

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 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 the 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

- Mo Wildey, Yeshua Society, Beech Grove
- Cornerstone Community Church, Peru - led by Brad Eckerley (Sending Church is David Martin, Graceway Church, Auburn)
- Embassy Church, Bloomington - led by Chris Cook (Sending Church, Cornerstone Church)
- Gospel Community Church, Goshen - led by Ben Hurt (Sending Church, Gospel City)
 - Added a residency to plant a church in Indianapolis, Brad and Jen McOwen with Harvest, Carmel.
- Leon de Juda, led by Fernando Martinez, Fort Wayne (Sending Church, St. Joe Community Church)
- Iglesia Cristiana del Padre Nuestro, Indianapolis, led by Fabian Gabriel (Sending church, Marwood Baptist Church)
- Redemption City Church, South Bend - led by Stephen Love (Sending Church, Gospel City)
 - Added a residency to plant a church in South Bend, Randall and Angel Davis.
- Light City Bible Church will launch in early 2022 in Wabash (Sending Church, Waynedale Baptist Church, Ft. Wayne.)
- Noblesville Hispanic Mission (plant in process), lead planter, Joel Dupont, sending church TBD
- Indianapolis, Speedway (plant in process), lead planter, Pedro Guzman, sending church TBD

- Indianapolis, North West (plant in process), lead planter, Jesus Gonzalez, sending church TBD
- Refuge Church, Kouts, Replant led by Eric Ford (Sending Church, Valparaiso Baptist Church)

Passed Assessment and preparing to plant

- Chris McCormick, Jeff Strickland, Ben McClain, Bo Mangold and Keith Allen

Send Network Pipeline Metrics

- Churches represented -> 41
- Actively participating churches -> 22
 - L.1 -> 150 individuals
 - L.2 -> 20 individuals
 - L.3 -> 10 individuals
- Total individuals engaged 180

Prospective areas we are specifically praying for

- Chicago-land area (e.g. Hammond, Valparaiso), Clarksville, Lafayette, Speedway, Jeffersonville, Charlestown, Scottsburg, Wabash, Terre Haute, Richmond, Westfield, Irvington, Pike and Speedway.

Ongoing Training Efforts

- August 2021 - December 2021 Send Network Coaching/Training cohort.
- October 2021 - Send Network Indiana celebration that involves Sending & Supporting church pastors getting together to highlight, discuss, and pursue next steps concerning church planting.
- Three individuals completed the Send Network L-3 Pipeline.
- Residencies: Six churches currently have residencies.

Initiatives

- Communication and Enlistment: Scott McDowell, Angelica Hutcheson and Greg Byman are working to provide an orientation document for the Church Planting Team (CPT) members who transition onto the Executive Board and then onto the CPT. Our desire is to see the CPT assist the Send Network Indiana Church Planting Team to discover, develop and deploy individuals for church planting.
- Residency. There are six churches that currently have residencies (e.g. Harvest North Indy, Redemption City, Restoration-Noblesville,

Gospel Community, Graceland Church, and Waynedale Baptist Church). Residencies are a tool that we are using to develop individuals for church planting. Our hope is that we will add several more residences in the coming months.

·In August 2021, we hosted our first Send Network Indiana coaching/training cohort. This consisted of individuals who had already been assessed and endorsed as Send Network church planters, as well as those we are working to go to an upcoming Send Network assessment in the fall of 2021 and the spring of 2022. We have 23 individuals that participated in this coaching/training cohort.

Church Planting Priorities

·The Send Network church planting pathway (see details here or at the following website: <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.

·We are grateful that Brian White, Lead Pastor of Harvest Church (Carmel, Indiana) transitioned onto our team on January 1, 2021, as our Send City Missionary. Brian is a proven leader, planter and practitioner, and we are looking forward to seeing how the Spirit of God uses his leadership.

·Discovered and secured a part-time Church Planting Catalyst (CPC) to help with planting efforts in the southern part of the state. Larry Riley (who will assume an Executive Pastor of Care and Mission role at Graceland Church, New Albany) stepped into this role on September 1, 2021. We are thrilled to have Larry serving on this team as he provides great, mission-minded leadership, with a wealth of knowledge and experience.