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Thinking about selling something?

By Joe De Leon

Have you ever tried to sell anything? Have you been a door-to-door salesman? How many doors do you have to knock on to make one sale?

My 11-year-old granddaughter is in business. She decided she needed to do something productive. "I just needed something to do" she said, "so I started making string bracelets." She makes them and sells them, about 100 to-date.

I was impressed by her creativity in making the bracelets and then by her initiative and tenacity in selling them in spite of rejections. She works on them while at home or in the car (about 15 minutes per bracelet). Wherever she goes she takes her product and sells it to whoever stands still long enough to listen to her sales pitch.

You should see her bookkeeping as well. She keeps record of what she has sold where she sold it, and compares it to her costs.

Evangelism is like selling – it takes a decision to do it, tenacity to stay on task and creativity in sharing. I think we do not realize that people are open to talking about their eternal destiny. About 20% of the people you meet in the U.S. think about their eternal destiny once a day, about 13% think about it once a week, about 12% think about it once a month and 9% think about it once a year. That means 54%, more than half of the people you meet every day, are wondering about their eternal destiny.

I did not believe it myself so I tested it out with people I met on the street and found it to be a fact.

So why are we not aggressively answering their questions?

Go to the site below to read the survey report and view the PowerPoint.

<http://www.churchstartinggroup.com/message2.php?topicID=3969&>

First service in Buttonwillow

By Sal Fernandez

Since October of 2008 the Lord has been working in the life of Enrique Villamil, a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista, Bakersfield. He, along with 10 other men, was licensed to the ministry that same year. Now he is lead pastor of a new church plant in a small rural community where close to 80% of the population is Hispanic. Through a partnership with First Southern Baptist Church of Buttonwillow, Kern County Association and Primera Iglesia Bautista, a new church plant has bloomed.



During the winter months, the ground is prepared, some plants pruned and the seeds sown so in the spring we can see flowers blooming in many colors. In the same manner, Enrique, along with his core group, has been doing door-to-door evangelism and inviting people to church. Laying the seed with much prayer and labor, we anticipate great fruit during the months ahead. Eighteen people attended our first pre-launch service. Please contact Pastor Enrique at 661.387.3301 to see how you can help.



"Come help us do VBS, evangelism or any outreach event that brings the lost to Christ," says Pastor Enrique.

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 or 559.256.0863 and we'll showcase your needs in this newsletter.

A bachelor's degree offered in Spanish

By Rodolfo Martinez



For the first time, the School of Theology in Los Angeles will be offering a Bachelor's degree in Spanish on Church Leadership Development from the Southern California Seminary in El Cajon. This course has been approved by Dr. Gary Woods, director of Equip Biblical Institute (www.shadowmountain.org/ebi).

Offering this program in the curriculum of the School of Theology will give opportunity to our Spanish-speaking church leaders to be trained and serve their churches better. It will also be a means of discovering new church planters and sponsoring churches.

This degree is accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS: www.tracs.org). One course will be offered in August 2009. The other programs include a Diploma in Christian Ministries and Associate in Biblical Studies. Juan Manuel Nunez is the director of the Escuela Hispania de Teologia in the city of Bellflower (8703 Cedar Street, Bellflower CA 90706, 562.630.6255, hst21earn@sbcglobal.net).

Slavic congregation reaches out to their Hispanic neighbors

By Ivan Mileyev, Language Church Starting Strategist

The advancement of the Kingdom of God can be seen in new church plants for people of all nationalities, languages, ages and cultures. It was recently discovered there are Slavic churches in Sacramento that are involved in mission work in Mexico and have shown an interest in reaching out to the Spanish-speaking population in the Sacramento area



A mission meeting was held a short time ago at First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento, which 25 representatives from numerous churches in the Sacramento area attended. "Open the doors of Mexico in Sacramento" was the theme of church planting strategist, Ivan Mileyev's, message at the meeting. He spoke on the need to see evangelism opportunities across the street, to become partners in opening Spanish-speaking churches in Sacramento.

Sal Fernandez, church planting strategist for the Spanish-speaking population of Sacramento, called the Slavic community to a united effort of planting Spanish-speaking churches. The need was made clear when it was observed that for a population of 250,000 Spanish-speakers, there is only one Southern Baptist church in the area. God is opening the eyes of Slavic churches to meet the demands of reality outside their doorstep. Their mission endeavors to Mexico are evidence of God's work in their hearts to cross into a different culture with the Good News. Much prayer is needed for this partnership to bring much fruit in the furthering of the Kingdom of Christ in California.

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
June 15-17	Basic Training 1 – Korean	Living Word Korean Church 1494 California Cir Milpitas 95035	Song Sik Kim
August 14-15, August 21-22	Basic Training 1 – English	Fresno	Howard Burkhart
September 25-26, October 2-3	Basic Training 1 – Spanish	Primera Iglesia Bautista Del Sur 976 S Van Ness Ave San Francisco 94110-2614	E-mail Joe Robledo

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Basic training in San Diego



in San Leandro

How New Creation Bible Fellowship Began

By Pastor Kevin James



In May 2007, the Lord gave me the name, mission statement, core values, and discipleship process for a new church plant. The name is a constant reminder of who we are, a NEW CREATION, with the BIBLE as our foundation, and Christian FELLOWSHIP as our goal. After much prayer with Pastor Horacio Jones of Family Bible Fellowship, our sponsor, we began to pursue implementing this new work.

After the Lord supplied a 2000-square-foot building on two acres at which to hold our services, our next step was to secure members and support. With the blessing of Pastor Jones, 10 families from Family Bible Fellowship committed to support this new work. We met with Dr. Jeffery Curtis and Dr. Joshua Smith of California

Southern Baptist Convention's African-American Church Planting Team and begun the process of securing funding. As a result, we partnered with Dr. Lyman Alexander (DOM, East Bay Association) and Jerry Yates (DOM, Delta Valley Association), Family Bible Fellowship, and CSBC to begin this new work.

Our third step was reaching out to our community. Utilizing Aubrey Malphurs' "Advanced Strategic Planning" and Nelson Searcy and Kerrick Thomas' "Launch" books, we held monthly worship services beginning in November 2007. In addition, nine core members attended the Basic Training for church planters seminar. Sunday, February 10, 2008, marked the date of our first worship celebration.

Our fourth step focused on identifying a "person of peace" in the city of Tracy. We began to develop relationships with key city officials and met City Councilwoman Evelyn Tolbert. We are now in collaboration with the Mayor's Community Youth Support Network which provides services to the youth of Tracy. We have since developed partnerships with the Red Cross, Tracy Convalescent & Rehabilitation Center, City of Tracy Parks & Recreation Department and Tracy's Community Development Agency, Boys & Girls Club, and Tracy Unified School District. We are in the process of partnering with Peacemakers, Inc. which is a Christian-based non-profit that provides a school-based mentoring and prevention program.

We are witnessing God's faithfulness to His people as we continue to engage our culture for Christ. It is our passion to impact the lives of people with the love of Christ. The dedication of workers and members has resulted in our determination to "TO ADD VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY." During our first year the church has grown from 18 people to more than 70. We have impacted the lives of more than 150 people through our ministry. We currently have the following ministries:

- ◆ Children and Youth
- ◆ Men's and Women's
- ◆ New Members
- ◆ Worship
- ◆ Tracy Convalescent Home
- ◆ Friday Nite Live Bible Study

One of our main emphases is that every member must volunteer in the community. The Lord gave us two words to focus on in this ministry: *intentional* and *relational*. The way we gain the right to be heard is by developing relationships with others, and we are intentional about reaching the unchurched and lost. As we continue to be missional in our approach in 2009, the Lord is opening opportunities for us to make a difference in Tracy and San Joaquin County. We continually encourage each member with these words, "We are excited about your future," because through God we will continue to do great things for His Kingdom.

Please visit New Creation Bible Fellowship at <http://newcreationbiblefellowship.com/default.aspx>.