

CHURCH PLANTING REPORT

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Church planting is an effort that has many moving parts that necessarily means it needs to be a collaborative effort. I (Nate Millican) am grateful for the hard work that has taken place over the past year to declare the good news of Jesus and subsequently, push back darkness. The work cannot and should not rise-and-fall with one person; from Lead Pastors to Director of Missions, from Missions Pastors to Church Planting Catalysts, the work of discovering, developing and deploying individuals for gospel work is a lofty task that requires the investment of many and the work and prompting of the Holy Spirit. We plant, we water, but God gives and brings the growth (1 Cor. 3:7). To that end, here are some of the highlights, as well as goals and initiatives we, as a Church Planting Team, want to share with you:

Recently planted churches...

- Boswell Hispanic Mission - led by Oscar Lopez, (Sending Church, Faith Family Frankfort)
- Cornerstone Community Church, Peru - led by Brad Eckerly (Sending Church, Market Road Fellowship)
- Embassy Church, Bloomington - led by Chris Cook (Sending Church, Cornerstone Church)
- Gospel Community Church, Goshen - led by Ben Hurt (Fall of 2019; Sending Church, Gospel City)
- Graceland Palmyra Campus - led by Timothy Bitz (Sending Church, Graceland)
- Leon de Juda - led by Frenando Martinez, Fort Wayne, (Sending Church, FBC New Haven Hispanic)
- Iglesia Cristiana del Padre Nuestro, Indy - led by Fabian Gabriel (Sending Church, Marwood BC)
- Redemption City Church, South Bend - led by Stephen Love (Sending Church, Gospel City)
- Refuge Church, Kouts - led by Eric Ford (replant)
- Relevant Church, New Albany - led by Maurice Ball (Fall of 2019; Sending Church, Graceland)
- Yeshua Society, Beech Grove - led by Mo Wildey (Sending Church, Parkside Church, Oceanside, CA)

Send Network Pipeline Metrics

- Churches represented - 41
- Actively participating churches - 22
 - L.1 - 140 individuals
 - L.2 - 20 individuals
 - L.3 - 10 individuals
- Total individuals engaged 160

Prospective areas we are specifically praying for...

· Chicago-land area (e.g. Hammond, Valparaiso); Clarksville, Lafayette; Speedway; Jeffersonville; Charlestown; Scottsburg; Wabash; Evansville; Terre Haute; Richmond

Ongoing Training efforts

- February 2020 - Coaching Map at Hamilton Hills
- May 2020 - Send Network Training cohort completed
- August 2020 - Coaching Map at Graceland
- September 2020 - Pipeline L.1 SEIBA cohort (4 churches represented)
 - The purpose of which is to raise up leaders who will engage missionally in their community.
- September 2020 - Pipeline L.1 and L.2 Graceland cohort
 - The purpose of which is to raise up leaders who will engage missionally in their community.
- September - Send Network training cohort (virtual)
- January 2021 - Send Network training cohort (virtual)

Initiatives

· Communication and Enlistment. Scott McDowell, Angelica Hutcheson and Greg Byman are working to provide an orientation document for CPT (Church Planting Team) members who transition onto the Executive Board and then onto the CPT. Our desire is to see the CPT assist more and more the NAMB/SCBI Church Planting Catalysts to discover, develop and deploy individuals for church planting.

· Communication. Every other week I (Nate) was having a zoom call with all of the Send Network church plantings. Jesus Pacheco was facilitating one with our Hispanic brothers.

· Communication. Our intent is to engage the individuals involved in church planting around the state to enlist their wisdom and influence, to champion church planting, as well as ensure that we are on the same page concerning changes and initiatives from the North American Mission Board.

·Residency. There are five churches that currently have residencies or are implementing church planter residency or internships programs. (e.g. Harvest North Indy, Graceland Church, Gospel City, St. Joe Community Church, and Northwest Association).

Church Planting priorities...

·The Send Network church planting pathway (see details at <https://www.namb.net/church-planting/>) consists of Assessment - Orientation - Training - Coaching - Care. To that end, we want to continue to tighten up our process of providing the very best training, coaching and care to our planters.

·Discover and secure a CPC (Church Planting Catalyst - full-time) to help with planting efforts in the western part of the state, as well as Indianapolis. We are grateful that Scott McDowell transitioned onto our team this past year.

·Discover and secure an Anglo and Hispanic individual or individuals to plant in the Chicago-land area.

Churches that have decided to affiliate with the State Convention of Baptists of Indiana:

·Eric Ford with Refuge Church, Kouts

·Brad Eckerley, Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Peru