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For God so loved...

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Love was the power that moved God to give His Son for our salvation. John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”* What a challenge for us to live a life of love that moves us to serve others! John 13:12: *When He had finished washing their feet, He put on his clothes and returned to His place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” He asked them.*

13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

This past year we were privileged to surpass our goal of 120 new churches by planting 127. We praise God for this achievement that could only have been done by the hard work of our field strategists, directors of missions and many, many others who are serving faithfully.

My prayer for the New Year is that we would be as John the Baptist, righteous and holy and that people would gladly hear us as Herod heard John. Mark 6:20: *Because Herod was in awe of John and was protecting him, knowing he was a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard him he would be very disturbed, yet would hear him gladly.”*

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Basic and Mentor Training for 2009

Basic Training for church starters equips starting teams with the necessary tools for effectively starting new congregations. Church starting is the most effective means for penetrating communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Basic Training helps starters explore the strategic issues of a church starting process and assists them in developing a customized strategy for planting healthy, reproducing churches.

Who should attend?

1. The church starter
2. The spouse of the starter
3. The mentor or sponsoring church leadership
4. The church starting team
5. Directors of missions

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Working together/Fulfilling our ministry

II Timothy 4:5

Pastor Jody Shorkey started Clay City Church of Lincoln (northeast of Sacramento) in January 2007. They are a church who "wants to meet you where you are and hopefully help you grow in a meaningful relationship with God, through Jesus Christ."

Visit their Website at <http://www.claycitychurch.org/>.



Pastor Jody Shorkey

A recent sermon was entitled, "The Enemy." Paul calls Satan our enemy. This makes us realize at least two things about Satan: first, the devil is real; and second, he is our enemy.

But Satan is smart enough to know that when fighting a war it is better to NOT be seen, to attack and then be gone before anybody knows who it was who attacked. He knows all about stealth warfare and camouflage.

But let's get real about Satan. He knows how we think, but he doesn't know what we think. He knows that what we think becomes our reality. If we think he has powers that he does not have, we have attributed more power to him than he possesses.

Satan is not omniscient, he does not know everything. Satan is not omnipotent, he is not all-powerful. Satan is not omnipresent, he is not everywhere at all times.

But God is!

When we are alone at war with Satan we cannot win. But with God we cannot lose! Somebody say, "Amen"!

That's what I think anyway,

Pastor Jody <><



Strategist working with Hispanic congregations

Rodolfo Martinez, Language Church Starting Strategist serving California Hispanic congregations in the High Desert and Los Angeles areas, keeps busy promoting the Cooperative Program, California Mission Offering and other special offerings throughout the year. Recently he participated in the ordination service of Pastor Antonio Gonzales from Iglesia Bautista Peniel in East Los Angeles.

Approximately 65 people were in attendance including Mark Hammond, Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association Director of Missions; Pablo Calderon, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Del Sur, Cudahy; and Fernando Paredes, New Life Community, El Monte. A reception was held after the service.

Martinez also presented a Certificate of Partnership (a certificate given to all of our newest congregations) to Iglesia El Calvario Ministries Church which meets at the facilities of Greenleaf Baptist Church, Whittier. The pastor appreciated the information shared by Brother Martinez. More than 200 attended.

2008 African-American Church Starting Team Update

“Please pray that the Lord will send called-out men who commit to start new healthy, reproducing churches.”

The Lord has done great things for us as we labor in His Vineyard to reach lost and unchurched people through church starting. We are grateful to the Lord, and also for the partnership of several of our African-American congregations for their prayers and Cooperative Program gifts that enabled us to start 23 new churches in 2008.

During the year I did seven church planter assessment interviews and profiles, visited a number of churches throughout the state, met with several directors of missions and mentored and coached two new church planters. I also attended several church starting related meetings, Black Church Leadership Week at Ridgecrest, the NAMB Summer State Directors’ Meeting, and held one African-American Church Starting team meeting.

Yet the needs around the state are becoming greater and greater. One of the greatest needs is finding competent men to start new churches to keep up with the rate of growth.

Several teams will go through Basic Training for church planters within the next three months.

Please pray that the Lord will send called-out men who commit to start new healthy, reproducing churches.

Respectfully,
 Josh Smith
 African-American Church Starting Specialist

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What is the anticipated outcome?

The church starting team will gain:

1. A draft of a vision statement.
2. A rudimentary list of focused values.
3. A draft of a mission statement.
4. A prayer team enlistment strategy.
5. A beginning plan for evangelism.
6. A potential church systems design.
7. A flowchart of critical mileposts.

Date	Event	Location	Local contact
January 23-24, 30-31	Basic Training 1– Spanish	Iglesia Bautista El Calvario 1321 Hudson St Redwood City	Joe Robledo 408.224.5357 E-mail Joe Robledo
March 27-28 and April 3-4	Basic Training 1 - English	TBD San Diego	Howard Burkhart 707.746.8782 E-mail Howard Burkhart
May 29-30, June 5-6	Basic Training 1 – English	First Baptist Church 9280 Maple Ave Hesperia	Rick Curtis 661.273.8917 E-mail Rick Curtis

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