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"If God forgives our sins, what happens to the sins we commit after our conversion?"

"Church starting is the most effective means for penetrating communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Who is praying for you?

By Joe De Leon

On many occasions apostle Paul asked to be prayed for. He said "pray for me (us)" to the Ephesians, Colossians, Thessalonians, and to the Hebrews. James said that we should "pray for one another." So my question to you is; who is praying for you? Have you developed a prayer support group? It is a great blessing to hear someone say that he has been praying for you every day since he met you 20 years ago. It is then that you realize that your success has been because of the constant intercessory prayer.

Just do it! Develop that prayer group today and make sure that you report to them on a regular basis. We do not stand alone in ministry; we stand only because someone is praying for us. By the way even if you are not in some kind of public ministry you still need a prayer support group. It is biblical to pray for one another.

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Basic 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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Mountain House Mission Fellowship

By Romulo Soy

Their story:

The mission is a product of prayer by missionary Romulo Soy, language church starting strategist serving the Filipino population statewide, and his vision to start house churches to become indigenous churches. Pastor Soy met Brother Tony and Mrs. Salvacion Santiago at an ordination service at Southwinds Church in Tracy. After fruitful follow-up meetings, Pastor Soy felt their passion and call to serve the Lord. With the partnership of Life Mission Christian Church, Manteca, a church planting team was organized and envisioned to start a fellowship. March 2008 our first fellowship was held and Mountain House Mission Fellowship was born.



Members of Mountain House Mission Fellowship

Their ministry:

After praying for wisdom, the new church decided to participate in Mountain House Kite Festival in Questra Park. It was a good opportunity to introduce Mountain House Mission Fellowship and to have some contacts with the community.

Around 350-400 people came to watch the Kite Festival. Thirteen workers came to help distribute flyers, tracts, brochures and booklets. Five others joined us from Portland, Oregon; all were excited about handing out the reading materials throughout the day.

They invited people to come to the booth and register for prize drawings. God is so good! We collected information from 16 individuals. They distributed about 160 tracts and brochures and received two enquiries about the mission. After the festival they knocked on doors and sent thank you notes.

It was very rewarding because everyone was happy as they sacrificed their time for the glory of the Kingdom. God is really moving in Mountain House in spite of the present economic situation. They believe God wants to establish a foothold at Mountain House, California.

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Basic Training seminar held in Redwood City

Joe Robledo, Hispanic church starting strategist in the Bay area, reported Spanish planting teams came for training to start new churches in the Bay Area. A group of 23 came to hear our Church Starting Group strategists teach concepts in starting new works. We thank Calvario of Redwood City for hosting this most needed event.



How the Church Starting Group helps church starters?

By Joshua Smith

We provide church planters with the following:

1. Assessment – This helps determine your readiness and needs for the church planting process.
2. Basic Church Planting Training – This gives you help in areas such as developing prayer strategies, vision, values, mission statement, gathering and organizing your core group, the importance of relationships, church management systems, and legal issues, etc.
3. Mentoring – Provides mentoring opportunities through field staff and trained pastors to assist church planters on the church planting journey.
4. Material resources – Provides church planting and leadership resources to enable you, the planter, to achieve your church planting goals.
5. Financial assistance – Provides funding assistance for various areas of church planting ministry.

If you are interested in being a church starter, please contact one of our specialists and he will be happy to assist you.

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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
April 13 - June 15. Monday nights	Basic Training 1 - English 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Gardena Torrance Baptist 1457 W.179 th St. Gardena, CA. 90248	Howard Burkhart
May 1-2, 8-9	Basic Training 1 – English	Oakland	Howard Burkhart
May 29-30, June 5-6	Basic Training 1 - English	First Baptist 9280 Maple Ave Hesperia	Rick Curtis 661.273.8917 rcurtis@hdba.net

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Now, who are you praying for? On whose prayer support group is your name? From whom do you receive regular reports for prayer? What a joy to have prayed for someone and hear that God has answered your prayers for those beloved people.

There is an old song by Ira Sankey, "I am praying for you". The first stanza says

"I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving Savior though earth friends be few;
And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me;
And oh, that my Savior were your Savior, too."



[Celebrate your Association](#) May 17 - 23 or select a date that works for your church.

[Click here](#) for materials.

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Together
for Harvest

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