has been the primary supporting church for Send Indianapolis and we have been grateful for the tangible support they have provided in terms of volunteer teams, church planting support as well as church planters. Many other individual churches have adopted church plants throughout the state.

We have placed less emphasis on a formal partnership with **international** entities. In this day of world-wide internet access and the ease of travel to almost anywhere in the world, our churches have formed their own relationships with International Mission Board missionaries on the field. They have also adopted unreached, unengaged people groups under the influence of the request from the International Mission Board, SBC, to reach every people that is still without Christ around the world. SCBI continues to encourage our churches to find those places where the Holy Spirit leads them to engage in primary evangelism.

### **Men's Ministry**

#### **Bob Cox, State Coordinator**

On behalf of your Indiana **Men's Ministry (IMM) team** (Roger Kinion, Larry Snyder, Jim Shields, Dave Waite, Don Morris, Tim Donna, and John Rogers), thank you for allowing us to serve Indiana Baptists the last 12 months. Thank you for your prayer, financial support, labor of love and attendance during our special men's events. A special thanks to our State Executive Board, who continues to be a great resource of

prayer, guidance, and support.

The past 12 months have been **blessed and busy**. The IMM team was able to lead a men's conference at First Baptist Church in Charlestown on August 9, 2014. We met several times in preparation for Man Camp 2015 and the annual fall Men's Retreat/Conference which will be held September 11-12, 2015.

The **2014 Men's Retreat/Conference** at Highland Lakes was a great success under the leadership of Larry Snyder and the team. There were 150 men and boys that heard about "Conquering Giants, Slingshot Stones." Dr. Cecil Seagle was the featured speaker and the George Family led in worship and praise. There were six breakouts, including Conflict Resolution with Steve McNeil, Time Management with Garry Jones, Financial Management with Kyle Brennan, Discipleship through Hobbies with Bobby Pell, Introduction to Disaster Relief with Rick Hilliard, and Intentional Evangelism with Jack Helton. There were many commitments, including rededications to Christ and commitments to local men's ministry in the church. Men also responded for prayer and encouragement. There were two known decisions to follow Christ as Savior. Evaluations indicated that the retreat was beneficial to the attendees.

Since you are reading this report, perhaps God will impress upon your heart to **be a part of developing men's ministry** for 2015/2016. You can help men across the state to grow in their relationship with Christ through prayer, involvement, and participation in men's ministry events in Indiana. Indiana congregations will grow when their men are spiritually strong through the mentoring relationships.

Your IMM team continues to work on **Christ-centered events** that will have dynamic impact on the lives of Indiana men and boys. The team worked in conjunction with Sarah Bohrer and the children's ministry team to make Man Camp 2015 a fantastic experience for men and boys grades 1-6. This event drew about 250 men and boys to learn about Jesus through play, worship, and private devotion between boys and their dads or men in their lives. The IMM team is currently working with Sarah to plan the 2016 Man Camp.

The IMM team also continues to work on the **2015 Men's Retreat/Conference** entitled "Restored." Pastor Jim Shields is taking the lead in securing speakers and content for a successful conference. Jason Ellerbrook from LifeWay will lead the main conferences with breakout sessions being led by SCBI staff and others. To receive information on how your church or association can host a men's conference or how to start a men's ministry group, call the state office extension 261 or email [bcox@scbi.org](mailto:bcox@scbi.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

### **Church Renewal**

#### **Jerry Barton, State Coordinator**

Jerry and Sue Barton serve as **state coordinators** for Church Renewal (formerly Lay Renewal) in Indiana. They worked with two churches to do Awakening Weekend events this summer: First Baptist of Elizabeth (7/10/15) and North Park Baptist Church in Evansville (6/20/15). Other churches are in the process of planning for renewal weekends. These include Iglesia Bautista El Calvario in Seymour (10/17-19/15), and Living Word Church in Indianapolis. Renewals are led by godly lay people called by God to the ministry of renewal.

Church Renewal Journey is now on **Facebook**. Request a Facebook friendship to view status updates. This will be a great tool for others to hear about Church Renewal Journey.

A **Team Member Handbook** is available to those who send a request to [crj@namb.net](mailto:crj@namb.net). There is also a Music Manual available upon request. This is for coordinators, worship leaders and accompanists.

The plan is to have **higher visibility** in the churches for Church Renewal in 2016. If your church would prayerfully consider participating in a weekend renewal or would like more information, please contact Jerry Barton at 812-457-6006.