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## CPR

*By Joe De Leon*

Dr. Kowenhoven developed the technique of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation about 50 years ago. Since then it has been used to save many lives. At first professionals were the only ones trained to practice the technique, possibly thinking that the average person could not be trusted to perform CPR properly.

In 1972, Leonard Cobb did mass citizen training in CPR. It has now been extended to the general public. As we all know, the use of CPR is responsible for saving many lives. Many of you are probably trained in the technique.

Today we need CPR for our churches. By this I do not mean that we need Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, but that we need every church member recognizing that he or she is Christ’s Personal Representative on Earth. By making use of this knowledge we can literally save millions of lives from eternal damnation in Hell.

Jesus said “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth” (Act 1:8).

We are Christ’s Personal Representatives in this world. Everyone who has the Holy Spirit has all that is necessary to win this world for Christ.

The North American Mission Board has rolled out an evangelism initiative that will be in effect from 2009 to 2020 with “every believer sharing and every person hearing.” This has taken the form of GPS (God’s Plan for Sharing). If only 20% of the 16 million Southern Baptists would share the gospel one time per month for the next 10 years, we would reach the 225 million lost in the US (75% of 300 million).

## Two new starts in 2008

By Daniel Sotelo



*Members of Iglesia  
Bautista Central de  
Riverdale*

Two new church starts from last year, Riverdale and Stratford, are very rewarding to me. Riverdale has baptized 23 new Christians and has an average attendance of 45 to 50 every Sunday. They averaged 55 in attendance for Vacation Bible School.

The property has been fenced with more than 770 feet of redwood fence. The front of the property will have concrete columns and wrought iron and the entire building was painted.

The church promotes sports for the community: soccer, basketball, volleyball and hardball. The community is now very aware of its Christian witness.

We are grateful to the mother church, Iglesia Bautista Central in Fresno. We also thank the Hispanic Fellowship of Mid-Valley, the language church starting team, Mid-Valley Southern Baptist Association and Confraternidad Hispana Bautista de California for their support. Pastor Alci Rengifo and his family are working full-time and doing a great job.

Stratford has grown – they have baptized two new Christians and have an average attendance of 25 to 30 on Sundays. Pastor Carlos Rubiano, a bivocational pastor, and his wife, Maritza, are working hard to reach people for Jesus.

To God be the glory!

### Needing help with your ministry?

Are you a new church plant in California that could use some volunteer help? Do you need assistance in distributing fliers in your community, Vacation Bible School helpers, or other ministry aid? Please let us know by contacting [csg@csbc.com](mailto:csg@csbc.com) or 559.256.0863 and we'll showcase your needs in this newsletter.

## Church receives recognition

*By Rodolfo Martinez*

I had the opportunity to give a Certificate of Partnership to Pastor Manuel Medina and the congregation at Casa de Misericordia de la Hermandad Cristiana, in San Bernardino. This group wanted to become Southern Baptist and cooperate with our mission efforts and was very excited to receive this recognition.

Casa de Misericordia has a group of 30 to 35 attending with a strong emphasis in evangelism.

In addition to the help I was able to give them, they also received assistance from Inland Empire Association's consultant, Claudio Medina (not related to Pastor Manuel Medina).



Pastor Medina (center), his wife Cristina, and Rodolfo Martinez

## God Blesses New Church Starts at Easter

*By Dr. Ross Shepherd, New Church Starting Specialist*

God is still alive and well and building His church!

That is the consensus based on Easter numbers from an excited group of New Church Starting church planters. All across California God moved in incredible ways on Easter Sunday. The results confirmed that church starting is still the number one form of evangelism.

South Bay Church and Pastor Andy Wood launched less than six weeks ago in the Silicon Valley and had 285 in attendance with 43 salvations. The church even reached a young Buddhist couple who showed up to help distribute door-hangers. They were saved on Easter.

Chris Brady from Journey Church of San Francisco had 250 in attendance. Mark South in Rocklin reported a young Buddhist woman who came forward in tears, overcome with the gospel and the Holy Spirit. Caleb Kaltenback reported 600 in attendance at Shepherd of the Hills, Woodland Hills, with eight salvations and baptisms. Ron Wood at The Well in Oak Valley broke 300 for the first time. Tony Brown of 180 Church had 20 professions of faith. Jim Jackson at Re:vive Church had 17 baptisms and 165 in attendance.

In San Diego, Stonelake Church with Pastor Joey White had 189 in attendance with 15 baptisms. This church launched in February. Another new launch, Mission Trails, reported 145 in worship with three professions of faith. Mission Trails, although less than a year old, sponsored Stonelake.

7 San Diego reported 227 with five baptisms and 12 professions of faith. San Miguel Church reported 242 and nine salvations, while Jason Page reported 465 in worship and 600 at a community fair. Cross Church reported 150 in worship with 15 salvations. Cloudbreak Church reported 153 and Elevate Church reported 800 for an Easter outreach. Barabbas Road had 122 in worship and eight salvations.

This is only a sample; there were many more, with great results.

Please see *God Blesses* on page 4

## New churches started by California associations January 2004 - April 2009

Below are the numbers of churches started by our 31 associations from January 2004 to April 2009. We praise our Lord for the work we do hand-in-hand with our California associations.

<b>Association</b>	<b># started</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b># started</b>
Central Coast	13	Mother Lode	4
Central Valley	13	North Coast	0
CostaMeda	12	Orange County	30
Delta Valley	10	Pacific	4
East Bay	19	Redwood Empire	9
Feather River	1	Sacramento	24
Gold Coast	7	San Diego	64
Golden Hills	8	San Fernando Valley	19
High Desert	22	San Francisco Peninsula	9
Inland Empire	61	Sequoia	3
Kern County	9	Shasta	4
(CBA) LAX Urban Center	26	Sierra Butte	2
Long Beach Harbor	15	Sierra Foothills	3
Los Angeles	47	Tahoe	0
Mendo Lake	2	Trinity	2
Mid-Valley	22		

If you would like information on starting a church or mission in your area, [please click](#) here to locate your association or contact CSBC's Church Starting Group at 559.229.9533, x. 263 or [csg@csbc.com](mailto:csg@csbc.com).

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So, what are the common denominators for these fantastic results?

1. Each of these churches started with a purpose-driven launch. The statistics show that the better the start, the better the probability the church will break the 100 and 200 attendance barriers. If a church does not break 100 in the first two years, statistics show it may never happen.
2. They began with community ministry and service projects to introduce themselves to the community.
3. They worked to build relationships with unbelievers prior to their launch.
4. They had clear and direct support from a sponsor church, even though the sponsor may be outside California.
5. Each of them set aside money for outreach. If you spend nickels and dimes for outreach, you get nickel and dime results. Each of them sacrificed to provide top-notch outreach.
6. Each used mailouts, door-hangers, flyers or door-to-door advertising.
7. Several had mission teams survey the community weeks before Easter.
8. Each preached the gospel and offered an invitation to accept Christ.
9. Each began with prayer and ended with prayer. Several had online 24-hour prayer lines the week before Easter.
10. Each followed up with baptism and assimilation into the church.

## Why and when should you become a sponsoring church?

By Anthony Ahaev,  
CSBC Language Church Starting Specialist

Starting churches is not optional. Churches start churches. This is a New Testament concept and long established SBC tradition. There is a biblical way for everything. Just as a man marries a woman and then they have children, so it is with established churches – they grow and then reproduce themselves. In this article, we want to examine who, why and when to become a sponsoring church.

A church does not need to be large in numbers to start a church. The size of the membership is not the determining factor; however, the largeness of the heart and the passion to reach the lost is. This ought to be the guiding principle. No church is too small to be an integral part in birthing another church. Let us not confuse “smallness” with weakness. That is, the church needs to be healthy and vibrant, able to share in the responsibility of sponsorship.

The reason to start a church is best when pure motives are the underlining factor.

Among these is the divine mandate “to go into all the world” by starting in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. Geographical distance is not a road-block, but perhaps a hindrance to overcome. Neither language nor culture is an honorable reason to deter us, but perhaps an excuse that some feed. Divine love compels the child of God to go beyond his human abilities, into the realm of the difficult, the divine and the impossible.

The undertaking of starting a church should be done only when everything is in place.

That is, when the ripe moment is here. The idea grows into a concept. You shouldn't rush the process. A healthy child is delivered after nine months. Just as preparations are made for the healthy birth of a child, there are mileposts along the way before a public worship service for the new church takes place. And when these preparations are observed, there is a greater chance for a strong and vibrant start as well as a steady growth and development of the church.

You are not alone. The CSBC Church Starting Group stands ready to assist and guide you. Our strategists are located throughout the Golden State and are willing and ready to work with churches.

[Click here](#) to find the strategist closest to you and your church.

## 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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### 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
May 29-30, June 5-6	Basic Training 1 – English	First Baptist 9280 Maple Ave Hesperia	Rick Curtis 661.273.8917 <a href="mailto:rcurtis@hdba.net">rcurtis@hdba.net</a>
June 15-17	Basic Training 1 – Korean	Living Word Korean Church 1494 California Cir Milpitas 95035	Song Sik Kim 714.871.2828 <a href="mailto:SongSikKim@gmail.com">E-mail Song Sik Kim</a>
August 14-15, August 21-22	Basic Training 1 – English	Fresno	Howard Burkhart

For additional information and registration, please contact:

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